

## Eileen Bernice McKelvey Schield: Her Early Years

### B: EILEEN'S EARLY YEARS IN FRANKLIN:

Eileen's mother (Olive Rowe) married her father (John McKelvey) on April 26, 1915 in Wellsburg WV.



Above left: John Raymond. Above right: Their first child (Clyde Monroe McKelvey) lived only 7 months.

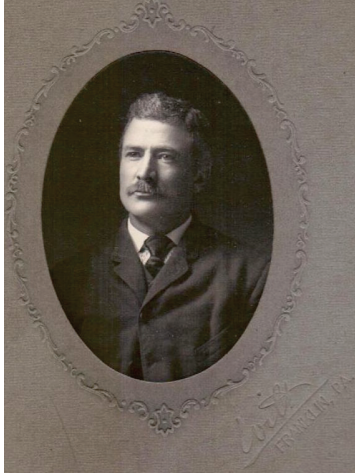


Above right: AT Rowe, Ida Rowe, Eileen and Olive per the writing on the back. Taken in 1918 assuming that Eileen is less than 9 months old. Note the absence of John McKelvey and AT's mustache.

Above left: Olive McKelvey and her daughter, Eileen Bernice McKelvey (born 10 May 1918). If Eileen were two, the year would be 1920. Note the absence of John McKelvey.

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In the 1920 census, Ellery Frankenberger's household includes his wife, Flora (Floie), and Floie's parents (George and Amanda Hazlett). Floie is now taking care of her two parents. Her mother dies later that same year. Eileen joined this household shortly thereafter. Here is Ellery. According to Bob Jr, Ellery was angry. "I hated the guy as a kid. I didn't like him; he didn't like us. I seldom went over to visit."



Ellery  
Frankenberger



AT Rowe with his granddaughter, Eileen McKelvey, and his son, Tommy (AT, Jr) Rowe. If Eileen were three, this would be 1921. Probably taken at AT's home in Pittsburgh.

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Robert Mong, Olive and Olive's daughter (Eileen McKelvey). If Eileen were four, this would be 1922. Probably taken in Oil City or Franklin. Olive and Bob married in 1923, so this may have been taken before they were married.

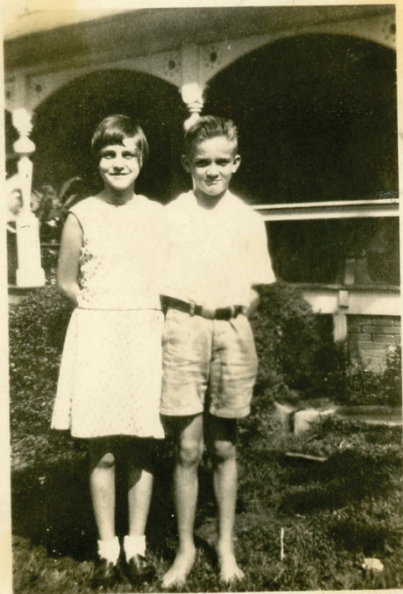


Olive, Eileen (wearing Bob's hat) and Bob Sr.



Aunt Floie, Eileen and Olive

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Eileen McKelvey and Tommy Rowe (AT Jr). If Eileen were 12, this would be 1930. May have been taken near AT Rowe's home in Pittsburgh -- although the structure looks like an open-air facility (a camp meeting site?). Although just a year older than Eileen, Tommy was Eileen's uncle -- the child of AT Rowe's second wife.

Below: Eileen from a Rocky Grove school picture. If Eileen were 12, this would have been 1930.



*Grandpa, Uncle & Granddaughter*

AT Rowe, his son Tommy (AT Jr) and his granddaughter, Eileen McKelvey. If Eileen were 13, this would have been 1932. AT is Eileen's grandpa; Tommy is Eileen's uncle; Eileen is AT's granddaughter.

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Five women: Possibly Zelda and Floie in the back row. Possibly Ethel, Dorothy and Eileen in the front row.

If Eileen were six, this picture would have been taken in 1924. Their birth year and ages in 1924 would be Dorothy (1909: 15), Ethel (1912: 18), Floie (1880: 44), and Zelda (1878: 46).

In the picture at the right:

Top row: AT Rowe [Milo says Yes; Bob C says Unknown], and an unknown man. Place unknown.

