

7. ALICE BARBARA MOWAT [1888-1957]

Picture on the right was when Alice was probably 12 or 13 years old. The picture on the left is of a young Alice with her Mother



Alice married **George Leslie McCrae** on November 5, 1913. George was born in Cobourg, Ontario, in 1884, the son of Rev. D.L. McCrae and Mary Little. They lived in Westmount, a fashionable district in Montreal and they summered at their cottage beside ours at Oak Bay, PQ. They had four daughters: Mary, Barbara, Madeleine and Judith.

1. Mary married **William Hyndman** and they lived out west. They had four children: **Jenet, Alexander, Richard** and **Douglas**.

2. Barbara married **Peter Kertland** and they lived in Montreal. They had three daughters: **Lesley**, married a general in the army - Gordon Reay, **Holly**, and **Julia**

3. Madeleine married **Bert McKenzie Davey** and lived in Montreal. They had four girls: **Dinah, Catherine, Christine** and **Roberta**.

4. Judith married **John P. Dougherty** and lived in Montreal. They had two children: **John** and **Alison**.



Mary&Barbara

For years, every summer Aunt Alice and her girls came down from Montreal by train with trunks loaded with things to last for the whole summer at the cottage. Such treasures they brought – things from the big city like fashion and movie magazines. Their cottage was just a two-minute run from our cottage – down the gully and up the other side.

I have very fond memories of those summers: Bar was 3 or 4 years older than Joan, Maddy a year older than I, and Judy a year or so younger than I. We were a gang and made our own fun, taffy pulls, berry picking, knitting, clam bakes, swimming, boating, making home made ice cream, and we put on plays. We would sometimes go for hikes up the beach towards Point à la Guard, start little fires and heat up our cans of beans and spaghetti for lunch. In the evenings often we would all troop through the long path in the woods over to Aunt Muriel and Uncle Hugh's cottage and play tennis on the red cinder court, which was always well kept up.

Aunt Alice was my favourite Mowat aunt. She loved children and played with us and treated us almost as friends. I have never seen her upset like my mother used to get when we got rowdy – she was laid back and everything was fun. She would treat bats getting into the screened in sleeping quarters as an adventure as we all, shrieking, tried to catch them with nets. She had tin boxes of crayons and papers and cut out books for making paper dolls and clothes. Uncle Leslie used to arrive with wonderful fruit baskets they shared. Alice died suddenly of a heart attack on August 5, in 1958 at the age of 68.



Lto R: Joan 7, Maddy 6, Marie 5, Judy 4 and Bar 12



Left: Veranda of McCrae cottage in 1952 – Alice [at far end]with grandchildren



Right: In Back: John, Judy, Hazel & Alice In front: Holly and Doris



Left: Alice and her girls: L to R: Barbara, Madeleine, Mary with Judy in front of her and Alice

Right – Mary and Bill Hyndman’s wedding. In the back, Mary’s sister Barbara with Charles Hyndman, brother of the groom. The McCrae girls were all very good looking.



Flying Officer and His Bride



Flying-Officer Peter Kerland, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Kerland, photographed cutting their wedding cake at the reception after their wedding, which took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie McCrae. The bride was formerly Miss Barbara Leslie McCrae. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Kerland of Westmount.

Left: Clipping that appeared in the Montreal Newspapers of the marriage of Barbara to Flying Officer Peter Kerland on March 13, 1943.

Right – Clipping that appeared in the Montreal Newspapers of the marriage of Madeleine and Bert Davey on Nov. 15, 1947

Among Saturday Weddings



MR. and MRS. BERT MCKENZIE DAVEY, their wedding having taken place in St. Andrew's United Church, Westmount. The bride, who, prior to her marriage, was MISS MADELEINE MOWAT McCRAE, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie McCrae, of Westmount. Mr. Davey is the son of Mrs. M. Davey and of the late Capt. William R. E. Davey, of Montreal.