

ENTRY ISLAND MUSEUM
Entry Island
Magdalen Islands
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Introduction

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Entry Island Historical Museum.**

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The Schools Of Entry Island

Over the years Entry Island has had four schools, the first one possibly in 1865. The following is a brief history of these schools.

The First School (The Moody School)

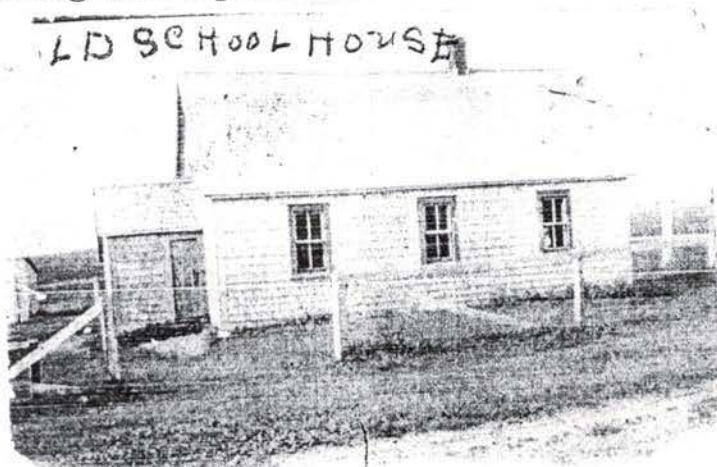
It is believed that the first school on Entry Island was located by a wooded area known today as Sam's Woods.

The spot is known as the old school house. This school is believed to have opened in the 1800's possibly 1865-1871. Some elders of the island recall their grandparents speaking of a teacher by the name of Mr. Moody thus the name Moody School.

Rev. John William Charles Prout (Priest) taught school in 1895-1896 along with John Stanley Dickson (Deacon) in 1896-1897. Priests, Deacons and Lay-readers were also teachers. The bible had a dual purpose; learning to read and getting spiritual teaching. Subjects taught were reading, writing and arithmetic.

The Second School

It is believed that the school on the main road next to Ed Chenell's house was the second school on Entry Island. It was built at the turn of the century (1900). As you can see by the picture of this school, it was a one room building with a porch on one end.



The walls as well as the floors were hardwood. There was a platform in one of the corners which was used as a stage. Many former students still remember the beautiful Christmas concerts that were held there along with exchanging of gifts. A tradition that still continues this day. The heating system for the school was a pot-bellied stove, which stood in the center of the room. There were two facilities outside one his and one hers. There wasn't any indoor plumbing in those days. The desks each sat two students with a little hole for an ink well along with a place under the desk for books. The basic subjects were taught; reading, writing, arithmetic, science, geography and history. Slates were used along with paper and pencils. The students were also taught crafts which included knitting and sewing. The things that were made were sent to the Red Cross for the poor.

One cannot forget about the janitors at this school Ben Chenell and Norman Goodwin, Norman would make hot chocolate for the children, which was greatly welcomed in the winter.

Some students that would have attended this school would be Mavis Welsh (Patton), Rocky Patton, Glenn Welsh (Clark) and Clara B. Patton (Chenell).

The last year for this school was 1949. The students were moved to a new school located on the main road next to the Patton's house. The old school was sold to Sam Welsh who used the hardwood from inside the school for his own home. The building itself was turned into a barn, which was demolished in 1998.

The following is a list of teachers of the second school:

C. M. Bell (lay-reader 1931-1934)

Barclay Charles B. Westgate (lay-reader 1939-1940)

Mary Carlen

Miss King

Jimmy Flitt

Miss Thurett

Lillian Clark

Jack Murray

Robina Patton

Mr. Churchill

Eunia Turnbull

Jean McLennan

Mildred Adams (Dickson)

Mr. Walters

Sylvia Weagle

Myma Turnbull

Miss Pepper

Cathleen Maison

Annie Cassidy

Joan Hancock

Carl McLean

Olive McLean (Josey)

Captain Winslow

Bishop's University,
Lennoxville,
P. Que.,
Sept 25th / 1934.

Miss. M. Adams,
Matepedia. Que.

Dear Miss Adams:

As I have heard of
your going to Entry Island N.S. school, may
I take the liberty of wishing you all success.

