



Helen (nee Gehl) Rattray

Personal Information

Born: October 16, 1907, Algonquin, IL

Died: April 28, 1995

High School: Dundee Community High School, 1922

Home: Algonquin, Illinois

Married: November 2, 1929 at Gehl Family Home

Spouse: Delwin "Dutch" Rattray

Spouse Occupation: Local Businessman

Children: Robert and Lee

Occupation: Local Historian

Hobby: Recording Algonquin History, Painting

Accomplishments:

- 1921 Board member for the Library and served a continuous **22 years**.
- 1923 Treasurer of the **Women's Club**
- **1923** Elected as Secretary of the Congregational Missionary Society
- 1925 President Miss Helen Rattray of the Algonquin Womans Club
- 1925 First Board of Directos for Library, Miss Helen Rattray elected to served a three year term.
- 1932 Second vice-president of **Algonquin Mothers Club**
- 1932 Charter member of the **Algonquin Mothers Club**,
- 1933 Joined the **Algonquin Garden Club**
- 1941 Served as trustee under Carl Kublank village board.
- 1943 served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Library Board in her 22nd year on the board.
- 1943 Was chairman of the 15th Annual Flower Show held at Algonquin Public School
- 1949 The 20th Anniveersary Flower Show's chairman was Helen Rattray
- Charter member of the PTA organized at Algonquin Grade School (Washington School)
- Served ten years as an Illinois certified Flower Show Judge for Chicago Flower and Garden Show
- Served as an Illinois certified Flower Show Judge for many nearby towns' garden club events
- At age 45 took art classes and began a painting career.
- Held one-woman show of her art work.
- Recorded Algonquin History for many years. Photographs, slides, paintings and scrapbooks.
- Art "1776 to 1976 Patch Work America" hangs in Algonquin Public Library