Second row: Eileen McKelvey, Tommy Rowe and Irene\*. [Bob Jr.: Picture probably taken by Clyde]

1<sup>st</sup> row: An unknown woman and Olive Mong. If Eileen were 12 (Jr 13), this would be 1930.

\* According to Bobby Clyde, the woman in the middle row on the right is Uncle Clyde's first wife, Irene.

Note that AT's wife, Ida Byrd, is not shown. This supports Bob C's claim that top left is not AT.

Milo argues that the man at the top left is the same man identified as AT Rowe in the picture on the previous page sitting on the running board of a car.



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According to the inscription on the back (shown below), this was taken Sept 7, 1931. As stated, Eileen was 13.

Eileen at age 15.



Eileen was very active in high school. She was the Senior Class reporter for the Rocky Grove High School Newsletter. Copy at [www.StatLit.org/pdf/1935-Rocky-Grove-High-School-Rock-Talk-05-Color.pdf](http://www.StatLit.org/pdf/1935-Rocky-Grove-High-School-Rock-Talk-05-Color.pdf) . Eileen finished in second place in the school piano competition. She was on the committee for the Girl Reserves Easter Dance. Read her paper on Somerset Maugham. Copy at [www.statlit.org/pdf/1934-Eileen-McKelvey-Maugham-Report.pdf](http://www.statlit.org/pdf/1934-Eileen-McKelvey-Maugham-Report.pdf)

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Here are Eileen's high school report cards:

Latin her first two years; French the last two. Four years of English, Mathematics, Science and History.

Notice that Eileen improved considerably during her four years. She moved up in the class rankings: 28<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and finished 5<sup>th</sup> her senior year.

Eileen did best in history; second best in math.

Sugarcreek Township High School  
Report of McKelvey, Eileen  
For term 19 31 19 32

Months	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9								FINAL GRADES			
	First Semester				Second Semester				Term			
English	E	A	B	B	B	B	B	C	B	B	B	B
Latin	E	B	B	C	C	D	C	C	E	B	C	C
French												
Mathematics	B	B	C	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Science	E	B	C	B	B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B
History	B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Typewriting												
Bookkeeping												
Shorthand												
Average Scholarship	85	78	67	71	76	77	78	78	78	82 1/2	87 1/2	88
Rank	26	15	12	11	10	9	7	4	1	30 1/2	29	28
Days Absent	2											
Tardy	10											
Department	92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 99 98 97 96											

The "per cent" values of the letters used in this report are:—A, 95-100; B, 85-94; C, 75-84; D, 70-74; E, 60-69 (Conditional); F, below 60 (Failure).  
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Report of Eileen Bernice McKelvey  
For term 19 32 19 33

Months	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9								FINAL GRADES			
	First Semester				Second Semester				Term			
English	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A
Latin	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	C
French												
Mathematics	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Science	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
History	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Typewriting	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Bookkeeping												
Shorthand												
Average Scholarship	90	88	85	82	80	78	76	74	72	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
Rank	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	14	11	10
Days Absent	0											
Tardy	0											
Department	98 97 96 95 94 93 92 91 90 89 88 87											

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Report of Eileen Bernice McKelvey  
For term 19 33 19 34

Months	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9								FINAL GRADES			
	First Semester				Second Semester				Term			
English III	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Latin												
French II	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Mathematics II	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Science II	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
History II	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Typewriting												
Bookkeeping												
Shorthand												
Average Scholarship	90	88	85	82	80	78	76	74	72	90 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2
Rank	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	11	11	11
Days Absent	0											
Tardy	0											
Department	98 97 96 95 94 93 92 91 90 89 88 87											

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Note that Amanda Flocena signed her name as "Floie" during Eileen's senior year in high school.

Sugarcreek Township High School  
Report of McKelvey, Eileen  
For term 19 34 19 35

Months	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9								FINAL GRADES			
	First Semester				Second Semester				Term			
English	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	90	93	92
Latin												
French	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	90	91	91-91
Mathematics	A	A	A	C	A	B	A	A	A	91	94	94
Science												
History	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	97	96	96
Typewriting												
Bookkeeping												
Shorthand												
Average Scholarship	93	91	94	92	90	88	86	84	82	92	93 1/2	92 1/2
Rank	6	4	8	12	11	3	9	7	4	8	6	7
Days Absent	0											
Tardy	0											
Department	98 97 96 95 94 93 92 91 90 89 88 87											

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Notice that some were signed by "Aunt" Zelda and others by Olive Mong.

