



Anna Emery Hanson 1903-1986

Known for her lifelong interest in social welfare and cultural programs, Anna Emery Hanson was born in Elmhurst in 1903 where she lived for most of her life.

Hanson was primarily active in foundations for the handicapped, where she worked to develop better programs and facilities for the physically and developmentally disabled. She established the Anna Emery Hanson Center in Burr Ridge, which is devoted to bringing the arts to people with disabilities. Hanson also supported the National Epilepsy Foundation, the Lyric Opera, the Elmhurst YMCA, the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the National Easter Seal Society and Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago. She died in 1986.