During my stay there
last summer, I found Mr & Mrs David
Dickson very splendid people to board with,
and I am mentioning this because I feel it
would be a fine place for a teacher to stay;
very quiet etc,

Wishing you the best of good
fortune,

I am,

Yours respectfully,
Capt. A. E. W. Godwin,
Student Missionary,
Anglican Church.

TEACHERS OF THESECOND SCHOOL



Cathleen Maison



Jean McLennan



Olive McLean (Josey)



Myma Turnbull



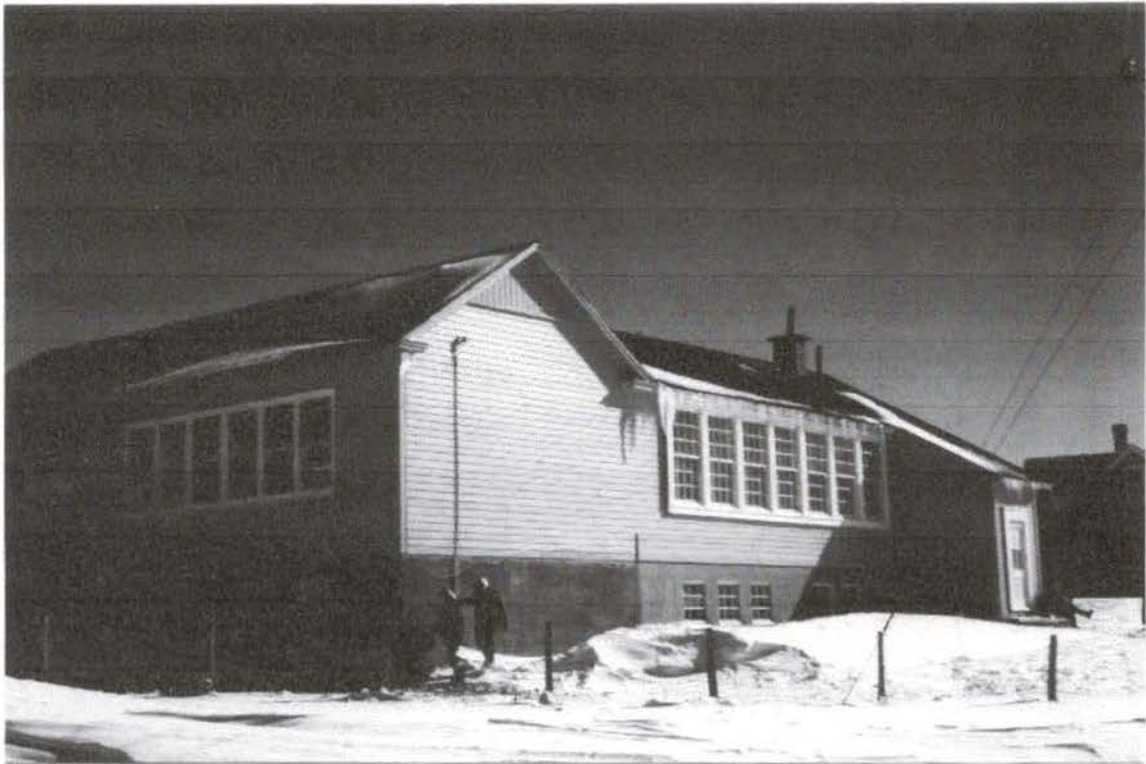
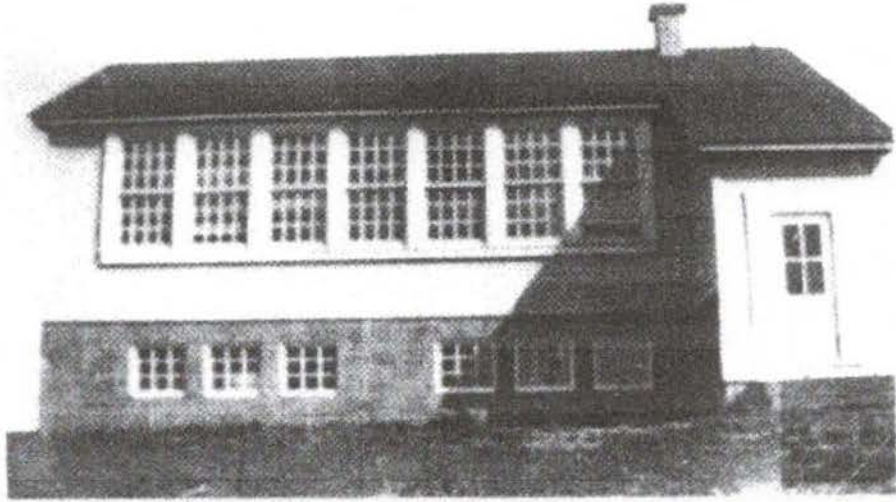
Joan Hancock