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Here's what Eileen wrote for her senior composition at Rocky Grove High School.

Notice words such as 'conveyance'.

### SENIOR SONNETS

The Senior Class has composed some very excellent poetry and written some equally excellent compositions as a part of their English course. Here they are:

#### COINCIDENCE

The old adage "Don't judge by first appearance must have been written for Ted's benefit. I suppose I wouldn't even be writing this if it had not rained that day and I had not decided to use the bus instead of my feet to get me to work and back. As I entered the conveyance with my dripping umbrella, there was only one vacant seat left, and it was partly occupied by a man. Perhaps I wouldn't have noticed whether he was young or old only for the fact that fate had decreed I should notice.

As I sat down, the man drew his arm from the back of the seat where he had it and slid as far over towards the window as possible. He seemed to drag his feet after him, and I had the impression that he was not pleased with my being there. After a little while, I looked out of the corner of my eye and even though he was looking out the window I could see his reflection in the glass. That reflection seemed to be gazing right at me. I noticed the man was young but certainly far from handsome. The nose was rather large for the rest of the face. The lips were pressed tightly together and the jaw set firmly. The eye brows were heavy, and I could not see the color of the eyes. The cheek bones were high, and really then I thought the man was just plain homely. I moved my eyes away, but as I did so, the man cleared his throat and moved his feet. I wondered if he had noticed that little corner of my eye focused on him.

I was curious to see if he were still looking and to get a better look myself; so I turned my head slightly this time, intending to look unconcernedly out of the window, when the bus swerved suddenly, and my umbrella fell with a smacking sound to the floor at my feet. I stooped to pick it up just as my companion did the same, and we found our shoulders touching and our heads very close together. I grabbed the umbrella and also my hat and raised my head to find myself looking into two twinkling blue eyes. The lips were parted now, displaying two rows of perfectly formed teeth. I could see the hair was light and wavy. The whole face seemed to be laughing, as I looked, I couldn't help laughing too. "I'm sorry", he said, and chuckled.

"Yes, you look it," I replied.

He continued. "You see I've wanted to meet you. This morning I was just wishing something would happen."

