

Nellie Irene Beaumont, daughter of Joseph (1842 England - 1929) and Mary (Robinson) (1849 England - 1919) Beaumont, was born 13 March

**Joseph Beaumont**  
Joseph Beaumont, 86, pioneer resident of Ingham county and Civil war veteran, died at the home, 430 M. A. C. avenue, East Lansing, Sunday afternoon following a brief illness. Mr. Beaumont was born in Netherton, Yorkshire, England, Dec. 6, 1842, and was the oldest of a family of eight children. In the spring of 1861 he came to America with a sister and his uncle and settled on a farm north of Mason. He enlisted in Company F, 28th Michigan Infantry, Sept. 3, 1864, and was mustered out of service following the Civil war at Raleigh, N. C., June 5, 1866. Following his discharge he returned to Mason and Oct. 15, 1868, was married to Mary Robinson who died nine years ago. To this union were born five children, four of whom survive, Richard A., of Lansing, Charles W., of Daytona Beach, Fla., Margaret A., and Nellie I., of East Lansing. Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church at Mason Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Maple Grove cemetery.

1886, Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

**Joseph Beaumont was a Civil War Union veteran** who married after the war and farmed in Alaiedon Township, Ingham County. Irene grew up with 4 siblings and graduated in 1914 from Mason High School. Nellie Irene was called by both her given name, "Nellie," and her middle name, "Irene." By the 1930's she was almost exclusively identified as "Irene."

After high school Irene immediately began teaching. She also began attending County Normal School, graduating from there in 1916.

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## MASON

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## INGHAM NORMAL WILL HAVE LARGEST CLASS

Mason, Aug. 13 - The normal class next year will be the largest in the history of the institution. It will comprise 26 members. Mason has the

most members, nine being from here; Lansing is second with four, Williamston has three and Dansville Holt and Webberville each has two. One student comes from Hope, Midland County. The members of the class are.....**Irene Beaumont**...

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 21 June 1916*

All the graduates of the County Normal have been engaged to teach in the county, except one. Miss Helen McCreary is under age, her eighteenth birthday not occurring until November, she will not be given a school until after that date. Other graduates will teach in the various schools and townships throughout the county as follows: ....**Irene Beaumont, Westgate**...

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 6 September 1917*

## **INGHAM SCHOOLS OPEN THIS WEEK**

### **CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, FULL TEACHING STAFF IS ENGAGED IN RURAL SCHOOLS.**

Mason, Sept. 6 - Practically all the rural schools of the county opened this week. For a time this summer it looked as though there might be a shortage of teachers but School Commissioner Searl stated today that all schools have been supplied with teachers. In some cases it was necessary to hire teachers from other counties.

In a large per cent of the schools teachers have been hired for the second or third successive year. This is due undoubtedly largely to the training of the county normal, according to Commissioner Searl, who said: "Rural districts have come to demand and to appreciate the normal trained teacher. Right in line with the better qualifications of the rural teachers is the advance in wages, which have increased this year on an average of \$10 per month throughout the county."

Schools in the central part of the county are supplied as follows:

....**Westgate, Irene Beaumont**;

Between 1917 and 1925 Irene attended and graduated from Albion College, Calhoun County, Michigan. She then became a "Teacher Critic" at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

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During the 1926-1928 school years Irene taught music at Okemos High School. She was then, in May 1928, hired by East Lansing High School, where she remained employed for the next 27 years.

*LSJ May 19, 1927*

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 19 May 1927*

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*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 19 May 1928*

## EAST LANSING SCHOOLS

Superintendent of schools, Raymond E. Lane, has announced the list of teachers who will continue their duties in the East Lansing schools next fall. The high schools instructors who will remain are: ....**Nellie Beaumont**.

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Special to The State Journal  
OKEMOS, May 19—The Okemos consolidated school will have three new teachers next year. William E. Taylor, Michigan State college graduate, who will get an advanced degree at Harvard university this summer, will be superintendent and teach agriculture. Miss Eleanor Bond, of Ypsilanti, will teach english and history in the high school and coach girls' basketball. Miss Bond received a life certificate from Ypsilanti in 1925 and expects to get an A. B. degree from the University of Michigan this June. Miss Ida Niegarth, of Alpena, will receive her life certificate from Ypsilanti next month and has been engaged to teach the second and third grades.

The old teachers who will remain with the school are as follows: J. C. Allen, principal, science, mathematics and manual art; Miss Helen Denning, part of the seventh and eighth grade work and probably latin; Miss Martha Pratt, domestic science and art, part of the seventh and eighth grade work; Miss Irene Beaumont, music, sixth grade; Miss Emma Niebling, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Muriel Barr, primary and first grade.

The three teachers who are leaving have accepted better positions.

G. C. White, who has been superintendent since the beginning of the consolidated school, five years ago, will go to Reading, where he will hold the same position in the public schools, with a staff of twelve teachers. A new \$150,000 school building is being built there to replace the one burned this spring.

Miss Goldia Morford will become principal of the Covert high school and Miss Beulah Hager has accepted a teaching position in Eaton county at a substantial increase in salary.

FACULTY



**Wm. Paul Fuller.** Michigan State College. Physics, Mathematics. **Onilee MacDonald.** Alma College, Wayne University. History, Government, Economics. **Mrs. Robert Bruegel.** Albion College. English, Speech. **Nellie Irene Beaumont.** Michigan State College of Education, Albion College. English. **Mrs. Mil** Western Reserve University. Librarian. **Hugh S. Myers.** Western Michigan University. Science, Geometry, Occupational. **May Findley.** Monmouth College, University of Oshkosh State Teachers College, University of Chicago. Latin. **Helen Wulkow.** Northwestern University. Science. **Consuelo Rodriquez.** University of Michigan. Spanish, French. **Art. E. W. Kiebler.** University of Michigan.



## East Lansing Ceniad Staff at Work



Work on East Lansing high school's year book is entering final phases. Pictures have been taken and much of the copy has been written. The picture above shows the business and editorial staffs at work with Miss Nellie Beaumont, faculty member, supervising their work. Standing, left to right: Richard Wheeler, George Lott, Jayne Van Alstyne, Barbara Dennison, Bob Miller, Dolores Quick, Ted Brudidge, and Neva Longnecker. Seated, left to right: George Sangster, Miss Beaumont, Dorothy Jean Brown, editor; Kitty Mitchell and Ann Fagan.

Irene, who never married, retired in 1951. She died 8 September 1961, East Lansing and was interred Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason.

*Note: There are errors in the biography.*

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 9 September 1961

## **MISS BEAUMONT SUCCUMBS AT 75**

Miss Nellie Irene Beaumont, 75, former English teacher and supervisor at East Lansing high school until her retirement in 1951, died Friday at her home at 430 M. A. C. ave., East Lansing.

Miss Beaumont had taught in rural Mason, Owosso, Cedar Springs and Ionia before joining the East Lansing staff in 1925.

She was a graduate of Mason high school, Michigan State Normal college and Albion college. She was a member of the Evening Service guild, Delta Kappa Gamma, Daughters of Union Veterans, Retired Teachers' association and the Peoples church.

Surviving are a sister, Miss Margaret Beaumont of East Lansing; a brother, Charles, Daytona Beach, Fla., and six nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Grove cemetery.