Mildred Adams (Dickson)



Sylvia Weagle



The Third School

Located on the main road beside the Patton's house, it was opened for the school year 1950-51. It was more modern than the one before. This school had a full cement basement and many large windows. The students used the basement for playing games and other activities. There also was a large hand pump at the bottom of the basement stairs. The heating system again was the pot-bellied stove sitting in the middle of the classroom. (This too was a one room school) You entered the school through doors facing the main road.

The school went from grades 1-8, taught by one teacher until the last couple of years it was opened. The room was divided by a partition separating grades 1-4 and 5-8; at this time there were two teachers. Since there was only one door and two rooms a slide was built outside one of the windows as a fire exit. In 1960-61 another room was built and used as a classroom and an apartment for the teachers. The door for the new room faced the Patton's house. A coal furnace was also installed to heat the building at this time. It was the janitors job not only to clean the school but also to get there early in the morning to have the school heated before the students arrived. It was also their job to keep the stove or furnace going with coal.

The teachers for this school were Mr. Eric Dunn, followed by Miss Trudy Morrison, Olive Josey, Mr. Alonzo Adey, Miss Shirley Yetman, Edith Patton. Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett were the last to teach at this school.

In the spring of 1962 tragedy struck. The school was destroyed by fire. Everything was lost. The school itself was not even 12 years old.

After the school burned down classes were held at the Community Hall during the spring of 1962, still taught by the Bennetts. In 1962-63 school was also taught at the Community Hall (grades 1-7) by Olive Josey and Wanda Woodworth who was replaced by Hazel Fraser. Mr. Adey, who returned to Entry Island for that year, taught grade 8 in the living room of Earl ~~CHENGL~~'s home.

The following year (1963-64) a new school was opened.

SOME TEACHERS OF THE THIRD SCHOOL



MISS TRUDY MORRISON



MR. ALONZO ADEY



EDITH PATTON



OLIVE JOSEY



MR. ERIC DUNN

Entry Island School, Inc

REPORT CARD

1961 1962

Pupil Lance Chenell
Grade _____ School Entry Island
Teacher E. Benne tt

TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:

1. For assurance of steady progress in educational development, pupils should attend regularly and punctually.
2. If a pupil is absent or late, the cause of such absence or lateness must be reported by note to the Principal or Teacher with a satisfactory explanation.
3. Marks obtained in all phases of term work will be considered in making promotions.
4. Children should be encouraged to read carefully books chosen to supplement their school work.
5. COURTEOUS BEHAVIOUR, HEALTH and SAFETY rules should be stressed by Parents and Teachers.

Scholarship

	Possible Mark	1	2	3	4	Aver.	Final
Social Studies	100						
Science	100						
Health	100						
Music	Grade						
Art	Grade						
M.T. or H.E.	100						
Mech. Arith.	Grade						
Oral Maths.	Grade						
Reading	Oral	100					
	Silent	Grade					
	Phonics	Grade					
Writing	50						
Spelling	50						
English or Comp. and Grammar	100						
Literature	100						
Mathematics	100						
Percentage							

	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Total
Days School Open											
Days Absent											
Times Late											

	Effort	Conduct	Teacher's Comment
First Report			
Second Report			
Third Report			
Fourth Report	G	G	<i>Student's work and effort was satisfactory but at the level of the first. He has missed valuable work. However he is placed in Grade 2.</i>

