

Mrs. Mildred Bynum Montgomery



Mildred Bynum Montgomery was born and raised in Perry. She received her bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State University in 1943. Upon graduating, she began teaching in a rural elementary school. In 1954 she began teaching business courses at Perry (Houston County) Training School.

Her former students remember that her mantra was, "All skills, once mastered, have broad application." She also volunteered her time as the senior class advisor, coordinated proms, and helped students develop character as they prepared for their futures.

In 1967, Mrs. Montgomery obtained her master's degree from Atlanta University's School of Library Science. She then moved to Kings Chapel Elementary as the librarian until her retirement on June 4, 1980. She served for 30 years in the Houston County School System.

Many of her former students have gone on to successful careers and give her much credit for developing their self-confidence. Mrs. Montgomery passed away in October of 2001.

"Mrs. Montgomery, through devotion to education, was a pioneer for African-American students fortunate enough to receive their education through the Houston County School System."

~ Melonese Hughes, retired teacher