

Biography

Mamie Elaine Turner Rhodes

Mamie Elaine Turner Rhodes was born June 22, 1874, on a farm near Lebanon, Ill. She was one of six children born to Mary and Young Turner, both ex-slaves. Her father was a prosperous farmer who owned land in St. Clair County. He and his family lived in a large brick home on Highway 50 which is now on the national historic register. As a generous benefactor to McKendree College, he expected his daughter to be admitted to the college. She enrolled at McKendree in 1891 and received her degree in 1895. She also attended Oberlin College in Ohio, and later taught school in Gallatin, Mo.; Pittsburg, Texas; and East St. Louis, Ill.

It was the custom of Turner to give each of his married children a farm. When Mamie and James Henry Rhodes married in 1897, they received the Mound Farm, which today, because it is an Indian burial site, is protected by the government as an archeological treasure. When Mamie Turner Rhodes began her teaching career in East St. Louis, she moved to Lebanon, a few blocks from the McKendree campus.

Widowed early with three young daughters, she moved to St. Louis so her daughters could attend a teacher's college. Mrs. Rhodes provided a large, comfortable home for them and her aging mother and commuted to East St. Louis to teach at the Crispus Attucks Elementary School from 1918 until her death on August 28, 1939.

Home, family and education were Mrs. Rhodes' primary interests. She was a model of courage to her three daughters, her mother and her brothers. Stalwart of purpose, she also found room for mirth, patience and compassion. Active in the community, she was a member of St. James Methodist Church, St. Louis; the National Association of University Women; and several literary and educational organizations.

Mamie Turner Rhodes is survived by her youngest daughter, Adele Rhodes Stafford, a retired St. Louis Public Schools teacher. She is buried in the College Hill Cemetery with her parents, siblings and her two older daughters, Amy Rhodes Montjoy and Vernice Rhodes Mann, both of whom had been teachers in the St. Louis Public Schools.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

JUNE 6, 1895.

BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS.

Jessie Ormiston Jepson.	Charles Edmund Neil.
Peter Russel Keplinger.	Kate Otwell.
James Arthur Large.	Edith Laura Thrall.
	Mamie Elaine Turner.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.

Olive Irene Miller.	William Emil Trautmann.
Herbert Alexander Morriss.	Jennie Olive Watts
Avis Patience O'Neal.	Orin Nevin Yingst.

BACHELOR OF LAWS.

Alonzo R. Anderson.	Robert Simpson Louden.
Charles Earl Chamberlin.	Frederic Ferdinand Miller.
Robert Vernis Gustin.	Charles Jacob Maurer.
Robert Henry Harding.	Robert Lee Merker.
	Thomas O'Hara.

BACHELOR OF MUSIC.

Phebe Lewis.	Ella Surguy.
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POST-GRADUATE.

Doctor of Philosophy.

Fletcher L. West, M. S.	Maris R. Hackman, A. M.
S. R. McClements, A. M.	Andrew Daniel Warde, A. M.

Master of Arts.

Orla E. Laird, A. B.

Master of Science.

C. W. Wynant, B. S.

HONORARY DEGREES.

Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. L. W. Thrall, A. M.

Doctor of Laws.

General James H. Wilson.	Gov. Charles P. Johnson, A. M.
Judge William C. Jones, A. M.	Judge Leo Rassieur.

Doctor of Philosophy.

Col. Risdon M. Moore, A. M.

Master of Arts.

Judge Thomas Berry Wall.	Rev. William Morrow, A. B.
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Doctor of Music.

Rev. A. R. Cronce, A. M.

Bachelor of Philosophy.

S. B. Laird.	E. L. Briggs.
C. T. McFarlane.	Nettie M. Dalley.

May 22, 1923

To Whom it may Concern:

Miss Mamie F. Turner (Mrs. Mamie Turner Rhodes)
was graduated from McKendree College in 1895 with the degree
A. B., on the basis of the following credits:

Secondary

Latin: Beginning 1; Caesar, 91, 90; 2/3; Cicero's Or. 92, 1/3	
Virgil, 91, 90, 2/3; Total	2 2/3
German: Beginning, 87, 96, 95	1
English: Grammar, 1; Essentials of Eng., 87, 1/3	
Belles Lettres 88, 1/3	1 2/3
Mathematics: Arithmetic, 1; Algebra, 1 1/3	
Geometry, 92, 91, 2/3	3
History: U. S. A., 1; Ancient, 87, 1/3	1 1/3
Science: Physiology and Hygiene, 96, 1/3	
Botany, 93, 1/3; Zoology, 91, 1/3;	
Chemistry, 89, 1/3	1 1/3