Explanation of Grading of Effort and Conduct

E=Excellent G=Good F=Fair U=Unsatisfactory



1957 taken by Miss Morrison.
Grade 1-7

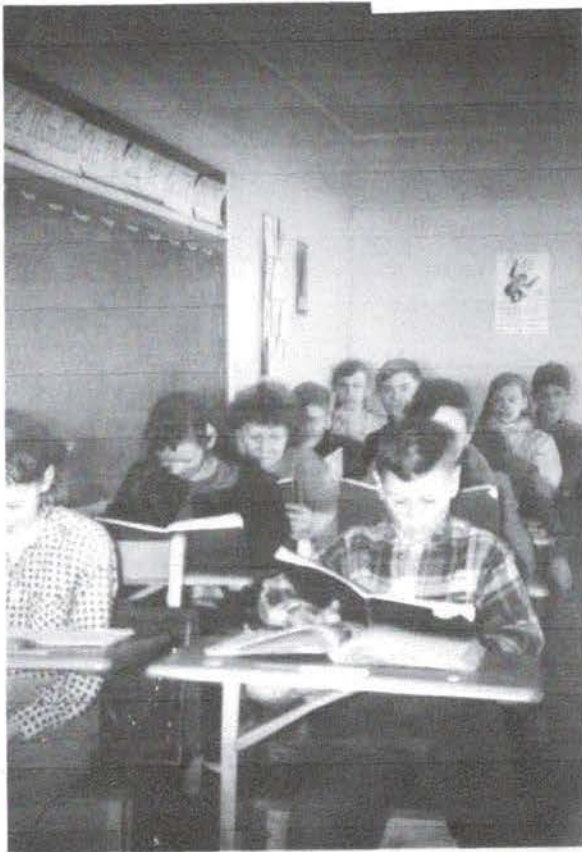


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Entry Island School
Teacher: Alonzo Adey



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Interview With Trudy Morrison

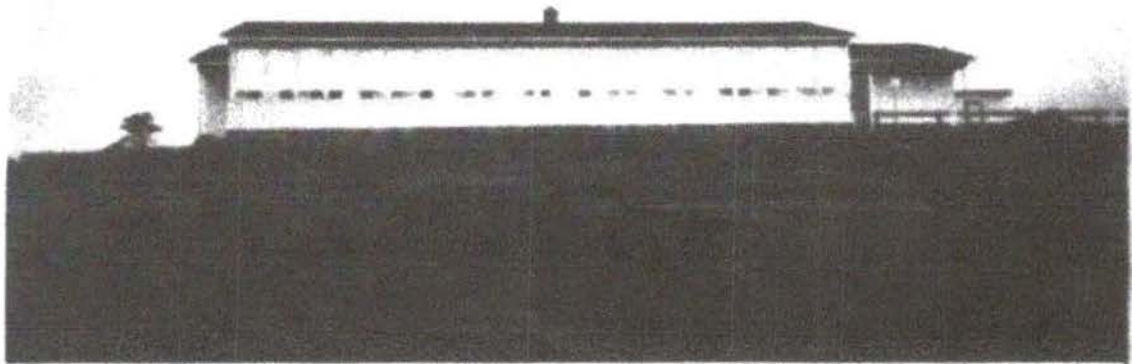
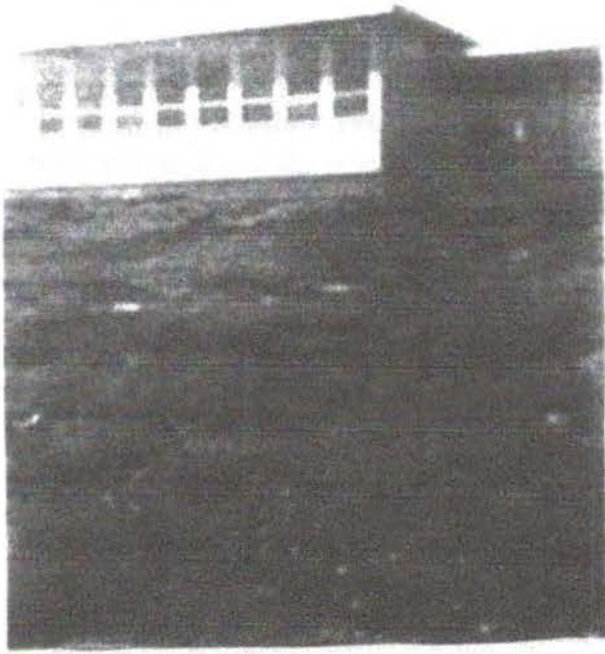
Miss Morrison taught at the Entry Island School in the years 1954-1958. At the time of the interview with Diane Chenell, she was 83 years old.

