

Margaret Worthington Mansfield (1811-1863)

Born at Adena on July 25, 1811, Margaret lived the longest of any of the Worthington children in their beloved home. When her father died in 1827, Margaret remained a companion to her mother Eleanor and assumed responsibilities for her siblings and their children. During the next twelve years, it became a family expectation that she would continue to do so.

Like her mother, Margaret was very religious and measured her daily actions in her diaries. She was introspective and sensitive, and cared greatly what others thought of her. Adena became a gathering place for her large circle of friends.

It came as a surprise to her family when, at the age of 27, Margaret married a Cincinnati widower, Edward Mansfield. He was a prominent newspaper editor and writer. Edward had two sons and he and Margaret went on to have four more children. They lived a number of years in Cincinnati and then built a home in Morrow, Ohio, near the Little Miami River. The setting was much like that of Margaret's beloved Adena.

Margaret and her sister Sarah were active in helping Civil War soldiers. While nursing the wounded, Margaret contracted a form of typhoid fever and died nearing the age of 51.

