



Frank C. Berry
Coach / Administrator
1915 - 1946

Frank C. Berry filled many roles during his illustrious career with the Milford Public Schools- high school teacher, coach, Faculty Manager of Students, Athletics Director, Principal of Milford High School, and Superintendent of Schools. Throughout his tenure, he was considered a strong advocate and benefactor for the welfare of his students, not only intellectually, but also physically and socially.

Mr. Berry strongly believed that athletics played an important part in the overall development of young men. (Athletics for young women was unheard of at the time.) He assumed the position of Athletics Director and Baseball Coach in the Spring of 1915, and promptly led the team to the Midland League pennant with an overall record of 16-5. In the Fall of 1916, he established the first Cross Country program.

With the reinstatement of basketball as a competitive sport at MHS in December 1916, Mr. Berry added that sport to his coaching portfolio, which now also included football. He continued to coach all three sports through 1924, although his service was briefly interrupted by a stint in the US Navy in 1918. It has been said that the foundations for all three sports at the interscholastic level at MHS were set by Coach Berry.

Mr. Berry's duties as an administrator may have shortened his high school coaching career, but baseball remained in his blood. He coached Milford in the Blackstone Valley League during the summer in the late 1920's. The true "Father of Milford Legion Baseball", he established the first Sgt. John W. Powers Post team in 1929, finishing as runner-up in the State Championship that season. He followed that up with back-to-back State Championships in 1930 and 1931 before relinquishing his coaching duties in 1935.

Mr. Berry served as Principal at Milford High from 1932-1941. During that time, he initiated a full program of Senior Week activities and, in 1935, the MHS Students' Association (today's Student Council), both of which are still important parts of student life at Milford High. In 1941, he was appointed Superintendent of Schools, a post he held until his untimely death in 1946.



Jeffrey D. Cherrington
Class of 1976

Jeffrey D. Cherrington arrived at Milford High School as a junior in the Fall of 1974 after attending Platteville High School in Wisconsin. He immediately immersed himself in the athletic program at MHS by joining the Cross Country team, on which he competed during both his junior and senior years.

The "new" Milford High School, complete with a spectacular aquatics facility, had opened in the Fall of 1973, and swimming was offered as a varsity sport for the first time in 1974. Jeff and his brothers Brett and Kent, who had swum competitively for numerous years at both the club and high school level in their previous home town, quickly became mainstays on the team.

Jeff could be counted on to score points in just about any event, but he excelled in both the Butterfly and Breaststroke. He set school records in the 100 yd. Butterfly, 500 Freestyle, 400 Freestyle Relay, and the 200 Individual Medley, a record he held for over 20 years. During his senior year, he was a finalist at both the MIAA State Championships and the New England Regional Championships.

Jeff went on to compete in swimming for four years at the University of New Hampshire, captaining the team in his junior and senior years. He qualified and swam in the New England Intercollegiate Swimming Championships each year, finishing his senior year as a finalist in the 200 and 400 Individual Medley and the 800 Freestyle Relay, while setting school records in each event.

In 2002, Jeff competed in the World Corporate Games in Lille, France, and came away with three medals- a gold in the 200 Individual Medley, and silver in both the 50 and 100 Butterfly, one of only two Americans to take home medals. Jeff passed away in 2007 at the age of 49.