I stayed with James McLean and David Chenell. I remember going fishing with James. I was on Entry Island when the Receiver General of Canada, Vincent Massé was on the Island. He asked me if I thought the children would mind if they had a day off that day.

I taught Lena Welsh, Stomping Tom's wife. (She thought that was something). I loved those years on Entry Island.

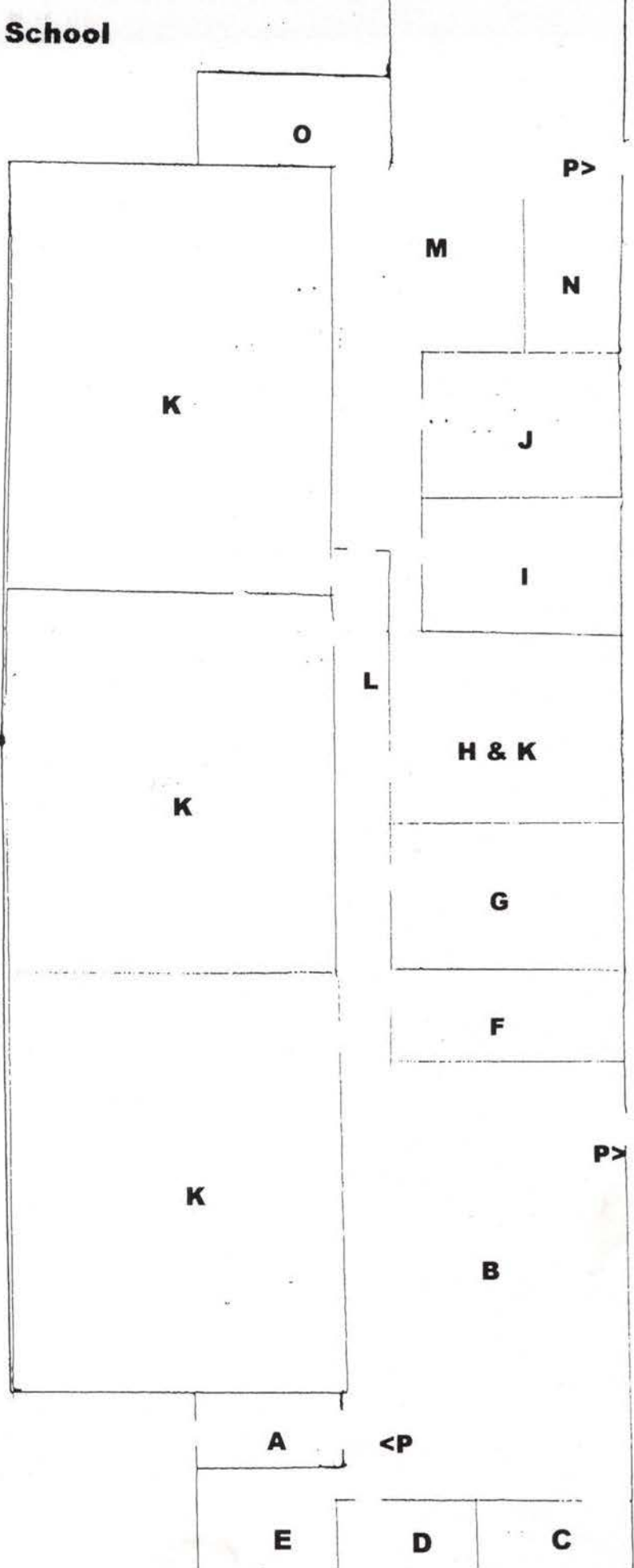
I remember coming home from school one day. I was staying at Till's(David Chenell's), I was very excited that day. I had just received and an engagement ring from my now husband. I passed by the dog hugged and patted him but he was eating so he turned around and bit me. I never forgot it.

