

Miss Catharine Marie (Maria) McDowell was born on April 15, 1909, in Courtland, Norfolk County, at the home of her grandparents - Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Adams. Her parents were Levi Walter and Anna May McDowell. Up until school age for Cathy, the McDowells lived on Pine Street in Tillsonburg before moving to the "Burwell Farm" west of Eden.

At the age of seven, Cathy started to Eden Public School. Entrance examinations were written at Vienna Public School. Cathy attended Tillsonburg High School, taking Form Five which qualified her for London Normal School for an Interim First Class Certificate. After teaching at Eden Public School, she returned to London for Second Year Normal which gave her a permanent First Class teaching Certificate. Mitchell Hepburn became Premier of Ontario and immediately cancelled Second Year Normal which left hundreds of teachers without classrooms.

Catharine began a three year teaching period at Lower Goshen Public School in 1937. In 1940 she began teaching in Haldimand Public Schools. From 1944 until June of 1953 she taught in Wentworth Public Schools. In order to qualify for superannuation, Catharine returned to part time teaching as principal's assistant in Bayham Township Schools. Some supply work has been done during the off-years.

Special courses and summer courses taken in London, Toronto and Dorset Ranger School gave the following certificates: Religious Education, Agriculture, Music, Physical Education, Supervisor of Art, Art and Crafts Refresher, Audio Visual Aids, and Conservation A number of summers were spent travelling in Canada and United States.

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Lillian Oatman White taught at a number of local schools including the Eden Public School S. S. # 18 Bayham in 1935 and 1936.

Others were Houghton Centre, two at Welland, The New Road School which was her home school, Ostrander and the North Bayham school.

She married Mr. Kenneth White a local farmer.

She has been active in church work, Women's Institute work and agricultural and fair board work.



LILLIAN

J.C.SMITH

GERALDINE SUPER



MARGARET

HELEN

RUTH KENNEDY LILLIAN

RICHARD

GRACE

CHANDLER

FREDA

JEAN MABEE ROYDEN

RAY

LUCILLE

BETSYLER



For + Mrs George Priddle (Blanche) c 1902 TEACHERS



CLARA

EDNA HARRISON



MACK MARGERY MARGARET MARGARET ANNA LUCILLE LEGTA ART RAYEN
BALL SITIS! CRAVEN CARNES HOWARD SMALL KETCHABAW STANAT CRAVEN

BOB LORNA LILLIAN GEORGE MARIE ERMA LYDIA RUTH LILA GRACE
BALL HOWARD TANNER JENKINS KETCHABAW STANAT STANAT KENNEDY BALDWIN BACKUS

OTTO EMMA MARIE STANLEY JIM PAT GARTH FREDA RUTH FRED

STANAT CARNES KENNEDY SITTS! LILLY KENNEDY GRAYDON SMITH LILLY TANNER



ROY SINDEN BRUCE SMITH RAYAVEN

LUCILLE

WALKER

TEACHER

WALKER

JEAN MABEE FREDA SINDEN LILLIAN TANNER



GERALDINE SOPER







Reading,	•	٠	•			43
Spelling,				1		/
Writing,					•	2
Neatness,			•			2
Grammar,		•				3
Arithmetic,						3
Geography,		•		* C		6
History, .			•			3
Book Keepin	g,	•				5
School Organ	iz	ati	on,	٠		43
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This is to Certify, that Micholas Stillwell or the Instead and

Faith, having applied to the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Elgin, for a Certificate of Qualification, to teach a Common School, and having produced satisfactory proof of good moral character," the Board has carefully examined for the several Branches of Study enumerated in the Qualifications of "Second Class Teachers," contained in the "Programme of the Examination and Classification of Teachers of Common Schools, prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada," adopted the 3rd day of October, 1850; and having found the said and the Section of the Act, 13th and 14th Victoria, Chap. 48, hereby licenses from to teach any Common School within the County.

This Certificate of Qualification, to remain in force there years.

Dated this 35th day of fune 1866

College Local Superintendent

Jegenge Cauffeild Chairman, Western Circuit.

.. Chairman, Eastern Circuit.

The numbers on the margin indicate the proficiency of the Candidate in each branch, on a scale of which one is the highest and nine the lowest degree of merit.



KAY KATHLEEN RUTH



Kathleen Howey was born in 1894 in Camden East, Ontario, to Alex and Emma Howey. She passed in 1908 the Elgin County Public School Graduation Examination.

She attended Vienna High School, passing the entrance exam into Normal School in July, 1911, She taught in S.S. # 18, Bayham (Eden) on a temporary certificate from January to June in 1913. She attended Hamilton Normal School, 1914-1915, obtaining a Second Class Teaching Certificate.

She taught in Eden from 1915 to 1919 and was principal the last two years. From Sept.,

1919 to June 1927 taught in the Merritton Public School )now part of St. Catharines(.

Married William O. Wilson of Merritton in June, 1927 and had two daughters Ruth, a teacher
also, and Kae, a nurse.

Following the death of her husband in 1934, she returned to teaching in Merritton. She attended Summer School in 1949, to obtain with her daughter, Ruth, her First Class Teaching Certificate.

She retired in June 1954.

She died suddenly in October 1967, and is survived by her daughters, Ruth Jennings, and Kae Walls, and three grandchildren (Kathy and Andy Walls, and Bonnie Jennings).