

Renowned choreographer had local ties

The name of a longtime choreographer and dance expert who died recently might ring a bell for some longtime Bradfordians, as she had local ties dating back almost a century.

Miriam Kreinson operated a dance studio in Bradford during the 1930s and 1940s before moving to Las Vegas. Kreinson, 97, died Jan. 19 in Las Vegas, where she was better known as Miriam K. Sage.

"Miriam was not one to talk about herself," Mary Beckford, a good friend of Kreinson's in Las Vegas, said of her success.

She was born on Congress Street in



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Bradford in 1910, a daughter of Jacob and Bella Kreinson, according to the Bradford Landmark Society. After graduating from Bradford High School in 1928, she left home to find success as a Broadway dancer in New York City.

She returned to Bradford in 1933 and started a dance studio, teaching hundreds of students in the 1930s and 1940s. A course in stage makeup was also offered there.

From 1934 to 1941, Kreinson's "Little Shows" entertained Bradford residents with dancing, special costumes and lighting effects, according to the Landmark Society. Kreinson even spent some time in Hollywood, directing dance numbers for films.

"I always knew she had been a choreographer and dance teacher," Beckford said, "but didn't know to what magnitude until now."

During World War II, Kreinson joined a USO show to entertain troops away from home. When the war ended, she opted to head to Las Vegas instead of returning to Bradford.

After a lengthy career as a choreographer in the entertainment industry, Kreinson retired.