

A momentous human rights milestone was reached on January 28, 1916. On that day, Manitoba women became the first in Canada to have their right to vote acknowledged.



Honour Roll

Early Women Trustees (to January 2015)

Name	School District	Date First Elected
Mary Speechly	Pilot Mound	1914
Elma Kennedy Brown	Winnipeg	1914
Mrs. Perry	Plympton School	1914
Margaret W. Irwin	Brandon	1915
Martha Jane Hample	Winnipeg	1916
Rose Cherniak Alcuin	Winnipeg	1919
Marie-Antoinette Lamoureux Lemaire	Barkman	1920
Kristjana Thordarson	Gimli	1920
Hansina Erlendson	Gimli	1921
Jean Potter Asselstine	Manson	1921
Mrs. Fisher	Manson	1921
Maud McCarthy	Winnipeg	1921
Mrs. Robb Dickson	Flowery Bank	1921
Mary Jane Maloney Seward	Kaleida	1923?
Jessie Mac Lennan	Winnipeg	1926
Bessie Keating	Silverton	1930s ?
Mary Dyma	Winnipeg	1931
Gloria Queen-Hughes	Winnipeg	1934
Elizabeth Collins	Pilot Mound	1934?
Mabel McAlpin Bell Britton	Killarney	1935 or 1936?
Gladys Currie	Pilot Mound	1940s?

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The following names are those of identifiable women attending early annual conventions of the Manitoba School Trustees Association, as taken from the proceedings of each convention.

1915 Annual Convention

Sarah J. Ames, Arden
Mrs. W. Barr, Elkhorn*
Mrs. J. K. Brown, Winnipeg*
Mrs. L. Brown, Solsgirth*
Mrs. W. Finnen, Mather*
Mabel Fisher, Solsgirth
Mrs. A. W. Forrester, Otterburne*
Mrs. Hartley, Carman*
Mrs. O. Howard, Mather*
Mrs. Perry, Plympton
Mrs. M. Speechly, Pilot Mound
Mrs. Alice Tooth, Elie*
Mrs. H. J. Wood, Elkhorn

1916 Annual Convention

Mrs. T. Ames, Elgin*
Mrs. J. D. Baker, Brandon*
Mrs. V. E. Ballantyne, Emerson
Marie Barre, Ste. Rose du Lac*
Mrs. R. Bell, Rathwell*
Mrs. R. W. Brown, Balmoral*
Mrs. Burchly, Harmsworth*
Mrs. R. A. Cox, Beresford*
Mrs. J. Crawford, Neepawa*
Mrs. W. Dunbar, Bethany*
Mrs. T. N. Edwards, Stephenfield*
Mrs. W. J. Fallis, Snowflake*
Mrs. J. Gniazdoski, Haliez*
Mrs. J. L. Gordon, Deleau*
Mrs. H. J. Greenham, Clarkleigh*
Mrs. J. W. Guthrie, Reston*
Mrs. W. C. Hartley, Carman*
Mrs. J. Hardwick, Nesbitt*
Mrs. A. R. Irwin, Brandon
Mrs. W. H. Jamieson, Decker*
Mrs. G. Kitson, Franklin*
Miss Lacey, Fork River (*this woman accompanied Mr. F. B. Lacey, who may have been her father)
Mrs. J. H. Laying, Brookfield*
Mrs. T. Lundy, Alexander*
Mrs. T. M. Maguire, Portage la Prairie*
Mrs. M. McCulloch, Graysville*
Mrs. D. R. McHaffie, Swan River*
Mrs. W. McKenzie, Daly*
Mrs. A. Miller, Justice*
Mrs. W. Milne, Orrwold*
Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, Elkhorn*
Mrs. J. Orton, Arden*
Mrs. J. S. Peach, Swan River*
Mrs. G. Phizacklea, Lidford*
Mrs. A. Rankin, Killarney*
Mrs. T. Reid, Elgin*
Mrs. Amice Robin, Aesissippi*
Mrs. J. Sadler, Elgin*

In keeping with convention at that time, most married women are referred to by their husbands' names and oftentimes, when women did attend the annual conventions in these early years, their spouses were also listed as delegates (denoted by *).