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Madeleine Germaine Aaron

Among Wichita women active in the field of letters, one who has gained a position of national distinction as a newspaper woman and as a poetess is Miss Madeleine Germaine Aaron. For several years she served as club editor of the women's page of the Wichita Morning Eagle, but her literary reputation is based principally on her poetic work, examples of which have appeared in many publications of national circulation and in an anthology of international repute.

Miss Aaron was born in Andover, Kans., the daughter of John Clement Aaron, of French descent, and Lida Mary (Todd) Aaron. The English Todds, Miss Aaron's maternal ancestors, came to America in 1862 and settled in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Members of this branch of the family were closely related to the wife of Abraham Lincoln. Miss Aaron attended the University of Kansas, received her Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1922. In 1937, she had been a Wichita resident 32 years.

Since 1926, when she joined the editorial staff of the Morning Eagle, Miss Aaron has contributed numerous poems, short stories and articles to various types of publications. "Illusion", a poem which attracted much favorable attention, appeared in two anthologies of verse, the most important of which was "Best Poems of 1927" (Dodd, Mead and Co., New York), a compilation of L. A. G. Strong, of Oxford, England. This poem later was reprinted in Good Housekeeping magazine. Following her hobby of bird study, Miss Aaron is active in the affairs of the Audobon Society, has written many magazine articles about birds.

She has been a prize winner in several of the contests of the Kansas Authors' Club, an organization which she has served as president. She has served

as historian of the Poetry Society of Kansas, president of the Colonna Club, is a member of the American Colonial Quill Club, an active Democrat and a Catholic. She makes her home in Wichita at 120 North Ash St.

SOURCE: Who's Who in Wichita, 1929; interview with Mrs. Lela Hoover.

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