

DEDICATION OF PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE

GERTRUDE E. MORDY, R.N.

Mrs. Gertrude E. Mordy was born on April 11, 1892, in Ross Township; daughter of the late Wm. Murdock and Charlotte Bingham. She received her early education at S.S. #1 Ross, near Cobden, and attended High School in Cobden. She taught public school on a permit at Deacon, Ontario, before she entered a 3-year nurses training course at Kingston General Hospital, graduating in May 1917 as a Registered Nurse. She did private nursing duty, night supervisor and operating supervisor while at the Kingston General Hospital. She nursed in the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, where she herself developed diphtheria, but after her recovery she remained on in the diphtheria ward for 18 more months, after which she did family nursing and private duty.

In 1925 she married David Mordy of Forester's Falls and moved to his farm on the Kerr Line. Mrs. Mordy was a member of the Anglican Women's Guild, and life member of Forester's Falls Women's Institute, having joined the Branch in 1925, and held the following offices:-

Branch President	1926-1931
Branch President	1957-1959
Branch Secretary	1944-1951
North Renfrew W.I. District President	1926-1929
North Renfrew W.I. District Sec.-Treasurer	1953-1959
Ottawa Area Convenor of Legislation	1927-1929
Ottawa Area Federated Representative	1929
First Provincial Board Director from North Renfrew W.I. District	1929-1931

Mrs. Mordy held offices at all levels of the Women's Institute-Branch, District, Area and Provincial in the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

In June 1931 Mrs. Mordy was honoured by being one of the three delegates from Ontario, appointed to attend the Biennial National Convention of Women's Institutes in Montreal, P.Q.

She was a 4-H Homemaking Club Leader for 10 years in Forester's Falls. She was involved in Farm Forum in the 1940's, the first meeting being held in her home. During the war years of 1939-1945 she was very active in the Red Cross work that the W.I. supported. During her years of living in the community of Forester's Falls, she gave freely of her nursing abilities, administering needles, advice, attending all ills, assisting at births; truly a humanitarian. Mrs. Mordy continued with her work in our community, her church, and was a tower of strength in the Women's Institute, which was always her main interest.

"She was a friend whose heart was good,
She walked with folks and understood,
Hers was a smile folks loved to see;
Hers was a hand that asked no fee.
For friendliness of kindness done,
And now that she has journeyed on
Hers is a fame that never ends,
She leaves behind uncounted friends."

We now dedicate this plaque in memory of Gertrude E. Mordy, R.N. It will hang in Ross Township Public Library in Forester's Falls. The Library is now housed in the Former Anglican Church, which Mrs. Mordy faithfully attended. This plaque shall always remain in the village of Forester's Falls, Ontario.

Forester's Falls Women's Institute

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