

806 W. 5th Street

Historic Name: Wilbur & Lucille Johnson House. In a portion of "Blodgett Heights", a creation of Charles Blodgett, this house was built in 1918 for his daughter, Lucille and her husband, Wilbur M. Johnson. Wilbur Johnson worked for C. E. Blodgett and Sons Grocery Company until 1921 when he became a partner in the McCain-Johnson Company and continued to run the company after Harry McCain's death in 1936. Wilbur was also a veteran of World War I, a member of the Elks and the American Legion. Mr. Johnson, was also an ardent Harness horse fan for several years, having owned a number of trotters and pacers which appeared in races here in Marshfield and in all parts of Wisconsin. Lucille's father, C. E. Blodgett lived next door at 812 W. Fifth St.



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LOCAL WOMAN, 50, DIES SUNDAY NIGHT

Services for Mrs. Lucile Johnson to Be Conducted Wednesday

Mrs. Lucile Johnson, 50, who spent most of her life in Marshfield, died at 11:30 o'clock last night at her home, 806 W. Fifth street. Death followed a lingering illness.

The body will be in state at the Baxter and Ritger Funeral Home from Tuesday at 10 a. m. until Wednesday at 9:15 a. m. The funeral service will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Howard Adams LePere officiating. Interment will be made in Hillside cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson, nee Blodgett, was born in Marshfield March 29, 1897. She is survived by two children, Mrs. George (Jeanne) Manthei and Wilbur B. Johnson, both of Marshfield; by two grandsons, Richard and Barry Manthei; by her mother, Mrs. Nettie E. Blodgett, Marshfield; and by five brothers and sisters, Mrs. Zoa B. McCain, Marshfield; Jerre B. Blodgett, Jenkins, Minn.; Mrs. Anson J. (Pauline B.) Campbell, McAllen, Texas; Guy E. Blodgett, Marshfield; and Mrs. J. Wayne (Marjorie R.) Johnson, also of Marshfield.

Her father, Charles Blodgett, died in 1929.

(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 02 February 1948, p. 2)

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Marshfield Store Head Dies Here

Wilbur M. Johnson Victim of Stroke

Wilbur M. Johnson, 56, president of the McCain-Johnson Company Department Store, 205 S. Central Ave died at his home today about 12:30 p. m., a victim of a cerebral hemorrhage.

The body will repose in the Hansen Funeral Home here. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Sturgeon, a step-daughter, Mrs. George Manthei, and a son, Wilbur Jr.

Born in Wausau, Oct. 9, 1896, Mr. Johnson had been in business in Marshfield since his discharge from the Army following World War I. He worked for the former C. E. Blodgett and Sons Grocery Company until 1921 when he joined with the late Harry McCain to form the present firm.

Mr. Johnson had been an ardent harness horse fan for several years, having owned a number of trotters and pacers which have appeared in races here and in all parts of Wisconsin.

His favorite for the past two years has been Donald Mc, a trotter which has won a number of heats in various county fairs all over the state. He suffered a stroke several months ago, but his illness failed to dim his interest in the sport and only yesterday he paid his daily visit to the stable at the fairgrounds here.

(from the Marshfield New-Herald, 4 May 1953, p. 1)

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Johnson Rites Are Announced

Services Scheduled at Presbyterian Church

Funeral services for Wilbur M. Johnson, 56, president of the McCain-Johnson Company who died at his home Monday afternoon, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Arthur R. Oates will officiate and burial will be made in Hillside cemetery.

The body will repose at the Hansen Funeral Home from Wednesday morning until noon Thursday, when it will be taken to the church.

Mr. Johnson was born Oct. 9, 1896, in Wausau, and after graduating from the high school there, entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He was a resident of this city since 1918, and was a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Elks and the American Legion, and a past member of the Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, the former Beatrice Ellen Sturgeon, two children, Mrs. George (Jeanne) Manthei and Wilbur B. Johnson, Marshfield, three grandchildren, and a brother, Val-



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(from the *Marshfield New-Herald*, 5 May 1953, p. 14)

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Mrs. Wilbur M. Johnson

Mrs. Wilbur M. (Beatrice S.) Johnson, 77, of 300 S. Vine Ave. died at 6:58 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital of a heart condition. She was admitted on Monday.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Funeral Home. The Rev. Virgil E. Taylor of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Carol Snelling will be the organist. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Visitation at the funeral home will be from 4-9 p.m. Sunday, and Monday until time of services.

The former Beatrice S. Sturgeon was born Oct. 1, 1906 in Owen, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Golden (Belle Clifton) Sturgeon. She was a 1925 graduate of Owen High School and in 1927 graduated from Eau Claire Teachers College. She taught school in Gilman from 1927 to 1929 and then moved to Marshfield, where she was a teacher at Washington School from 1929 to 1940.

She was married to Wilbur M. Johnson in January 1941. He was president of the McCain-Johnson Co. Department Store. He died May 4, 1953.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Marshfield Women's Club of which she was a former secretary, Mrs. Johnson is survived by two stepchildren, Mrs. George (Jeanne) Manthei and Wilbur B. Johnson, both of Marshfield; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Russell (Bernadine) Andersen of Marshfield; and a brother, Aaron Sturgeon of Wauwatosa.

Memorials may be given to the Marshfield Medical Foundation for Heart Disease Research. (from the *Marshfield New-Herald*, 30 December 1983, p. 16)

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Tour of Kitchens

The sixth annual Tour of Kitchens, sponsored by The Cabinet Studio, was held Saturday. It featured six new or remodeled area kitchens, including that of Dr. Yvonne Dejean and Tom McShane, 806 W. Fifth St. Taking a break from the on-lookers was Maggie McShane, 3 1/2. The tour benefitted the House of the Dove Hospice Home of St. Joseph's Hospital. A record number of people, 200, toured the homes and raised an



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all-time high of more than \$1,700.

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For additional information on this home check:

Property Records of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin:

<http://assessordata.org/reports/6983752220009.pdf>

Wisconsin Historical Society's Architecture and Inventory:

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI137505>