

Postscript: Women In Whose Honour BC Schools Have Been Named

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These tables are the preliminary results of a project the aim of which is to identify all the public schools in British Columbia named for women. To date, fifty-three schools in twenty-six districts have been identified. Research has focused on the thirty-six named for local women. Gathering the life histories of these women is still in progress. The focus of the research has been on their day to day lives, interests and activities. A valuable resource, in this respect, has been the *Retired Teachers' Journal*. A most important aspect of the data gathering has been taped interviews with the women themselves, their families, friends, former colleagues and students.

In general, most of the local women in whose honour schools were named were teachers, many of whom became principals. The material collected about these women indicates they had a strong moral sense, believed in patriotism, and possessed the courage and determination to fight for the things they believed to be important both educationally and in their communities. Most were involved in church work, local women's groups and community endeavors. Some were politically active. Many had strong family ties and were responsible for the care of older family members.

Further planned work will include research on schools named for women which no longer bear that name or that are no longer in existence. The material, including the life history of each woman, will be compiled into a book.

BC SCHOOLS NAMED IN HONOUR OF FAMOUS WOMEN

DISTRICT NO.	DISTRICT NAME	SCHOOL
39	Vancouver	Emily Carr* Edith Cavell Florence Nightingale Laura Secord*
45	West Vancouver	Pauline Johnson*

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BC SCHOOLS NAMED IN HONOUR OF ROYALTY

DISTRICT NO.	DISTRICT NAME	SCHOOL
15	Penticton	Princess Margaret
36	Surrey	Queen Elizabeth Princess Margaret
39	Vancouver	Queen Mary Queen Alexandra Queen Elizabeth Queen Victoria
40	New Westminster	Queen Elizabeth
44	North Vancouver	Queen Mary
50	Queen Charlottes	Queen Charlotte
68	Nanaimo	Princess Anne Princess Royal

WOMEN IN WHOSE HONOUR BC SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN NAMED

NAME	DISTRICT	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	TEACHER TRAINING
Muriel Baxter	Cranbrook	Oct. 13, 1902. St. John, N.B.	Vancouver Normal School
Mabel V. Beattie	Shuswap	Dec. 6, 1883. Dalkey, Ireland	Vancouver Normal School
Beattie Sisters	Kamloops	Dalkey, Ireland	
Kay Bingham	Kamloops	Sept. 11, 1903. Ontario	Victoria Normal School
Alice Brown	Langley	May 11, 1906. North Dakota	
Isabella Dicken	Fernie	1894. Sunderland, Eng.	Vancouver Normal School
Evelyn Dickson	Nechako	British Columbia	Vancouver Normal School
Helen Dixon	Quesnel		Victoria Normal School
Elizabeth Fisher	Sooke	Feb. 14, 1840. England	in Wales
Pauline Haarer	Nanaimo	1873. Summerville, Calif.	Girl teacher at 15
Cassie Hall	Terrace	Mar. 7, 1897. Sardis, B.C.	Vancouver Normal School
Betty Huff	Surrey	1916. Chatham, Ont.	Vancouver Normal School
Ada Irvine	Coquitlam	Mar. 12, 1883. Port Coquitlam, B.C.	
Annie Jamieson	Vancouver	1870. Leed, Quebec	U. of Manitoba
Margaret Jenkins	Victoria	Aug. 4, 1843. Glamorganshire, Wales	Apprentice Teacher
Jane Kilmer	Coquitlam	May 8, 1889. Ontario	
Ruth King	Sooke	Regina, Sask.	Regina Normal School
Jessie Lee	Surrey	June 30, 1902. Langley, B.C.	Vancouver Normal School
Agnes Mathers	Queen Charlotte	June 19, 1904. Skidegate, B.C.	Victoria Normal School
Elsie Miles	Cowichan	Toronto, Ont.	Victoria Normal School
Laura Morrish	Trail	Feb. 1, 1891. Republic, Michigan	Victoria Normal School
Muriel Mould	Burns Lake	Dec. 19, 1915. Brandon, Man.	Victoria Normal School
Martha Jane Norris	Surrey	Mar. 21, 1867. Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
Myrtle Philip	Howe Sound	Mar. 19, 1891. Bangor, Maine	
Lillian Savory	Sooke	1879. England	
Marion Schilling	Kamloops	Nov. 1, 1907. Carmen, Manitoba	Vancouver Normal School
Mary Jane Shannon	Surrey	Nov. 23, 1876. Fort Langley, B.C.	
Marie Sharpe	Cariboo-Chilcotin	Inverness, Scotland	Vancouver Normal School
Lena Shaw	Surrey		
Margaret Stenersen	Abbotsford	Jan. 7, 1901. Tonsberg, Norway	Vancouver Normal School
Erma Stephenson	Surrey		
Anne Stevenson	Cariboo-Chilcotin	1903. Johannesburg, S. Africa	UBC Education
Molly Ten-Broek	Abbotsford		
Hazel Trembath	Coquitlam	May 5, 1905. New Westminster, B.C.	Vancouver Normal School
Dorothea Walker	Central Okanagan	Jan. 18, 1876. Lochend, Scotland	Vancouver Normal School
Amy Woodland	Cranbrook	London, England	

