
Harmon Luther Lowman

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“Harmon Luther Lowman, long-time president of Sam Houston State Teachers College.” Read by Cheryl Patton, Library Associate at Newton Gresham Library at Sam Houston State University.

Harmon Luther Lowman was born November 3, 1894. He volunteered for military service the second day of World War I. He served with the 345th Field Artillery in the 90th Division. He attained the rank of first lieutenant.

He was a graduate of Southwest Texas State College and the University of Texas. He received his PhD from the University of Chicago. He taught in several public schools before taking a position as vice president of Southern Methodist University. In 1941, he became President of Sam Houston State Teachers College, a post he held for 23 years, until his death in 1964.

In 1918, he married Marguerite Hightower. They had two sons, Bill and Harmon. Mrs. Lowman was the daughter of a Methodist minister. She was very involved in the activities of the Methodist church. She held state offices in the Methodist conference. She served as a lovely hostess for many college activities. The President's home was always open for the students. She supported her husband in his work as president.

Dr. Lowman was a member of the Texas Teachers' Association, National Education Association, and Phi Delta Kappa. He was also a member of the Rotary Club, the Methodist Church, and the Masonic Lodge. He was listed in *Who's Who* in the Southwest and *Who's Who* in American Education.

Dr. Lowman died January 26, 1964, in M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston. He was buried in Adickes Addition, Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville. Mrs. Lowman died April 8, 1968. She is buried beside Dr. Lowman in Adickes Addition.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowman touched many lives during their tenure in Huntsville. They were friends to the student. Dr. Lowman once said, “I had rather be president of Sam Houston State than President of the United States.”