



## **OPALINE WADKINS (1912-2000)**

Mrs. Wadkins was a Registered Nurse. She was the first African American nurse to work in a large hospital in Oklahoma City. In 1945, University Hospital opened a special area to treat African American patients. It was called south ward. It was the first time that African Americans could be admitted as patients. She also started the first school to train other African Americans to be nurses.