

Joseph Raymond Tippett¹

(April 30,1906-1991)

Joseph Raymond Tippett was born in Saint John on April 30th,1906 to Joseph Tippett (1878-1975) and Ellen (Eleanor) Warnock (1881-1970)². They married March 18, 1903. His father was a labourer. Joseph was one of four children including Marguerite (-1999), Gordon (1904-), and William (1907-)³.

Joseph graduated from Saint John High School and went on to attend Provincial Normal School graduating in 1925⁴. He later served as Principal of Harrison Trimble High School, in Moncton, from 1951 to 1972⁵. He later went to Mount Allison, receiving his BA in 1932, and to Columbia University to obtain his MA in Guidance in 1948. He taught in Pleasant Point, Beaconsfield and McAdam and then as a guidance counsellor and History teacher at Moncton High School for 29 years⁶. After retiring in 1972, Joseph became the President of the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers from 1986 to 1988⁷.

On August 4, 1934, Joseph married Bessie Maud Sterritt, who was born in Kingston, New Brunswick daughter of Newton Sterritt and Maude Flewelling. Bessie was living in Freeport, New York at the time. Joseph was 28 and Bessie 29⁸.

It is not known how many children Joseph and Bessie had but in 1944 Bessie gave birth to an unnamed infant son. She died shortly after as well as the baby⁹. In 1946, Joseph married Helen Isabelle Gilmore (1912-2010) of Moncton. Helen was born in Brownville Junction, Maine. She was the daughter of Elbridge Gilmore and Jane Pugh. Elbridge was born in Stanley. Helen was also a teacher¹⁰.

The strap was donated by Ruth Gilmore to the Keswick Ridge Historical Society in 2012. Helen was a sister to Ruth's husband Billy Gilmore¹¹.

The strap was used to administer corporal punishment to children in Canadian Schools. It was not abolished until 2004¹².



- ¹ Information compiled by Evelyn Fidler October 5, 2020
- ² PANB Vital Statistics, Birth Record, Joseph Raymond Tippett
- ³ "Marguerite Tippett, Family Search" <<https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/M34J-71D/marguerite-tippett-1999>> (accessed October 5, 2020)
- ⁴ Ruby Cusack, "School Days Museum" <<http://www.rubycusack.com/issue387.html>> (accessed October 5, 2020)
- ⁵ Cusack, Ibid
- ⁶ School Days Museum School License Joseph Raymond Tippett, <https://museum.nbta.ca/Teacher_Education.htm> (Accessed October 5, 2020)
- ⁷ "NBSRT", <https://www.nbsrt.ca/presidents.html>> (Accessed October 5, 2020)
- ⁸ PANB Vital Statistics. Marriage Record, Joseph Tippett and Bessie Sterritt. (accessed October 5, 2020)
- ⁹ "Find a Grave Infant Son Tippett and Bessie Maude Sterritt Tippett," <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/212721641/infant_son-tippett> (Accessed October 5, 2020)
- ¹⁰ PANB Vital Statistics, Marriage Record, Joseph Tippett and Helen Gilmore, (accessed October 5, 2020)
- ¹¹ Family Genealogy sheet created for the bicentennial
- ¹² Paul Axelrod, "Banning the Strap: The end of Corporal Punishments in Canadian Schools." <<https://www.edcan.ca/articles/banning-the-strap-the-end-of-corporal-punishment-in-canadian-schools/>> (accessed October 12, 2020)
- ¹³K12.03.17