

Renowned Rock Islanders Hold Gala Reunion

By FRANCES MATLOCK

A forty-fifth wedding anniversary celebration which drew three hundred guests and was the occasion for a huge family reunion took place recently when Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Golden of Rock Island, Ill., held a reception in the flower laden home at 581 20th avenue in which they have lived for 39 years.

Wearing the original gown in which she was married on Aug. 20, 1911, a full skirted ensemble of white batiste with eyelet embroidered bands of insertion in the bodice and its own underskirt, Mrs. Golden recalled a nostalgic era of the past with her nosegay corsage and silver hair upswept into a chignon of puff curls and bangs.

Mr. Golden, a retired baggage clerk of 30 years' service with the Rock Island railroad, was a handsome foil in his traditional grey cut-a-way topped off with a carnation boutonniere.

Members of pioneer families in the area, they were surrounded by a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives who were assembled in a grand family reunion. In the receiving line were Mrs. Amuel J. Middleton of Waco, Texas, a niece of Mrs. Golden, gowned in beige lace and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Rock Island, sister of Mr. Golden, in slate blue taffeta.

Mrs. Wm. A. Taylor of Rock Island, wearing a cool chiffon print and gladoli corsage, headed the line.

MASONIC TRIBUTE

Of the many tributes received by the popular couple who have been prominent in fraternal activities of the Prince Hall Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star for over half a century was a presentation by Hamry Foy, District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th District of Illinois in behalf of the Past Masters Council of which the honoree is the secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Golden has been affiliated with the King Solomon Lodge No. 20 F. and A. M. since 1912. He served for 18 years as supervisor of the Illinois Masonic Home in Rock Island and a grand trustee for eight.

Mrs. Elizabeth Golden is a past grand trustee of the home and a past worthy matron of Adah Chapter No. 10 of the OES.

She is a charter member of the Ladies' Progressive Art club which was founded 49 years ago.

COLOR SCHEME

A color scheme of green, yellow and white keyed the refreshment table which held the dainty bridal cake on an epergne and was garlanded with roses.

Presiding over the service and assisting in receiving the many guests in costumes which had been selected to accent or blend with the decor were:

Mrs. Sadie E. Peters of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. William H. Morrison, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Jean Matthews, Mrs. Winifred Harlow, Mrs. Marriane H. Bell and Mrs. Frances Matlock of Chicago; Mrs. Floyd Clark of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Fred Nicholson of Danveport, Iowa; Mrs. Oneta Johnson of East Moline, Ill. and Mrs. Billie K. Foy.

Also Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. Robert L. Houston, Mrs. Allen Harlow, Mrs. John A. Gruner, Miss Patricia Houston, Mrs. Edward Houston and Mrs. Arthur Morrison who served as general chairman of arrangements for the fete, all of Rock Island.

Among the guests were many members of the Masonic order, including a large turnout of members of King Solomon Lodge.

In attendance were Mr. S. B. Polite, president Past Masters Council and Mrs. Polite; Mrs. Henry Foy, Connie Fentress, district deputy grand lecturer, and Mrs. Fentress.

Louis J. Henry, past grand master the State of Iowa and Mrs. Henry; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boggeusse, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Foy Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Willis.

OTHERS WERE

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williams, Mrs. C. L. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Yaylor, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harrison, Willard Burrell, Ernest Barlow, Gabriel Barber III, Leon R. Harris, Robert Hill, Eugene Holder, W. P. Johnson, Harold Le Roy Morrison, Johnnie Stewart, W.

A. Stewart, R. T. Williams and Henry Woods.

Also of the fraternal world were Mrs. Hazel Stillwell of Chicago, assistant grand matron, Eureka Grand Chapter and Mrs. Burtella McDougall, Danville, Ill., grand conductress, Eureka grand chapter.

Mrs. Mary Bridges, Chicago, past matron, Mrs. R. B. Willis, deputy grand matron, 10th district OES.

OUT-OF-TOWNERS ATTEND

Cities throughout Illinois and Iowa were represented among the guests, including Monmouth, Ill.: Mrs. Perma Davis, Mrs. Georgia Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace and Mrs. Ida M. Wallace, Joliet; Dr. and Mrs. J. N. McDonald; Dallas, Texas: Mrs. J. C. Mergendoller; Chicago: Mrs. Mary B. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stillwell, E. E. Caldwell, Claire Harding and Hilda M. Jackson, Robbins, Ill.;

Mrs. Mary Caldwell; Galesburg, Ill.: Grace J. Richards, Ruth E. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Brown; Danville: Mrs. Burtella McDougall; Davenport: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts, Mrs. William Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camp and from Moline, Columbus Ware.

Among Rock Island prominent were Dr. and Mrs. Edward deSilva, Rev. W. W. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hulsted, Miss Mildred Lamp, Mrs. Agnes Householder, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Reed, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Collins and "Mother" Hattie Smith

Men of the families on duty as hosts were several nephews, William H. Morrison of Evanston, LeRoy and Arthur Morrison of Rock Island, Edward and Robert Leon Houston of Rock Island and Fred Nicholson of Danveport, Iowa.