

### JEMIMA (MIME) REDDICK

Jemima was born February 10, 1862 on the farm on lot 4, concession 4, Marlborough township and baptised on August 24, 1865 in the North Gower Anglican church. No sign of her confirmation has been seen.

The 1910 census of Minnesota records Jemima's sister, Eliza Ellen (Yenny), as having immigrated in 1882, the 1900 census records the year as 1892. 1882 is unlikely; the information that we have indicates that Matilda and Minerva were the first of the sisters to emigrate but that was not till 1884, perhaps 1885. Neither is 1892 likely to have been the year since she did not appear on the 1891 census of Marlborough township although Mary Ann Amanda (Minnie) did and Minnie was reported in the 1910 census of Minnesota as having immigrated in 1892. Still, it is more likely to have been 1892 than 1882.

Jemima did not appear in the 1891 census of Marlborough township but that does not mean that she had gone to Minnesota that early; she was already 30 years old and may have been working away from home although she did not appear in a listing of Reddicks in any adjacent township. Still there is doubt about Yenny's date of arrival in Minnesota so there is also doubt about Mime's. The relevance of the time of Yenny's move is that she had put herself through teacher training in Minnesota. When Mime arrived there, she put her through also. That is, Yenny had gone to Minnesota at least a year and perhaps more before Mime.

Mime took her teacher training at St. Cloud; she taught school at Aitkin for two years before returning to Ontario. It seems that she did not like teaching and her sister, Louisa Cameron, needed help at Winchester, Ontario. Isabel Eager thought that it was at the time that Louisa's son, Colin, was born but he was born about 1890 so that seems unlikely. In any case she moved to Winchester (her brother, Robert, had had a medical practice there since 1875) and she met Daniel Eager.

Dan was the son of William Eager. He operated a grist mill in Winchester for many years. His daughter Isabel was born on June 27, 1897 and her mother, Diana, died at that time. On July 21, 1898, the Kemptville Advance reported that "...two well known people of Winchester, Daniel Eager and Miss Jemima Reddick, were quietly married in the Church of England at an early hour Friday morning and took the local train for Montreal". On July 5, the marriage was recorded at Winchester, Ontario, of Daniel Eager, 41, widower, mill owner, Grenville county, Winchester, son of Mary Raymond and James Eager, to Jemima Reddick, 34, Winchester, daughter of Matilda Reddie (sic) and James Reddick; the

witnesses were: Richard Eager, Grenville county, and Jemima Wallace, Winchester.

There was one child of Jemima's marriage to Daniel Eager. Richard Frederick Reddick Eager was born on May 27, 1899. Like his uncle Robert Reddick he graduated in medicine from McGill University. His year of graduation was 1924, fifty years after Robert's. He specialized in ear, eye, nose and throat and practised, at least in the later years, in Niagara Falls. Her stepdaughter, Isabel, always regarded Mima as her mother.

On September 16, 1924, in Saint John, New Brunswick, Dick Eager married Frances Willard Logan who was born on December 18, 1896 in Marysville, New Brunswick. There were two children of this marriage, Diana Reddick Eager and Richard Greenwood Eager. Dick died on January 20, 1978 and Frances on August 21, 1975. Dick's second marriage had been to Lyla Payne; its date is not known.

After Daniel sold the grist mill in Winchester he was a flour and feed traveller. His daughter, Isabel, worked in Ottawa and Daniel and Jemima spent the summers on their farm at Heckston which is a few miles west of Winchester and their winters with her in Ottawa. Daniel died in September 1945 in his ninetieth year, Jemima on August 31, 1956. Both are buried in the South Gower cemetery near Heckston, Daniel in the Eager plot and Jemima at another location.