

Florence Glenora Partridge



 Florence Partridge c.1950. Credit University of Guelph Libranni yearbook.

b. July 21, 1906, York County, ON (near Queensville); d., Feb. 21 2004, Guelph, ON

Education:

1926 Two year Associate Course, Macdonald Institute, Guelph

1929 B.H.Sc., University of Toronto

1932 Diploma in Librarianship, University of Toronto

1938 BLS, University of Toronto

Positions:

1929 Certified dietician, New York City and Toronto (various hospitals and restaurants)

1932–1944 Assistant Librarian, Massey Library, Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Institute, Guelph

1944–1962 Head Librarian, Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Institute, Guelph

1962–1965 Head Librarian, Federated Colleges (OAC, Macdonald Institute, OVC), Guelph

1965–1970 Associate Chief Librarian, University of Guelph

1970–1971 Chief Librarian, University of Guelph

Publications:

Partridge, Florence (1932). Handicrafts in Canada. Manuscript (11 p.) includes books, pamphlets, magazine articles and newspaper items available in the Toronto Reference Library.

Partridge, Florence (1990). Slopes of the Speed. Guelph: a walking tour of the Slopes of the Speed River between Norwich and Macdonell Streets in Guelph. Guelph Arts Council.

Partridge, Florence (1994). Altar and hearth in Victorian Guelph: a walking tour of the area extending from Essex Street to London Road and Glasgow to Norfolk Street. Guelph: Guelph Arts Council.

Partridge, Florence (1998). Brooklyn and the College Hill: a walking tour of the area extending south

from Water Street to the University of Guelph Campus, and west from Mary to Gordon Street. Guelph: Guelph Arts Council.

Partridge, Florence (1999). "Stone, F.W., his home and family," *Historic Guelph* 38: 9-22.

Associations:

Member of Executive, Reference Section, Ontario Library Association

Member of Council, Ontario Library Association

President Guelph Canadian Club

Member, National Executive, Business and Professional Women's Club

President, Guelph Branch, University Women's Club

President, College Women's Club

President, Guelph Museum and member of the Board

Founding Member and Secretary of Alumni-In-Action, University of Guelph

Honours:

1982 Guelph Chamber of Commerce Award of Merit (for community contributions)

1990 University of Guelph Alumnus of Honour

1993 Lescaobot Award, Government of Canada ("in recognition of outstanding contributions to community cultural activities")

1995 Alumni Volunteer Award, University of Guelph

Achievements and Comments:

A scholarship fund for students was created by Ms. Partridge, a double graduate of the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto in 1932 and 1938. It is awarded to up to 5 students with high academic standing and in receipt of Ontario Student Assistance Program or Canadian provincial government student aid who are registered at the Faculty of Information.

"During the years as Head Librarian in Massey Library Miss Partridge organized many art exhibits in Massey. She also fostered the development of the Library's collection of paintings by Canadian artists. This now forms a substantial part of the permanent collection of the University of Guelph." — *Univ. of Guelph News Bulletin*, 1970.

Sources:

University of Guelph Alumni-In-Action Oral Histories Collection Interview transcript with Florence Partridge, June 21, 1989 (51 minutes audio with text)

[Florence Partridge Appointed Chief Librarian](#), *University of Guelph News Bulletin*, April 16, 1970 (PDF download)

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