I wrote to Lillian Dickson right up till she died



Floor Plan Of The School

- A- Entrance
- B- Gymnasium
- C- Girls Washroom
- D- Boys Washroom
- E- Equipment Room
- F- Stage
- G- Furnace Room
- H- Library
- I- Principals Office
- J- Teacher's Washroom
- K- Classroom
- L- Hall
- M- Staff room
- N- Kitchen Area
- O- Janitor's Room
- P- Exits



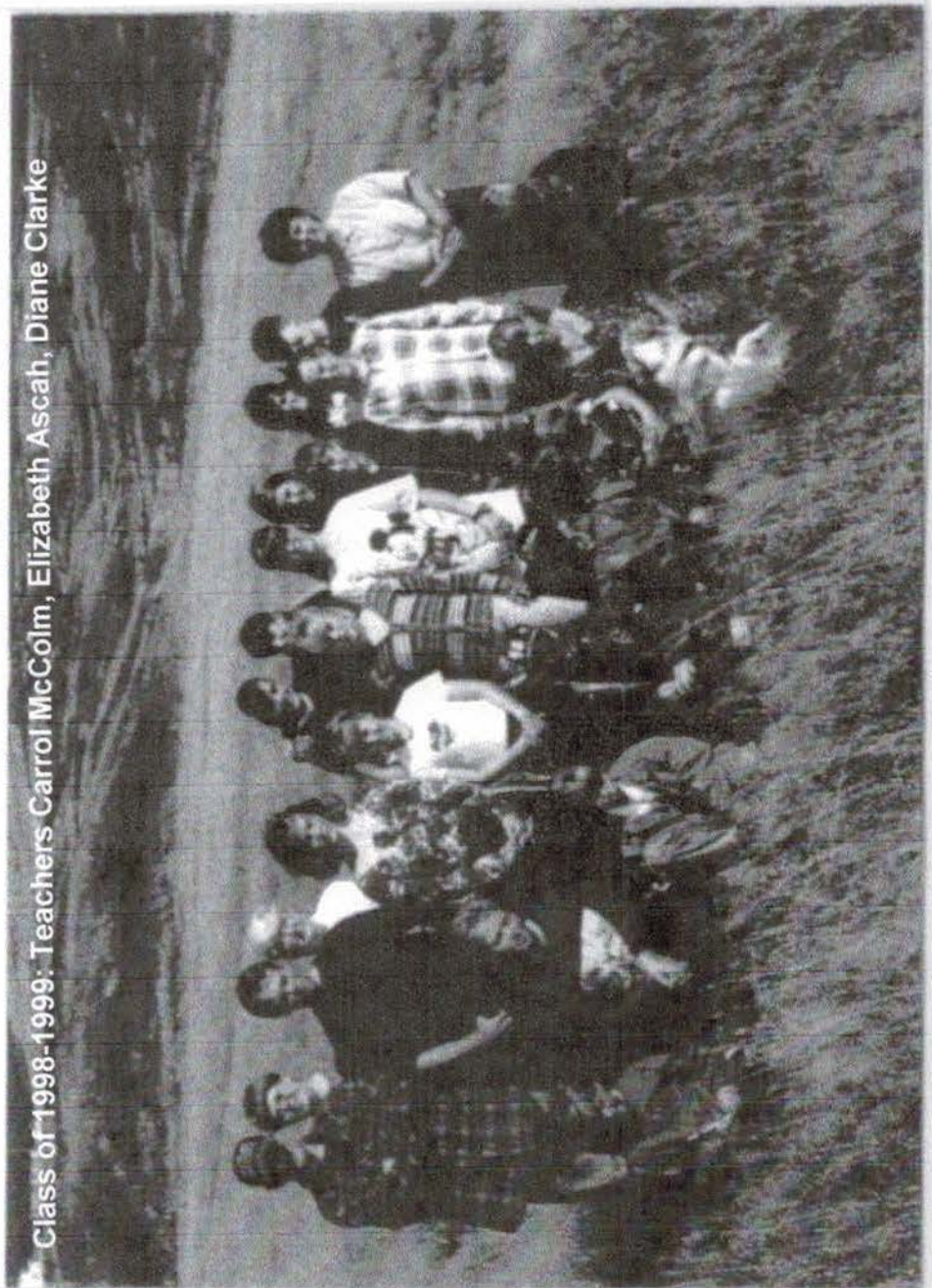
CLASS OF 1979- TEACHERS 2nd ROW FROM BACK BILL GRIFFITHS | PETER CUMMING
THIRD ROW AUDREY CLARKE, OLIVE JOSEY
FRONT ROW SHELEEN NELSON



