

Building and Loan Association and of the Norman Country Club. During World War I he served as Cleveland County Chairman of the American Red Cross.

Ima continued to live in the home at 527 Chautauqua Avenue, and spent her time and energy in working for her church and for her town. She was an unusually capable person with much executive ability and a generous heart, so she inevitably became president or chairman of every organization she was in. She enjoyed growing flowers in her garden and was very active in garden club work. She served on the Council of the Norman Garden Clubs and served as director of the Southeast Central District of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. In 1959 she received the Business and Professional Women's award for the Outstanding Norman Woman of the Year. Since 1955 Ima has had the very important position of Chairman of the Norman Park Board, appointed by the City Commission to have charge of the upkeep and supervision of the city's five parts and six playgrounds. The Park Board had an annual budget of over \$41,000.00 and the task of selecting custodians, program directors, playground supervisors, concession operators, etc., was a big one. On September 20, 1962, the City of Norman honored Ima's years of service on the Norman Park Board by dedicating the new 85-acre park south of Norman to her and naming it "Ima James Reaves Park." The city was fortunate to have someone with Ima's training and experience willing to devote the time and energy required to direct this work. She continued to be a loyal and helpful member of the Reaves family trying to carry on as "Dr. Reaves" would want her to do.

After a long illness, Ima James Reaves died April 15, 1968. She was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Norman.

Uncle Sam was a bulwark of strength for everyone who was close to him. His keen mind cut to the heart of every problem and his sound judgment and kind heart brought the proper solution. His integrity was felt by everyone who knew him, and the members of his family have reason to be proud of him.