

MINA MARGRETTE WILSON



Mina Margrette Wilson was born at Eden, Bayham township, Ridge Road. She was the second daughter of Edgar and Florence Wilson. Her birthdate was Feb. 5, 1911.

She took her elementary education at Eden Public School with secondary education including Grade 13 at Tillsonburg High School, being resident there with parents.

Teacher's training first year was at London, 1929-1930, then for a second year course at Hamilton and Guelph, 1933-1934 for Permanent First Class Certificate.

Teaching Career

	Eden Public School	1930-1931
Phase I	Mabee's Corners	1931-1933
	Union	1934-1937

In July, 1937 she married Arthur W. Clark living briefly in St. Thomas, then owned and operated a garage and service station in Port Stanley until 1969. They were members of the Port Stanley United Church. At Port Stanley three children were born - Wayne, Carolyn, and Cheryl.

Wayne deceased May, 1961, Carolyn of Toledo, an R.N. and Director of Mental Health with the State of Ohio, Cheryl married and living in St. Thomas. Her husband is Donald Butler who is a railroad Dispatcher (C.N.O.). Children - Michelle, Patti, Jody, JuliJo, Edwin and David.

Teaching Career

	Seminary P.S.	1954 - 1956	In service training of Summer & Winter courses.
Phase II	Brayne P.S.	1956-1964	(now absorbed in Southwold and Port Stanley)
	Port Stanley	1964-1969(Dec.)	Grade 7 only & Grade 8 music 2 years.

Standard III Certificate.

She moved to Sarasota in Dec. 1969 having sold residence and business in Port Stanley.

Teaching Career

Phase III In August, 1970 she began instruction of a Grade 6 class in a Private Community Christian School, which was then under construction having many classes in the church auditorium (Baptist). It expanded from 4 to 22 teachers in the two years.

The next year taught Language Arts and Bible Study only to Grade 5 on a Team Teaching basis. Grades 6, 7, 8 went Rotary (Incidentally they have Grade 6 Graduation exercises. Grade 7 and up is considered Junior High.) She assisted in the setting up and acquiring accreditation of the school with the Florida State.

She ended her teaching career in June 1972; Her husband employed by Sears of Tampa, Bradenton and Sarasota area. They are affiliated with the Northminster Presbyterian Church and choir, and are active in DeSoto Lakes Women's Club as well as the Suncoast Organ Club of which he is a Director, and she is a participant and Secretary in 1973-1974.





BIOGRAPHY RUTH TRAVIS WILSON

Elementary Ed.

1. Courtland Pub. School
- 2..Eden (SR. III + SR. IV)

High School ED..

Old Tillsonburg High School on 11th. Concession

Teachers College 1916 --17..

At the old Normal School in London. Ontario. on Elmwood Ave.

Teaching-Experience.

1917-18 Tillsonburg PUB. School Rolph St. 12 rooms.

1918-19 Eden Pub.-School -Jr. Room with Kathleen in Sr. Room.

1919-27- Merritton Pub. School

July 14 1927 Married George Wilson of Merritton

Supply Work-Occasionally until our two children were

born in 1935 and 1937 . Returned to Teaching -1948 because of scarcity of trained teachers

Took night courses during the first few years. Continued teaching in Merritton- now in St.

Catharines and enjoyed it until i retired in June, 1965.

Class Renunion-Returned to the old Normal School London in Jan.67 for the 50 th. Reunion of our class and had a most enjoyable day reminiscing and renewing friendships of earlier years.

Have managed to be busy and active during the passing years and thoroughly enjoying my retire

ment. This is taken in our living-room about June 20th. 1965. I was about to leave for a Re-

tirement Banquet at the Refectory in Queenston-given in our honour.



## EDEN STORE

In 1857 -1858 Canada Directory Lists

For Eden: Daily Mail STOREKEEPER  
John Mabee - post master and  
E. Clarkson - blacksmith  
John Cook - carpenter  
W. English - carriagemaker  
Israel Stilwell - innkeeper

In 1865 - Solomon G. Day and Ira Day were  
STOREKEEPERS.