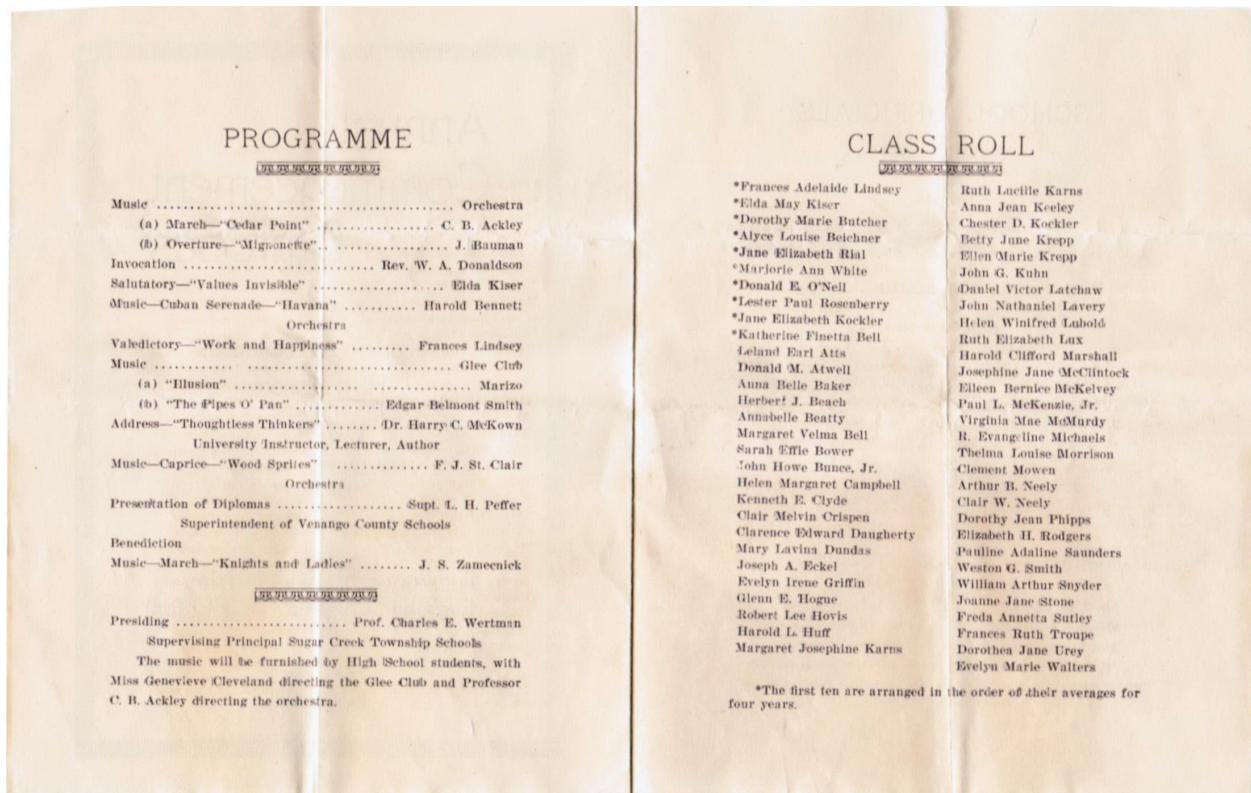
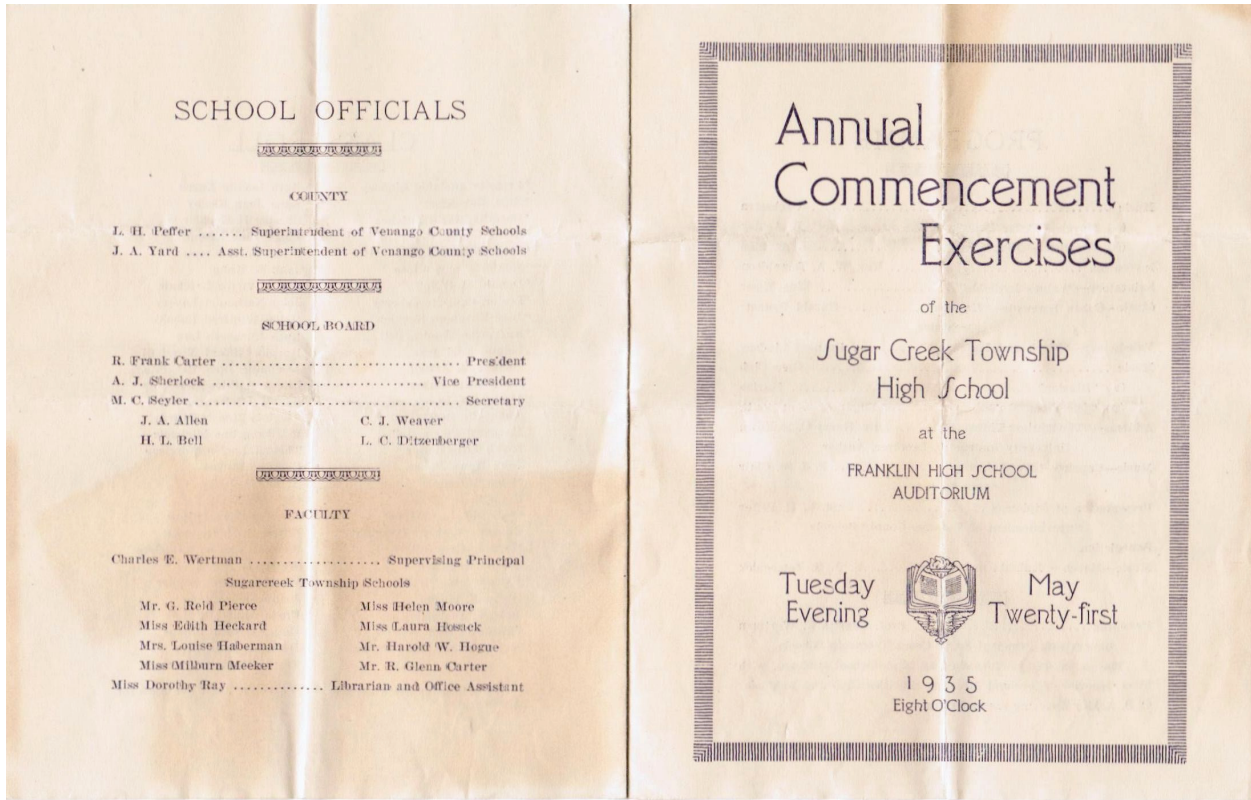
"Well it did," I said, smiling. The bus reached the end of the line, and Ted helped me off. "I hope this will not be the end for us," he said. I looked up to thank him and I know it wouldn't be the end. He was really handsome.