Class of 1993-1994: Teachers Carrol McCollm, Mike Kaminski, Gerald Caissy, Pam Eakins



Class of 1998-1999: Teachers Carrol McColm, Elizabeth Ascah, Diane Clarke



**CLASS OF 2001-2002
PRE-K TO GRADE 8**

**TEACHERS: JEWELL ROY, CARROL McCOLM, ELIZABETH ASCAH
JACQUI AITKENS, PHYLLIS MCLEAN**



**Class of 2001-2002: Teachers Jewell Roy, Carrol McColm,
Elizabeth Ascah, Jacqui Aitkens, Phyllis McLean**



**Class of 2003-2004: Teachers Carrol McColm, Elizabeth Ascah,
Thelma-Ann Chenell, Judy Aitkens, Jacqui Aitkens**



SOME TEACHERS OF THE FOURTH SCHOOL



Pam Eakins



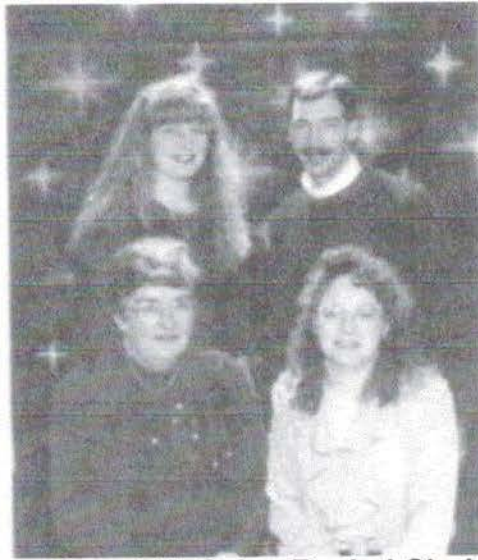
Mike Kaminski



Hugh Wood



David Douesnard



**Carrol McColm, Rachel Clarke,
Kelly Caissy (secretary)
and Gerald Caissy**



Judy Aitkens



Jewell Roy



Lynn Keating



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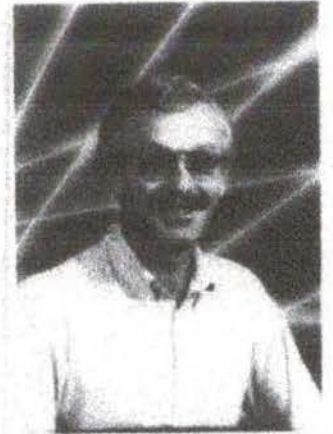
TEACHERS OF THE FOURTH SCHOOL



DONALD JOSEY



VALERIE STEVENS



MICHAEL CLARK



WINSTON CLARKE



AUDREY CLARK



OLIVE JOSEY

SOME TEACHERS OF THE FOURTH SCHOOL



MR. Carol



MR. AIDE



JOY GILLMAN



MR. FAULKNER



CARLA SULLIVAN



DONNA WELSH

Teachers That Have Taught At Entry Island

Rev. John William Charles Prout
John Stanley Dickson(Deacon)
C. M. Bell (Lay-Reader)
B. Westgate(lay-reader)
Mary Carlen
Miss King
Jimmy Flitt
Miss Thurett
Lillian Clark
Jack Murry
Robina Patton
Mr. Churchhill
Eunia Turnbull
Jean McLennan
Mildred Adams(Dickson)
Mr. Walters
Sylvia Weagle
Myma Turnbull
Miss Pepper
Cathleen Maison
Annie Cassidy
Joan Hancock
Carl McLean
Olive McLean(Josey)
Captain Winslow
Mr. Eric Dunn
Miss Trudy Morrison
Mr. Alonzo Adey
Miss Shirley Yetman
Edith Patton
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett
Beck Jordon
Sheleen Nelson
Brenda Wilson
David Douesnard
Catherine Josey
Tammy Clarke
Gerald Caissy
Reid Carroll
Judy Aitkens
Mike Kaminski
Brenda Aitkens
Carrol McColm
Jewell Roy
Shirley Kennedy

