

# PHILENA A. DICKEY

1878-1949

1 Miss Philena A. Dickey, since 1931 Director of the Sondley Reference Library of Asheville and for many years a faithful member of the North Carolina Library Association, died suddenly at her home in Asheville on June 13, 1949.

In a brochure describing the Philena A. Dickey Memorial Fund, authorized by the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library at Asheville, Mr. D. Hiden Ramsey of the Asheville Citizen-Times expresses the sentiment of the community, "With her gracious bearing she welcomed visitors. She put the most timid researchers at their ease. She made the library an instrument of scholarly service, not merely an object of gaping curiosity. She made the library in fact what its creator intended it to be in his own design—a cultural asset of inestimable value to the city and the state."

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