

CONCORD COLLEGE
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CITATION

ERNEST ELLIOTT CHURCH
Doctor of Pedagogy

ERNEST ELLIOTT CHURCH, born almost seventy years ago, you grew up as the youngest of six brothers on a hillside farm in Pennsylvania. Life was not easy for you, and one cold New Year's night, before you had reached the age of three, your modest home burned forcing your family to escape into the howling winter wind. Working hard to make your way in the world, you first attended a one-room country school, later graduated from Waynesburg College, and did your graduate work at West Virginia University. For almost half a century you have served West Virginia education, first as a teacher and high-school principal, followed by twenty-eight years as President of Potomac State College, and since 1964 as Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Commission on Higher Education. You, Sir, have few peers in our profession, and truly can be called "teacher and friend" by the countless students and colleagues you have served over the years. On the eve of your retirement, you know the satisfaction that comes with accomplishment. Today, Concord College is pleased to give you an honor long overdue, and formally claims you as one of her own by conferring upon you her degree of Doctor of Pedagogy.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the College the ninety-sixth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President