Lynn Keating
Jim Foulster
John Prince
Mr. Shergold
Mr. Dehoop
Rachel Clarke
Gordon Pierce
Manon Richard
Donna Welsh
Mr. Duffy
Mrs. Alfred
Mrs. Spoule
Audrey Clark
David Robb
Ron Kennedy
Bill Griffiths
Peter Cumming
Miss Chapman
Michael Clark
Miss Campbell
Donald Josey
Murry Eden
FranciMacDougal
David Gray
Carla Sullivan
Elizabeth Ascah
Pam Eakins
KathleenGerrard
Hugh Wood
Dorothy Taker
Mrs. Fougere
Diane Clarke
Collin Lindsay
Beverly Stongle
Mr. and Mrs. Grahams
Mr. Moyle
Huggette Landry
Tish Tothe
Miss Campbell
Valerie Stevens
Mrs. Thibodeau
Hope Clark
Joy Gilliam
David Ross

Olive Josey honoured at Entry Island School



In photo (left to right); Fern Howatson, Chairperson of Gaspésia-The Islands School Board, Olive Josey, retiring teacher, and Shirley Duncan, Director General of the School Board.

Entry Island: Students, parents, friends, family, and School Board officials gathered on Monday, May 17, to thank Mrs. Olive Josey for her years spent teaching at Entry Island School.

Mrs. Josey, who began teaching in 1943 and will retire at the end of this year, was presented with an engraved silver tray by Fern Howatson, Chairperson of the Gaspesia-The Islands School Board. In her address, Shirley Duncan, Director General, recalled how Mrs. Josey often bought material for students "out of her own pocket" as an indication of her dedication to learning and to the children of Entry Island. True to her nickname "Oak," said Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Josey has stood like the strongest tree in the forest nurturing and protecting those around her.

The Entry Island School Committee presented Mrs.

Josey with an engraved gold watch. The watch was presented by Mrs. Josey's youngest student, Johnathan Patton, and by the oldest former student in attendance, Rose Chenell who pointed out that Olive has taught three generations of Entry Islanders: today's students, their parents, and their grandparents.

Thanking everyone, Mrs. Josey remarked that she enjoyed teaching so much that she went back to school twice to upgrade her qualifications, finally obtaining her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Prince Edward Island in 1985. When asked how she felt about her first teaching job, she said she realized she wanted to be a teacher while helping other students when she was a student herself.

"I think I was probably born to be a teacher", she said.

Mrs. Josey began teaching at

the age of 17. She received a teacher's certificate from the University of Prince Edward Island in 1972 and a Bachelor of Arts from McGill University, Montreal in 1985. Although she began teaching 50 years ago, Mrs. Josey took time off to raise her family of six children. Her total accumulated teaching time was 28 years.

Although she will not return to work next year, Mrs. Josey's example will remain an inspiration for present and future generations for years to come.



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Plaque Dedicated in Memory of Olive McLean-Josey

On May 24th, 2000 Cyrus Journeau, Ken Ward, Cater Coffin and Stuart Richards from the Eastern Shores School Board travelled to Entry Island to dedicate a plaque to the school in memory of Olive McLean Josey. This was in commemoration of Mrs. Josey's many years of devoted service to the education of students on Entry Island.

Attending this dedication were her six children, Don, Stuart, Garry, Brian, Joyce and Ralph; grandson, Raymond; three sisters, Isabel, Nancy and Margaret, along with many of her friends and former students.

Cyrus Journeau called upon Mrs. Josey's oldest son Don to present the plaque to the head teacher Carrol McColm.

Mrs. Josey started her teaching career in 1943 at the



Olive McLean Josey



Don Josey presenting Carrol McColm with plaque

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University of *Olive McLean Josey*
P.E.I. between the
years of 1970-1973, where she received her
class one certificate in Special Education,
wanting to continue her education she took
courses at McGill University part-time and
at the age of 59 years she received her Bachelor
of Education.

In 1993, after 28 years of teaching Mrs.
Josey retired at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Josey will always be fondly remem-
bered by her many students.