Who was Rose Kennedy?

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A1 Journal entry about meeting President McKinley in 1896 (recorded in 1972)
A2 Photograph of Rose, Agnes and Thomas Fitzgerald: c.1898
A3 Dorchester High School commencement program: June 23, 1906
A4 Photograph, Old Orchard Beach, Maine: 1907
A5 Photograph, Fitzgerald family portrait: 1907

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One of my earliest memories has politics for a background. When I was five, my father took my younger sister, Agnes, and me to Washington. He introduced us to President McKinley, who gave us both carnations and said that Agnes was the prettiest girl he had ever seen in the White House. Jack said, "Why didn't he say it to you, Mother?" I had to admit to him that my sister, Agnes, was the beauty of the family.
Dorchester High School

Order of Exercises

at the

Fifty-fourth Annual Exhibition

Saturday, June 23, 1906

At 7.30 o'clock P.M.