



Gritman

BERTIE'S GIFT SHOP

Bertie's Gift Shop is named in honor of Bertie Gritman, Dr. Charles Gritman's wife.

Bertie was born on Oct. 12, 1865, to pioneer parents in Waitsburg, Wash. She married Dr. Gritman on Jan. 10, 1895. Bertie was a registered nurse, and worked her whole married life developing and managing the hospital, including patient rounding, supervising food preparation, as well as training nurses in the Gritman Hospital Nursing School.



After about 10 days of illness, Dr. Gritman died suddenly in his sleep of a heart attack on Aug. 8, 1933, a week following the announcement of his retirement. Only a few weeks prior, he and Bertie had moved to their new home in residential Moscow from the hospital apartment where they had lived for 38 years.

After his death, Bertie supervised the hospital for several years before giving it to the Moscow Hospital Association in 1940. One of the stipulations of that sale was that the hospital would always bear the name of her husband-founder, Dr. Gritman.

Bertie survived her husband's passing by 12 years. She was active in the Presbyterian Church, the Pleiades Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter at Monmouth, Ill. She died on Jan. 14, 1945.

-Adapted from "Doctor Gritman's Hospital" by Elizabeth Winegar Molina