

Golda Cleone "Goldie" Morford, daughter of Cyrus Templeton (1844-1915)



and Esther (Cumings or Cummings) (1869-1937) Morford, was born 12 April 1902, Michigan. She completed a bachelor's degree at Michigan State College and a master's at Wayne State University. Goldie taught at OHS from 1925-1927 before moving on to become Principal of Covert High School, Covert, Van Buren County, Michigan.

*The News-Palladium (Benton Harbor, Michigan) Wednesday 27 August 1930*

## **COVET'S FALL SCHOOL TERM OPENS SEPT. 2**

Fine Athletic Field, Tennis Court and Playground Features of Equipment

Covert, Aug. 27 - Covert Consolidates school opens Tuesday September 2, with its teaching force unchanged from the last year, except in the agriculture department

The faculty includes L. J. McCarty, superintendant and teacher of history and higher English; **Golda Morford**, high school principal and teacher of Latin and English;....

Goldie interrupted her teaching career to marry Walter R. Lutz on 28 June 1933, Michigan.

*The News-Palladium (Benton Harbor, Michigan) Wednesday 13 January 1932*

Miss **Golda Morford** former principal of Covert high school, now of Saline, Mich., spent the week-end with the Robert Burton family here.

*The News-Palladium (Benton Harbor, Michigan) Thursday 2 March 1933*

Twelve guests enjoyed a three course announcement luncheon held at the Robert Burton home Saturday in honor of **Miss Golda Morford**. Miss Morford's engagement to Walter Lutz of Saline, Mich. was announced, the marriage to take place early in the summer. The luncheon tables were lovely in green and gold with bouquets of calendula as center pieces. The guests were, Mrs. Esther Morford, mother of the bride to be; Cayrettas (*Cyretta misspelled*) Morford, sister of the bride-elect, both of Detroit; Mrs. T. C. Tiedebohl, of Coloma; Mrs. Nettie Castor, of Kalamazoo; Mrs. E. Bostwick, Mrs. Lawrence Kenney, Mrs. O. M. Vaughan, Mrs. Earl Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Mrs. G. D. Andres, all of Covert, and of course, the guest of honor, Miss Golda Morford and the hostess, Mrs. Robert Burton. After her marriage, Miss Morford expects to live on a farm near Toledo, O.

*The News-Palladium (Benton Harbor, Michigan) Friday 7 July 1933*

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Lutz spent the Fourth of July holiday visiting friends here. Mrs. Lutz was formerly **Miss Golda Morford**, teacher and principal of the Consolidated high school here, for a number of years. She had been in Saline, Mich., the past two winters. The recent marriage took place at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Roth in Charlotte, Mich. Only the immediate families were guests. Rev. Roth was a former Covert pastor.

Unfortunately, Goldie and Walter divorced 1 August 1934, Lenawee County, Michigan. The divorce was granted to Walter who charged "extreme cruelty." Walter, born 3 April 1905, was a farmer. He never remarried. Walter died 23 July 1967 and was interred Oakwood Cemetery, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Goldie who moved into the Detroit area, returned to teaching after the divorce. She too never remarried. Her sister Cyretta and mother lived in the Detroit area and Cyretta was also a career school teacher.

# Car Cuts Cost of Teachers' Tour



Current European news has a special interest for the Misses Cyretta and Golda Morford, teachers in the Detroit public schools, for they toured the Continent on the very eve of the war, using their own car to penetrate to out-of-the-way places which ordinary tourists miss. A second advantage in their "drive-yourself" tour was its much lower cost—\$555 a person from Detroit to Detroit. They were away 10 weeks and drove 5,000 miles abroad.

Several of the spots shown here echoed to the sound of bombing within a few weeks after the pictures were taken. And the atmosphere in all of them has undergone a change as war's imminence became war's actuality.

In (1) is Blarney Castle, its famous stone discernible

above the upper window. No. 2 was taken within the fortifications at Edinburgh Castle, which has seen plenty of hostile bombers since then. The Morford party had front seats for the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace (3). No. 4 is a little old French seacoast town between St. Malo and Mt. St. Michael, and No. 5 was taken in Bonn. The German schoolboys, the visitors reported, were especially interested in the steering column vacuum gearshift of the Detroiters' Chevrolet. No. 6 was taken to show the contrast between the American car and the tiny French car parked beside it near the Palace of Versailles. No. 7 is the Ann Hathaway cottage on the outskirts of Stratford.

*Detroit Free Press (Detroit, Michigan) Saturday 1 June 1957*

Miss **Golda Morford**, 239 Eason, has been elected vice president of Business and Professional Women of the National Council of American Baptist women at its Philadelphia convention. Miss Morford, a member of Woodward Baptist Church is active in congregational projects. She is a past president of the Detroit business and Professional Women and has degrees from Michigan State Teacher's College and Michigan and Wayne State Universities.



Goldie died 28 November 1984, Pinellas County, Florida. She and her unmarried older sister, Ruth Cyretta "Cyretta" Morford, lived together during their retirement years first in Michigan, then California and finally in Florida. Cyretta, born 11 October 1895, out lived her sister by nearly 4 years. She died Pinellas County, Florida 29 October 1988.

*Tampa Bay Times (St. Petersburg, Florida) Friday 30 November 1964*

**Morford, Golda**, 82, of 420 Bay Ave., Clearwater, died Wednesday (Nov. 28, 1984). Born in Caro, Mich., she came here in 1978 from Berkeley, Calif. and was a high school teacher. She was a member of Suncoast American Baptist Church, Clearwater. She also was a member of the College Women's Club and a past president of the Arlington Women's Club, both of Berkeley; vice president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, and a member of the National Teachers Association. She is survived by a sister R. Cyretta Morford, Clearwater. Moss Fort Harrison Chapel.

*The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida) Friday 21 October 1988*

Ruth Cyretta Morford, 93, of Clearwater died Thursday. She was born in Michigan and moved to this area in 1978 from Berkeley, Calif. She was a retired teacher at Redford High School in Detroit and a member of St. Cecelia's Catholic church in Clearwater, the National retired Teachers Association, the College Women's club and Arlington Women's Club.

She is survived by two nephews.

Moss-Feaster Guardian Funeral Home, Fort Harrison Chapel.