Alex Lester was the first mail carrier.

In 1869 John Nethercott was post master. Israel Stilwell - merchant  
Louis N. Stilwell - labourer.



In 1871 the population was 150.

Thomas Ball - butcher  
John Blaney - laborer  
Ed. P. Brown - harness maker  
Rev. Ed. Brown - New Connexion minister  
William Brown - laborer  
John O. Campbell - school teacher  
Anson Caulfield - clerk (Note: It cost a dollar to go from  
Eden to Ingersoll via stage)  
Aaron Crandall - teamster  
Eden House Hotel - Alex S. Stilwell prop.  
Henry W. Gilbert - wagonmaker  
Edwin Gray - J. P. Stage prop., owner of saw mill.  
Thomas Honey - carpenter  
Isaac B. Leach - teamster  
Sam McLean - tailor  
Abram Meadow - weaver  
John Nethercott - postmaster and shoe maker  
David Pollock - labourer  
William Range - carpenter  
Angus Scram - blacksmith  
William H. Sharp - shoemaker  
Rev. Robert Smith - Baptist minister  
Edward Smith - labourer  
Stilwell - prop. and express agent

A news clipping in 1901 mentioned Leach Bro. having a general store in Eden. (There is a 1901 bill head of theirs on hand. (See Gray story). This clipping also mentions John Patton as a general merchant. Information gives John Patton as storekeeper in 1899.

The present store building was run by Leach Bros. in 1911, 1907, and some years prior at least as far back as 1901. In 1915 Frank Travis had the store for about a year and sold radio licences that year. In 1915 it was sold to Byron Madill and in same year it became Madill and Denton.

In Dec. 1924 Nicholas O. Stilwell bought it from Madill. (According to C.J. Ketchabaw the gas pump could have been in when N.O. bought it). All the time N.O. Stilwell had it, the post office was also there. The egg grading station was put in close to May 1, 1940, when the cold storage section was begun.

A new gas tank was put in before 1939. During the war years gas as well as many foodstuffs were severely rationed. The gas pump was removed between 1945-50 as it was too close to the road and the faster traffic.



## Eden Store

C. J. Ketchabaw began working for N.O. Stilwell in 1937 and remembers the years of driving the old grocery truck. They carried enough for a whole day's trip and made a sales trip every day of the week and Saturday morning. It went as far north as Tom Sharp's at the bend of the highway north of New England corner. Went west to Highway # 3, straight across south to Corinth then way towards Tillsonburg on #3 to the 9th Concession road, north towards N. Bayham to Elliott corner off highway across the railroad track.

It went south to Maple Grove to Talbot road - 3 to 4 places on Talbot each side. Top of the hill east of Eden - didn't go down the hills. Started out at 9:30 a.m. and usually 6:00 p.m. when they returned. The same truck was used at the Mabee's Corner store. This method of selling was discontinued during the war years (1940-2?). It involved a considerable amount of trading or bartering for farm produce.

There was no hydro at Maple Grove in 1937 but it was in the Eden store in 1937. Wood furnace was the source of heat in both the church and school at Maple Grove but he doesn't remember what the lighting was.

C. J. Ketchabaw took over the store in 1950 from his father-in-law, N.O. Stilwell. He ran a very thriving business for many years selling to Cornelius Rempel in 1967. He sold to Geo. Beckett's son, who was unable to keep it open and it was closed for a short time. Gordon Murphy opened it in April 1980, and the Proprietors now are Lloyd and Jean Caughill.

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SCHOOL SECTION # 18 - Pupils

1898 - 1949

giving year in which name appears first.  
List may not be entirely complete or correct.  
to be checked again when years 1949 - present is done.

