

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.

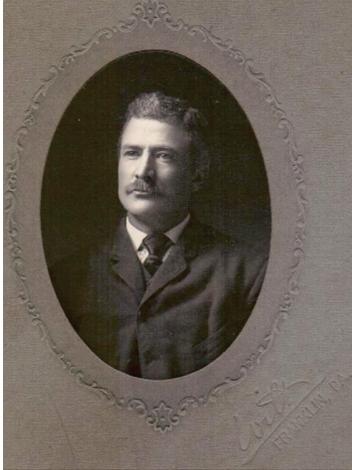


Above right: AT Rowe, Ida Rowe, Eileen and Olive per the writing on the back. Taken in 1918 assuming that Eileen is less than 9 months old. Note the absence of John McKelvey and AT's mustache.

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.

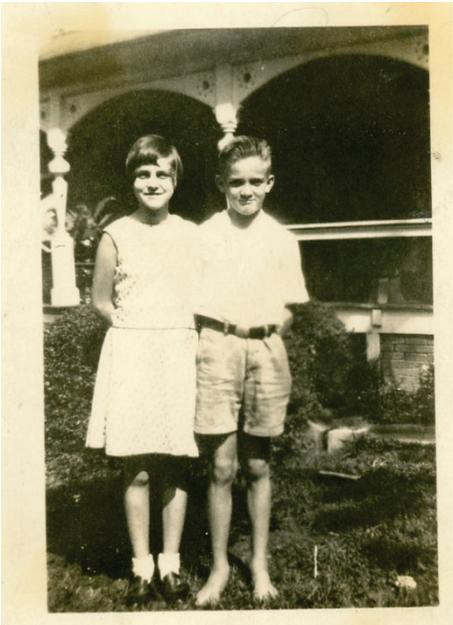


Olive, Eileen (wearing Bob's hat) and Bob Sr.



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]

1st 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 . 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

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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: 28th, 15th, 11th and finished 5th her senior year.

Eileen did best in history; second best in math.

Sugarcreek Township High School														
Report of <u>Eileen Bernice McKelvey</u>														
For term 19 <u>31</u> 19 <u>32</u>														
Signature of Parent or Guardian for each month	I have examined and approved this report for the month indicated	FINAL GRADES												
		Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	First Semester	Second Semester	Term
Sept. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Sept. 1931	English	B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Oct. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Oct. 1931	Latin	B	B	B	C	D	C	C	C	B	B	B	
Nov. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Nov. 1931	French												
Dec. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Dec. 1931	Mathematics	B	B	B	C	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	
Jan. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Jan. 1932	Science	B	B	C	B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	
Feb. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Feb. 1932	History	B	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	
Mar. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Mar. 1932	Typewriting												
Apr. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Apr. 1932	Bookkeeping												
May Mrs. E. W. Franke	May 1932	Shorthand												
June Mrs. E. W. Franke	June 1932	Average	85.7	86.7	87.1	87.2	87.3	87.4	87.5	87.6	87.7	87.8	87.9	
		Scholarship	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
		Rank	28	15	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	
		Days Absent												
		Tardy												
		Department	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	100	100	

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		Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	First Semester	Second Semester
Sept. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Sept. 1932	English	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Oct. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Oct. 1932	Latin	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Nov. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Nov. 1932	French											
Dec. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Dec. 1932	Mathematics	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Jan. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Jan. 1933	Science	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Feb. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Feb. 1933	History	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Mar. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Mar. 1933	Typewriting											
Apr. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Apr. 1933	Bookkeeping											
May Mrs. E. W. Franke	May 1933	Shorthand											
June Mrs. E. W. Franke	June 1933	Average	90.5	91	91.5	92	92.5	93	93.5	94	94.5	95	95.5
		Scholarship	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		Rank	14	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
		Days Absent											
		Tardy											
		Department	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	100	100

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For term 19 <u>33</u> 19 <u>34</u>													
Signature of Parent or Guardian for each month	I have examined and approved this report for the month indicated	FINAL GRADES											
		Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	First Semester	Second Semester
Sept. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Sept. 1933	English III	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Oct. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Oct. 1933	Latin											
Nov. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Nov. 1933	French II	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Dec. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Dec. 1933	Mathematics	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Jan. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Jan. 1934	Science III	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Feb. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Feb. 1934	History III	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Mar. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Mar. 1934	Typewriting											
Apr. Mrs. E. W. Franke	Apr. 1934	Bookkeeping											
May Mrs. E. W. Franke	May 1934	Shorthand											
June Mrs. E. W. Franke	June 1934	Average	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	100	100	100
		Scholarship	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		Rank	14	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
		Days Absent											
		Tardy											
		Department	95	96	97	98	99	100	100	100	100	100	100

