

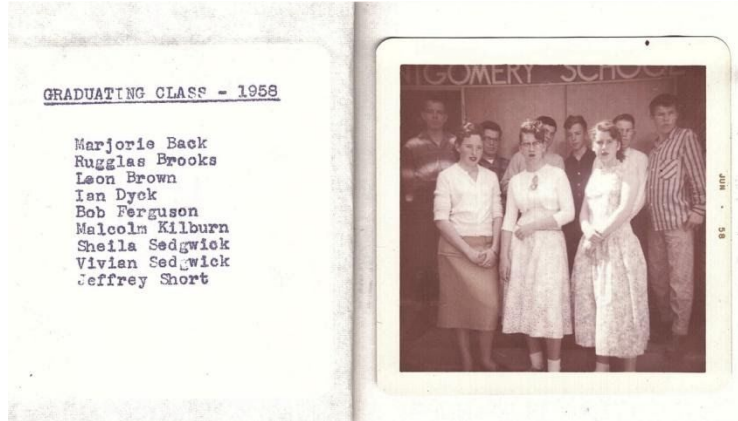
## Montgomery Place Memories

People have long memories. This seems to be particularly true for people who grew up in Montgomery Place in the community's early years. The Montgomery Place Community Association recently heard from Gary Fulcher, a young boy when his parents Royce and Audrey settled at 3133 Caen Street – one of our community's founding families in 1946.

Gary wrote "... our original neighbours (as I recall) included the Matchams (right next door), the Irwins, Eamers, and Tregaskis (across the street), then Carters, Sedgwicks, Mainlands, Fergusons, Mooneys, and Gents also fairly nearby. Some of my classmates in 1956 included these names, as well as Brookes and Smiths. When we started to go to school in about 1950 or so (to King George) for kindergarten through grade 6 for me, there were not enough kids in the beginning to warrant a school bus, so we went by taxi.....about five or six of us to begin with. Our driver most of the time was a chatty older fellow who stopped on occasion and bought us popsicles or other treats."

"... The mention of the Tregaskis name reminded me that ... I was reading some of the Montgomery Place history documents [*at montgomeryplace.ca*] and noted ...that MP was without sewer and water service for some time in the early going. I certainly recall getting water from the livestock troughs that Mendel's employees [*at Intercontinental Pork Packers*] delivered to the community. ... On one occasion, Trig Tregaskis had a "run-in" with one of the sewer pits, and while I don't remember any details about how that happened, I vividly recall my mother telling me about answering a knock on our back door and finding Trig standing there, covered in "stuff" and singing what was then a well-known song "Covered all over, from head to toe... in sweet violets." As the story goes, they were both laughing about it long afterwards. ... We had a partially covered "pit" in the backyard, so who knows..."

When Montgomery School opened in 1956, Gary and other Montgomery Place classmates left King George School. Gary Fulcher sent a memento of the 1958 Grade 8 Graduation from Montgomery School. Because the Fulcher family had moved to Whitehorse, Yukon before graduation, Mr. J.B. Tansley sent a copy of the grad booklet to Gary in Whitehorse. Sincere thanks to Gary, who kept the handmade booklet in the original envelope and donated both to the MPCA Archives.



*A photo of the graduates was glued inside the booklet.*



*Royce Fulcher, c. 1942.*