

MAGGARD, MILDRED EDITH Mildred Edith Maggard was born Sept. 17, 1917 at Garrard in Clay Co., KY. Her parents were James Roach Monroe Maggard and Sarah Elizabeth Smith Maggard.

They met while Sarah was going to school in Hazard, KY. Sarah lived with a cousin then who ran a hotel. Sarah Smith was born Nov. 23, 1889; and Roach Maggard, who was named after Dr. Roach of Knott Co., was born Feb. 12, 1885. They married in 1910.



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To this union three children were born, Mary Gwendolyn, Aug. 1911; Neil Donald, Oct. 1914; and Mildred, Sept. 17, 1917. When Mary was a baby, Roach and Sarah moved from Knott Co. to Clay Co. Sarah's father had bought the farm of Tole Garrett. They traveled from Knott Co. in two covered wagons; one was driven by Jim Smith, a brother of Sarah.

Mary married Morris McKeehan. They had no children. Neil married Merle Mauney and they had one child, Neila Joyce Soper. Neila has one child, Neil Richard Soper. Mildred was never married.

Roach and Sarah Maggard moved to Barbourville when Mildred was two years old. Their primary concern in buying a home in Barbourville was to get one that would be close to a school. They found one on School St. It is still standing and is presently occupied by the Blaine Fords.

The Maggard family was a close-knit and loving family. The children were brought up in the Methodist faith.

Many days when Roach came in from a hard days work, he would be greeted by a porch full of neighborhood children and his own, waiting to go swimming or fishing in the Cumberland River. In the fall of the year he would take the children to gather chestnuts and hickory nuts. All the neighbors trusted him with their children.

Mildred attended Barbourville City School, which was across the street, from kindergarten to high school graduation in 1936. After graduation she worked at a dime store, then at the A & P.

From there she worked at Union National Bank for nine years, and at Union College two years