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

Sugarcreek Township High School														
Report of <u>McKelvey, Eileen</u>														
For term 19 <u>34</u> 19 <u>35</u>														
Signature of Parent or Guardian for each month	I have examined and approved this report for the month indicated	FINAL GRADES												
		Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	First Semester	Second Semester	Term
Sept. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Sept. 1934	English	B+	B	A	B	B	F	B	A	B	90	93	92
Oct. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Oct. 1934	Latin												
Nov. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Nov. 1934	French	B+	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	B	90	91	91-91
Dec. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Dec. 1934	Mathematics	A	A	A	C	A	A	B	A	A	91	94	94
Jan. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Jan. 1935	Science												
Feb. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Feb. 1935	History	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	97	96	96
Mar. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Mar. 1935	Typewriting												
Apr. Mrs. Floie Flocena	Apr. 1935	Bookkeeping												
May Mrs. Floie Flocena	May 1935	Shorthand												
June Mrs. Floie Flocena	June 1935	Average	93.7	94	94.5	95	96	97	98	99	100	92	93.5	93.5
		Scholarship	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		Rank	6	4	8	12	11	3	9	7	4	8	6	7
		Days Absent												
		Tardy												
		Department	95	96	97	98	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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COUNTY

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 J. A. Yard Asst. Superintendent of Venango County Schools

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 Sugarcreek Township Schools

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Mrs. Louise Haberman	Mr. Harold W. Hogue
Miss Milburn Meeker	Mr. R. Glenn Carter
Miss Dorothy Ray	Librarian and Office Assistant

Annual Commencement Exercises

of the
Sugar Creek Township
High School
at the
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

Tuesday
Evening

May
Twenty-first

1935
Eight O'Clock

PROGRAMME

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Music Orchestra

(a) March—"Cedar Point" C. B. Ackley
 (b) Overture—"Mignonette" J. Bauman

Invocation Rev. W. A. Donaldson

Salutatory—"Values Invisible" Elda Kiser

Music—Cuban Serenade—"Havana" Harold Bennett

Orchestra

Valedictory—"Work and Happiness" Frances Lindsey

Music Glee Club

(a) "Illusion" Marizo
 (b) "The Pipes O' Pan" Edgar Belmont Smith

Address—"Thoughtless Thinkers" Dr. Harry C. McKown
 University Instructor, Lecturer, Author

Music—Caprice—"Wood Sprites" F. J. St. Clair

Orchestra

Presentation of Diplomas Supt. L. H. Peffer
 Superintendent of Venango County Schools

Benediction

Music—March—"Knights and Ladies" J. S. Zamecnik

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Presiding Prof. Charles E. Wertman
 Supervising Principal Sugar Creek Township Schools

The music will be furnished by High School students, with Miss Genevieve Cleveland directing the Glee Club and Professor C. B. Ackley directing the orchestra.

CLASS ROLL

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Frances Adelaide Lindsey *Elda May Kiser *Dorothy Marie Butcher *Alyce Louise Beichner *Jane Elizabeth Rial *Marjorie Ann White *Donald E. O'Neil *Lester Paul Rosenberry *Jane Elizabeth Kockler *Katherine Finetta Bell Leland Earl Atts Donald M. Atwell Anna Belle Baker Herbert J. Beach Annabelle Beatty Margaret Veima Bell Sarah Effie Bower John Howe Bunce, Jr. Helen Margaret Campbell Kenneth E. Clyde Clair Melvin Crispin Clarence Edward Daugherty Mary Lavina Dundas Joseph A. Eckel Evelyn Irene Griffin Glenn E. Hogue Robert Lee Hovis Harold L. Huff Margaret Josephine Karns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Lucille Karns Anna Jean Keeley Chester D. Kockler Betty June Krepp Ellen Marie Krepp John G. Kuhn Daniel Victor Latchaw John Nathaniel Lavery Helen Winifred Lubold Ruth Elizabeth Lux Harold Clifford Marshall Josephine Jane McClintock Eileen Bernice McKelvey Paul L. McKenzie, Jr. Virginia Mae McMurdy R. Evangeline Michaels Thelma Louise Morrison Clement Mowen Arthur B. Neely Clair W. Neely Dorothy Jean Phipps Elizabeth H. Rodgers Pauline Adaline Saunders Weston G. Smith William Arthur Snyder Joanne Jane Stone Freda Annetta Sutley Frances Ruth Troupe Dorothea Jane Urey Evelyn Marie Walters
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*The first ten are arranged in the order of their averages for four years.

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.