Total secondary units

11

College

	Semester hrs
Latin: Horace, 78; Livy, 90; Cicero De O., 90;	
Cicero De S., 85; Senior Latin, 75, 88	20
German: Advanced, 90, 93, 89	10
Literature: English, 91, 91, 90, 10; Am., 91, 3 1/3	13 1/3
Mathematics: Trigonometry, 86, 3 1/3; Analytics, 90;	
Astronomy, 89, 3 1/3	10
Science: Geology, 97, 3 1/3; Physics, 87, 3 1/3;	
Meteorology, Mineralogy, 90, 3 1/3	10
Greek: Beginning, 98, 97; Anabasis, 91, 92; 95;	
Memorabilia, 94; Theucydides, 90	23 1/3
Political Economy, 89	3 1/3
International Law, 80, 80	6 2/3
Mental Science, 92	3 1/3
History of Philosophy, 91	3 1/3
Butler's Analogy, 92	3 1/3
Evidences of Christianity, 91	3 1/3
Logic, 89	3 1/3

Total semester hours

113 1/3

This student was enrolled in Oberlin College (Ohio) for one
year before coming to McKendree. Secondary credits assigned,
for which no grade appears, are credits estimated now on the
basis of work done there, but no records are available here.

Very truly yours

Registrar

May 22, 1923

To Whom it may Concern:

In addition to the courses outlined in the attached letter, Mrs. Rhodes earned the following credits in the summer session of McKendree College, 1920:

Class Room Methods	3 semester hours	grade B-
History of Education in U. S. A.	3 sem. hrs.	B-

Very truly yours

Registrar

Illinois State Examining Board

FOR TEACHERS' COUNTY CERTIFICATES

INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT BLANK

(To be filled out in duplicate)

To be used by applicants from recognized schools

RECORD OF

Mrs. Mamie E. Turner Rhodes

(Name)

Lebanon, Illinois.

(Address)

Applying for a Certificate.

All units of high school or academic work should be recorded in column A. All normal school term credits should be recorded in column B. All college credits should be recorded in semester hours in column C. (These terms defined on page four.)

SUBJECTS	A	B	C		SUBJECTS	A	B	C	
Orthography,					Economics, Pol. Econ.,			3½	
Civics,					Commercial Geography,				
III. History,					Geometry, Pl. ⅓ Solid ⅓	⅓			
Physiology, & Hygiene	⅓				Educational Psychology,				
Penmanship,					History of Education,			8	
Reading, Rhetoric	⅓				School Administration,			3	
X Grammar,	1				Theory and Practice,				
Geography,					Latin,	2⅓		20	
X U. S. History,	1				German,	1		10	
X Arithmetic,	1				French, Inter. Law			6½	
State Course,					Music,				
Principles and Methods of Teaching,					Drawing,				
Elementary Science,					Bookkeeping, Astronomy			3½	
English,					Manual Training,				
X Algebra,	1½				Domestic Science,				
Gen. History,					Domestic Art,				
Botany,	⅓				Agriculture,				
Zoology,	⅓				Physical Training,				
Physics,	⅓				Stenography, Typewriting,				
Chemistry,	⅓				Practice Teaching,				
Mineralogy	⅓				Greek			23½	
Physiography,	⅓				Trigonometry			3½	
Med. and Mod. History,	⅓				Analytic			3½	
Amer. Hist. and Civics,					Philosophy			10	
English History,					Logic & Mental Sc.			6½	
Ancient History,	⅓								
American Literature,			3½						
English Literature,			10		TOTAL,	12		103½	

X Estimated: Records unavailable

Provisions of the Illinois Teachers' Certifying Law

FOR GRANTING COUNTY CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES OF RECOGNIZED INSTITUTIONS.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES.

I. A provisional certificate may be granted without examination to those who have completed successfully two years of work in a recognized normal school.

II. A provisional certificate may be granted without examination to those who have completed one year of work in a recognized normal school if the applicant is a graduate of the tenth grade.

No equivalent preparation is provided under the statute.

SECOND GRADE CERTIFICATES

I. A second grade certificate may be granted without examination to persons who have completed the junior year's work in a recognized normal school.

II. A second grade certificate may be granted without examination to those who have completed the equivalent of the junior year's work in a recognized normal school, in any recognized higher institution of learning.

The equivalent of the junior year's work in a recognized normal school is attendance of one year in a recognized higher institution in which the following credits have been earned:

TABLE I.

English.....	6 semester hours
Mathematics or Natural Science.....	6 semester hours
History or Social Science.....	6 semester hours
Education (Educational Psychology, History of Education, School Administration or Principles and Methods of Teaching).....	6 semester hours
Electives.....	6 semester hours
TOTAL.....	30 semester hours

FIRST GRADE CERTIFICATES.