WOMEN IN WHOSE HONOUR BC SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN NAMED (Cont'd)

NAME	TEACHING	MAIDEN NAME	MARRIAGE	DEATH DATE
Muriel Baxter	1920-1963		Did not marry	?
Mabel V. Beattie	1904-1945		Did not marry	June 13, 1971
Beattie Sisters			One did marry	
Kay Bingham			Did not marry	
Alice Brown	1928-1971		Did not marry	Oct. 24, 1975
Isabella Dicken	1916-1959		Did not marry	
Evelyn Dickson	1932-39, 1953-77	Mooney	to Adam Dickson. 1937. 2 children	
Helen Dixon	1927-1967	Ferguson	to Arthur Dixon	Feb. 20,
Elizabeth Fisher	1870-71	Morris	to William Fisher. 1863. 4 children	June 15, 1918
Pauline Haarer	1890-1936		Did not marry	Dec. 7, 1964
Cassie Hall	1916-1919	Bailey	to Fred Hall. 1920. 3 children	Dec. 1, 1958
Betty Huff	1936-		Did not marry	
Ada Irvine	1911-		Did not marry	
Annie Jamieson	1896-1927		Did not marry	Jan. 23, 1952
Margaret Jenkins	?	Townsend	to Mr. Fox. 1866. 5 children	
			to Mr. Jenkins 1879. 3 children	June 6, 1922 (?)
Jane Kilmer			Did not marry	July 17, 1971
Ruth King	-1878		Did not marry	
Jessie Lee	?	Blair	to Mr. Lee 1924. 4 children	Apr. 30, 1972
Agnes Mathers	1927-1970		Did not marry	
Elsie Miles	1931-1974		Did not marry	
Laura Morrish	1909-1967	Jewell	to Fred Morrish 1918. 2 children	Mar. 18, 1967
Muriel Mould	1937-1975	Chapman	to Guy Mould 1939. 3 children	Mar. 1983
Martha Jane Norris	7 years	Dickie	to Mr. Norris	?
Myrtle Philip	1 or 2 years		to Alec Philip	
Lillian Savory			Did not marry	July 14, 1972
Marion Schilling	1927-31. 1941-71	Paterson (?)	To William Schilling. 6 children	1972
Mary Jane Shannon	1898-1907		Did not marry	
Marie Sharpe			to Bill Sharpe 1928. 1 child	
Lena Shaw			to Mr. Bertram. 1 child	?
Margaret Stenersen	1919-1962		Did not marry	1975
Erma Stephenson				
Anne Stevenson		McKenzie	to Doug Stevenson 1932. 3 children	?
Molly Ten-Broek				
Hazel Trembath	1924-1970		Did not marry	
Dorothea Walker	1894-1901	Thomson	to William Walker 1904. 3 children	April 28, 1975
Amy Woodland	-1945		to Archie Raworth 1946	?