Abrams	Cyril	44			
Adcock	Leonard	39			
Allemand	Carrie	98	Edna	98	Arthur 98
Almas	Marguerite	13			
Alton	Pearl	98	Lorne	02	Max 25
Anderson	Thomas	15	Donald	47	Stanley 47
	Garry	49	Larry	49	Carl 33
Andrews	Chas	07	James	33	
Anger	Lena	11	Hazel	11	Sadie 12
Antone	Susy	18	Tilley	18	
Appleton	Irene	40			
Armstrong	Harry	18	Clarence	35	
Ashford	Myrtle	30	Irene	30	
Augustine	Helen	39	Stella	39	John 49 Barbara 49
Backus	Stanley	98	Margaret	13	Alex 14
	Grace	32	George	36	
Baker	Iva	30	Lee	34	Ralph 31 Jack 37
	Janck	40	Bob	40	
Balderson	Kathleen	28			
Baldwin	Ronald	38	Bob	37	Lila 37 Eunice 43
	Chas	43	Ivan	43	Myrtle 18 Wayne 43
Balkwill	Max	39			
Ball	Fred	03	Mack	37	
Bandur	Florence	40	Cecilie	40	
Bareford	Wilford	17			
Barendregt	Gail	43			
Barna	George	38	Alex	38	
Barnes	Gabriel	39	George	39	Elaine 47
	Ester	47	Eunice	47	
Barrett	Fred	98			
Bartlett	Violet	13	Gladys	13	Asel 13 Clifford 13
Bates	Louis	01			
Batson	Violet	13			

Beaman	Leonard	01	Henrietta	04	Hazel	07		
	Jennie	08	Wilford	15	Ethel	25	Harry	25
	Reginald	28						
Becker	Chas	11						
Becket	Gordon	13	Armour	13	Percy	13	Wesley	13
Bennett	Arthur	98	Violet	98	Fred	13	Gordon	47
Bentley	James	98	Flossie	98	Beatrice	98	Lou	05
	Hope	07	Evelyn	15	Howard	15	Lilly	15
	Harold	48						
Berenyi	Margaret	42						
Berry	Earl	06	Leo	07	William	12	Thomas	12
Booth	Howard	21						
Bowes	Inez	18	Fred	18				
Boyd	Ray	26	Lawrence	26	Pamela	27	Fred	28
	Erie	28	Mary	29				
Bradshaw	Mary	98						
Bradt	Geraldine	43	Dorothy	43	Marlene	43		
	Clarence	43						
Bridges	Thomas	18	Lucy	18	Chas	18	Maggie	18
	Annie	18						
Brinker	Benny	45	Ronald	47				
Brown	Roy	15	Hazel	15	Madelene	17	Audrey	25
	Eva May	27	Howard	27	Clare	32		
	Barbara	45						
Browning	Maude	05						
Buchner	Ira	98	Bob	32	Lyle	38	Clarence	43
	Harvey	44	Ralph	43				
Bunt	Olive	15						
Burgoyne	Deanna	46						
Burwell	Chas.	98	Merritt	98	Fred	98	Wilson	98
	Peter	98	Irene	27	Lewis	27	Mildred	28
	Grace	28	Wilford	28	Beatrice	29		
Cameron	Ilene	13						
Campbell	Leslie	17	Clarence	29	Nora	35	Maria	35
Capling	Isabella	27						
Carnes	Margaret	36	Emma	37				
Carson	Marian	30	Eugene	30	Ross	39		



Caswell	Blake	07	Ted	43	Marie	43	Kenneth	46
Cater	Fred	07						
Chambers	Fergus	35	Spencer	36				
Chandler	Ida	98	Alec	98	Amy	98	Lulu	98
	Sylvia	98	Minnie	05	Beulah	05		
	Lynwood	33	Betsy	33				
Chrisjohn	Audrey	38						
Clarke	Guy	98						
Clarkson	Nancy	48	James	48	Margaret	48	Mary	48
	Glenda	48						
Clementss	Richard	15						
Coan	Harold	05						
Cole	Doris	11	Bernice	28	Garfield	28		
	Frances	28						
Cope	Alice	04	Ada	04				
Cornwall	Bert	15	Stanley	15				
Cowan	Burton	07	Emery	33	Lloyd	43		
Craven	Hattie	98	Obadiah	98	Mabel	98		
	Frances	28	Ray	30	Margaret	32	Grace	33
Crossett	Orville	11						
Csinos	George	45	Julianna	45	Elizabeth	45		
Cstary	Julius	34						
Cull	Patricia	47	Gordon	45				
Currie	Hazell	13	Merle	13	Laverne	13		
Cuthbert	Will	98	Ivan	98				
Cuttz	Dorothy	35						
Dakin	Joan	47						
Danko	John	43						
Davies	Chas	98						
Davis	Evelyn	13	Viola	17	Bertha	13	Ella	13
	Roy	19	Lorrene	31	Harvey	32	William	40
	Betty	42	Dorothy	42	Frances	40	Mary	45
Davison	Herb	05						
Dean	Harry	98	Bert	98	Ida	98	Viola	98
	Sylvia	04						
DeCoensel	Victorine	38						
DeJaegher	Walter	38						
DeKeyser	Henrietta	32						