I. A first grade certificate shall be issued without examination to graduates of a recognized normal school.

II. A first grade certificate shall be issued without examination to those who have completed a course in a recognized higher institution which is the equivalent of graduation from a recognized normal school.

The equivalent of graduation from a recognized normal school is attendance of two years in a recognized higher institution in which the following credits have been earned:

TABLE II.

English.....	6 semester hours
Mathematics or Natural Science.....	6 semester hours
History or Social Science.....	6 semester hours
Education (Educational Psychology, History of Education, School Administration or Principles and Methods of Teaching).....	6 semester hours
Practice Teaching.....	6 semester hours
Electives.....	30 semester hours
TOTAL.....	60 semester hours

Practice teaching must be six semester hours in a training school under competent and close supervision. Experience in teaching not in a training school may not be accepted as an equivalent.

An applicant under either of the above conditions must have completed the course within three years of the time of applying for the certificate or must have taught continuously since such completion.

HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATES: A high school certificate may be granted without examination to graduates of recognized colleges and universities who, within three years after graduation, present certified credits in the subjects of examination, accompanied by faculty recommendation of ability to teach in the high school.

Requirements for County High School Certificate

(a) Graduation from a recognized normal school or college.

(b) Faculty recommendation of ability to teach in the high school.

(c) Certified credits for:

8 semester hours in English.

6 semester hours in education.

3 majors of not less than 16 semester hours each in three high school subjects or groups of related subjects.

3 minors of not less than 8 semester hours each in three high school subjects.

(d) Elective sufficient to make up the remaining number of 120 semester hours required for graduation.

When an applicant has had secondary or high school work in any subject which is offered as a major or a minor and such secondary work is the necessary prerequisite for the college work which is offered, the same may be counted in making the majors and minors, but shall not be counted in making the total number of 120 semester hours required for graduates.

Algebra and geometry may be combined to form a major.

Any of the following biological sciences may be combined to form a major: botany, zoology, physiology.

Physics and chemistry may be combined to form a major.

Two or more history courses may be combined to form a major.

Mechanical drawing and manual training may be combined to form a major.

Domestic art and domestic science may be combined to form a major.

Stenography and typewriting may be combined to form a major.

KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY CERTIFICATES: A kindergarten-primary certificate may be issued without examination to those who have graduated from a recognized four-year high school and from a recognized kindergarten training school: Provided, the kindergarten training school gives adequate preparation for the first two grades.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES: A special certificate authorizing the holder to teach and supervise the subject or subjects named in the certificate may be issued without examination to an applicant who presents the following:

(a) Evidence of graduation from a recognized four-year high school, or an equivalent preparation.

(b) A certificate showing the completion in a recognized higher institution of at least two years of special training in the subject or subjects named in the certificate.

(c) Credits for eight semester hours in English and six semester hours in education (see tables I and II of this blank).

(d) Satisfactory evidence that the applicant has taught or can teach successfully the subject or subjects for which a special certificate is desired.

The high school units entered in Column A were earned in McKendree ~~academy~~
located at Lebanon, Ill. (with exception noted) ~~high school~~

The applicant has attended the following higher institutions other than the one making the certified statement of qualifications:

..... weeks
..... years in Normal School, located at
..... weeks
..... years in Oberlin College located at Oberlin, Ohio

Before certifying to this record read carefully the provisions of the law which pertain to the certificate desired. (See inside pages.)

English as used in the law shall mean grammar, composition, and rhetoric; i. e., the construction and use of good English and not the history and interpretation of literature.

All applicants must be eighteen years of age to receive a certificate.

HIGH SCHOOL UNIT DEFINED: The work done in four or five recitations per week of forty-five minutes each, extending through a year of at least 36 weeks, shall constitute a unit.

TERM CREDIT DEFINED: The basis for estimating normal school work shall be the term credit which is the work done in a subject requiring not less than four forty-five minute periods per week for not less than twelve weeks.

SEMESTER HOUR DEFINED: The basis of estimating college work shall be the semester hour, which is one recitation or lecture not less than fifty minutes in length, or the equivalent laboratory period, each week for at least eighteen weeks.

Certified Statement of Qualification

I hereby certify that Mrs. Mamie E. Turner-Rhodes attended the
McKendree College located at Lebanon for a period of
(Name of Institution)
4 ~~years~~ Sept 1891 to June 1895 that she was
years from
graduated from the A.B. course June 1895; that she has completed
the requirements of the law as herein explained for a Second Grade certificate.

It is understood that this statement includes faculty recommendation of ability to teach, as required by law. I recommend that the certificate be issued without examination.

Date Aug. 14, 1920

..... President.

..... Registrar.

Approved by the Examining Board, Springfield, Ill.

Date..... 19.....

..... Chairman.

..... Secretary.