—Written by Eileen McKelvey.



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Eileen's high school Commencement program. Although Eileen ranked in the top 10 in her senior year, she didn't rank that highly during her four years in high school.



BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

*of the*  
ROCKY GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

*in the*  
GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

*Sunday Evening, May 19, 1935*  
at 7:30 o'clock

Processional: March from "Tannhauser" ..... R. Wagner  
Doxology (Congregation standing)  
Invocation ..... Rev. Mr. Paul R. Servey  
Hymn No. 19—"O Worship the Lord" ..... Lowry  
Anthem: "A Song of Joy" ..... Adams  
Scripture: John 10:1-18 ..... Rev. Mr. W. A. Donaldson  
Hymn No. 307—"How Firm a Foundation" (3 stanzas) ..... Anonymous  
Prayer ..... Rev. Mr. W. A. Donaldson  
Choral Response: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" ..... Whelpton  
Prayer of Dedication ..... Rev. Mr. Paul R. Servey  
Offertory: "Meditation" ..... L. M. Gottschalk  
Anthem: "Lord God of Hosts" ..... Adams  
Sermon: "The Abundant Life" ..... Rev. Mr. R. H. Eckert  
Hymn No. 408—"Faith of Our Fathers" ..... Hemy-Walton  
Benediction ..... Rev. Mr. R. H. Eckert  
Silent Prayer and Meditation  
Choral Response: "Lord, Let Us Now Depart" ..... Whelpton  
(The congregation will please remain standing while the class passes out)  
Postlude: "March in E. Flat Major" from "Le Prophete" ..... Meyebear

The music will be furnished by the Church Choir—Mrs. Hattie Hepner,  
Directress and Miss Josephine Fuller, Pianist

Note the stronger emphasis on religion in the Baccalaureate program (held in a church) beginning with the traditional "Doxology": "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..." Two of the hymns (How Firm a Foundation and Faith of our Fathers) were sung in the mid-1950s – some 20 years later.

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Row 1: #12 Olive Mong (holding #11 Larry), #13 Irene, #14 Bob Jr., #15 Dorothy (1912), #16 Ethel (1909).  
Row 2: #21 Bob Mong Sr. #22 Ida Byrd Rowe, #23 AT Rowe, #24 Eileen, #25 Zelda #26 Floie.  
Row 3: #31 Tommy Rowe, #32 David Arture\*, #33 Bernard Brown\*. If Larry were two, it would be 1935.

\* According to Bob Jr., #32 is David Arture: Ethel's husband. David was a chief inspector of govt. properties off southern shore. He was also an Olympic swimmer. David was in a plane in a terrible storm. The pilot said he would have to crash into the sea. David got out and swam to shore.

\* According to Bob Jr., #33 is Bernard Brown: Dorothy's husband. This picture was taken across the street from Zelda's home and was probably taken by Clyde.

Bob Jr.: Clyde was not a not a church goer (perhaps because Irene was not a believer). Irene pushed him to get his PhD (Columbia). Clyde taught at the U. of Pittsburgh and at a high school. He liked to teach colored kids since he knew that education was the best way for them to get ahead.

Bob Jr.: Irene was a terrific gal; she worked in the swankiest clothing store in Pittsburgh I enjoyed Irene because she was a musical person. She liked the fact that I was studying violin. I was 14 when Irene took us to a violin store in Pittsburgh with violins hanging from a high ceiling. After trying several, I picked the one I liked. We paid \$100. I have played that same violin ever since. Today that same violin is appraised at \$3,500.

Bob Jr.: Zelda liked to garden – she was determined to break up every clump of dirt.

Milo: In 1935, AT Rowe, his wife Ida, and their son Tommy were living in Anderson IN. So why would AT and his family come to Franklin, PA? The simplest explanation is Eileen's high school graduation.