

CANTY, Mary:

Sister M. St. Roque was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on May 15, 1864. Her parents were John Canty, Erie, Pa. and Mary Henrich. She had one brother, Frank. She died at Loretto Abbey on February 28, 1951 in her 87th year and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Sister St. Roque was educated at Loretto Convent, Stratford and in Erie, Pa., where she obtained a teacher's certificate. She entered Loretto Abbey Novitiate, Toronto on July 2, 1888, was received on November 29, 1888 and professed of January 3, 1891.

She taught for two years at De La Salle School on Duke Street, Toronto. She was one of the founders of Loretto Convent, Englewood and she opened St. Bernard's parish school, where she was principal for almost thirty years.

In 1893, several of her girls who graduated from St. Bernard's insisted on remaining with her for high school, and so she began Loretto Academy, Englewood. She specialized in elocution and school drama wherever she taught. Her presentation of the story of Bernadette of Lourdes at Loretto College School in 1921 was one of her best productions.

She also taught at Loretto Abbey and when she was bursar at Niagara Falls in 1926, she was largely responsible for the new school wing. During her sixty-three years in religious life, Sister St. Roque served the community with great zeal and generosity.