

NecrologyName. Eleanor Sampson KennyBorn. July 20, 1887Nationality : AmericanParents : Cornelius David ; Clara Semmes DoyleBaptism: ?Confirmation ?Education

Primary & Secondary in Baltimore with the Visitandines

B.A. Degree - Manhattanville 1922 - M.A. Fordham 1926 Ph.D. Fordham 1928

Studied at the Sorbonne in France

Entered: March 1911Received by: Reverend Mother Mary MoranClothing: June 29, 1911Mistress of Novices : Mother Gertrude BodkinFirst Vows: July 2, 1913Superior : Reverend Mother MoranProfession: February 11, 1919 at KenwoodMistress of Probation : Mother Gertrude BodkinChanges of Residence and Employments

<u>House and Year</u>	<u>Superior</u>	<u>Employment</u>
1913-1918	-Manhattanville	Reverend Mother Mary Moran Middle & Sec. Classes
	Maplehurst	Reverend Mother Molloy Higher Classes
	Kenwood	Reverend Mother Dikovich " "
	Eden Hall	Reverend Mother Ruth Burnett " "
11919	Kenwood	Reverend Mother Mary Moran -Probation
1919-1922	Manhattanville	Reverend Mother R. Burnett 4th Acad. & Pre.Exam.
1922-1928	Maplehurst	Reverend Mother Rosalie Hill Mistress of Studies
		Reverend Mother Grace Dammam " "
1928-1929	Manhattanville	Reverend Mother Charlotte Lewis Class in College
1929-1930	Madison Ave.	Mistress of Studies -4th Acad.
1930-1932	Noroton	Reverend Mother Charlotte Lewis " " " " "
1932-1934	Eden Hall	Reverend Mother Neulty " " " " "
1934-1939	Maplehurst	Reverend Mother Teresa Hill " " " Mistress Gen.
		Reverend Mother Agnes Barry " " " " "
		Reverend Mother Ursula Benziger " " " " "
1939-1940	Washington	Reverend Mother R. Burnett Mistress General
1941	Washington	Superior
1942-1946	Boston	"
1946-1952	Newton	Superior & Pres. Newton College of the Sacred Heart
1952-1956	"	" " " " " " " "
1957-1969	"	Trustee of College & Consultant of Academy
1969-1970	Kenwood	

Eleanor Sampson Kenny was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 20, 1887, the fourth daughter in the family. We have no dates for her Baptism or Confirmation. Her early education, both primary and secondary was made in Baltimore with the Visitandines. She travelled extensively as a young woman and at one time studied at the Sorbonne in France. She entered the Society in March 1911. Her prise d'habit took place June 29, 1911, followed by her First Vows July 2, 1913. At Manhattanville, Maplehurst, Kenwood and Eden Hall she passed the years of her Aspirantship teaching in the Middle and Upper School classes. Because of the World War her Brabantion was made at Kenwood and on February 11, 1919 she made there her Profession. The young Professed was sent to teach the 4th Academic Class at Manhattanville while at the same time she prepared for her degree. The B.A. was received there in 1922, Fordham conferred the M.A. in 1926 and the Ph.D. in 1928. During and after these years Sister Kenny held the position of Mistress of Studies. As Mistress General in Maplehurst and Washington she influenced the children greatly. 1942 found her named Superior at Boston -the Country Day School in Newton. There she provided the spark which prompted Cardinal Cushing, then Archbishop, to make possible the beginning of Newton College. In 1947 she became its first President and with the inestimable help of Mother Louise Keyes moved firmly to insure the establishment of a quality education. At the peak of the Liturgical Movement in the Pius X School she and Cardinal Cushing invited Mother G. Stevens and five of her teachers to conduct a Summer School. For ten summers the work continued in the Boston Archdiocese. Sisters, priests and seminarians flocked to the College daily for their courses. Cardinal Cushing paid all expenses and made it possible for the work to continue successfully. Many priests and nuns who are prominent in Liturgical and school music owe their training to Sister Kenny and her continued support. The present President of the College, Dr. James Whalen writes of her: "Mother Kenny was preeminently a Religious of the Sacred Heart. She wore the traditions of the Order with that combination of grace and vitality which the world enjoys so rarely, and she used this gift to energize the people and institutions with which she came in contact. Certainly her contribution to Newton College of the Sacred Heart could have been made by no other." One of the Religious who worked closely with her during these years says in part: "Just as Keyes House now locks up the slope to the Kenny-Cottle Library, these two religious worked close together and what they left with the College finds its best symbol in St. Thomas' Summa. It was the foundation for all study of philosophy and theology; of philosophy as a tool for theology and as closely linked with it. Theologically oriented as her mind was, Sister Kenny had nothing arid about her devotion. She carried her sense of tradition with her into all her work in the College. When she left the College in 1952 for the Academy she did so quite impersonally and liturgically. Her move to the Academy where she was to be portressed was made (of course) in a straggling procession in which the nuns at the College accompanied her down the hill to the Academy gate singing, very badly, the Gradual Psalms. Sister Kenny found this far from embarrassing. Everything she did was for God and she found it quite natural to express this openly, and with a certain solemnity." The opening of the beautiful new Chapel in the College in 1963 was a tremendous joy to her. It was at that time that the College conferred on her an Honorary Degree L.L.D. In 1969 the Golden Jubilee of her Profession was celebrated with joy in both the Academy and College. During the ensuing years until 1969 when she went to Kenwood there was hardly a college occasion which she missed. She continued faithfully and actively as a Trustee coming to each of the ceremonies. In spite of the climb up the hill she attempted to follow as many classes as she could, often turning a limp group into a lively one by her unexpected laughter and her always keen instinct for the kernel of an issue. Hers was a delightful sense of humor- a function of her sharp intelligence and her perspicacity about human foibles. She never lost her interest in everything nor her love for people. Those who cared for her were struck by her deep gratitude and the marvelous peace and patience with which she suffered. At four o'clock in the morning of February 26, 1970 she had a bad turn. She was anointed but was conscious and responded to all the beautiful prayers for the dying. About 10 A.M. she peacefully entered into the joy of the Risen Lord.