Delaney	Joe	20				
Deriviere	Louis	34				
DeVlaminck	Florent	33				
Dickey	Annie	08				
Donald	Ira	02	John	05		
Dontader	Cordelia	19	Rene	19		
Downie	Edith	30				
Doxtater	Juanita	41	Lula	41	Donald	41 Tillis 42
Dujunic	Stefania	38				
Ecker	Minnie	19	Winnie	19	Earl	19 Burrel 25
	Pearl	28	Fay	28		
Eechaute	Carl	46	Elaine	44	Angela	46 Gloria 48
Eichenberg	Frank	98	Clarence	01	Gertrude	01
Everett	Harry	98	Gladys	05		
Ewerth	Betty Ann	46	June	47	Shirley	45
	Rosemarie	46				
Fakelmann	Anna	38				
Farquhar	Robert	30	Douglas	30	Alex	32
	Malcolm	32	Donald	32		
Fenn	Cora	1900				
Ferguson	Evelyn	33	George	40	NormaJean	40
Ferrow	Georgina	29				
Filer	Ruth	41				
Fish	Jack	42	Donald	42	Paul	45 Eleanor 48
Fishback	Asa	98	Eva	98		
Fitch	Alice	24				
Flagg	Russell	33	Mabel	33		
Fleming	Roy	99				
Forrey	Helen	38				
France	William	25				
Francis	Fred	02				
French	James	98	Harry	98	Hattie	98 Blanche 98
	Jane	02	Pearl	04	Julia	12 Violet 05
	Olive	12	Alice	13	Dalton	15
Fugard	Ray	29				
Furler	Robert	44				
Gall	Otto	35				
Garnham	Lewis	01				
Gifford	John	07				
Gleba	Helen	40				



Godby	Leta	13			
Godwin	Harry	01			
Goethals	Lena	29	Andrew	29	
Goldthorp	Lloyd	47			
Goode	Howard	45			
Goodman	Marjorie	37			
Gordon	Roy	03			
Gorvett	Ravina	17	Alfred	17	
Goulx	Lillian	49			
Gradish	Steven	43	John	45	
Grass	Bessie	13	George	13	Florence 13
	Myrna	38			
Gray	Eunice	11			
Graydon	George	37	Garth	37	
Green	Ruth	42	Roy	42	Albert 42 Patricia 42
Gregg	Mary	36			
Grela	Florence	36	Edward	36	Joseph 36
Griffin	Isla	07			
Guest	Carman	44	Lloyd	44	
Gurklys	Julia	36			
Haines	Sanford	98	Murray	98	
Harp	Modley	98	Earl	98	
Harding	Evelyn	49	Lillian	49	Ronald 49
Harris	Arthur	98	Vivian	98	
Harvey	May	35	Verna	45	Morley 46 Irene 46
Hatch	Gertrude	05	Fergus	19	
Healy	Delmer	98	Lloyd	98	SaDelle 17
Heisler	Rose	37			
Hendricks	Raymond	38			
Hesilo	Paul	34	Margaret	34	
Hill	James	41	William	43	
Hilts	Hazel	19			
Hitchoe	Clarence	06			
Hoadley	Betty	48	Helen	48	Mary 49
Hodgkin	Pearl	15			
Hodgson	Gerald	19	Madge	30	