

Helen Dornette was a lifelong resident of Cincinnati and an active participant in its life. She grew up in Madisonville and moved to Mariemont where she lived through most of her life. Miss Dornette taught science at Withrow High School and found great joy in her students' enthusiasm for God's creation and how things worked in it. She loved the ocean and collected shells throughout her life. She spent her summers in Cedarville, Michigan. She was an active member of the Madisonville Garden Club and the Madisonville United Methodist Church.

Upon her death in 1998, she established the Helen G., Henry F. and Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation – honoring both her father Henry and mother Louise. Co-trustees of the foundation are the Fifth Third Bank and Stanley Koller.

Helen has another family connection to Beech Acres. Her uncle George Dornette married the daughter of William Henry Lueders. Judge Lueders, a long-time judge of the probate court in Cincinnati, was active in the work of Beech Acres when it served as home to the General Protestant Orphans Home, and one of the cottages is named after him.

