

The WOMEN of Trentham in 1918



Margaret Forse née Burton was born on 6th October 1881 at Henley on Thames where her father was a shopkeeper.

She married Claude Ramon Forse on 27th May 1905 in Henley and they moved to Trentham where he took up his post as headmaster of the school and lived in the School House on Stone Road near the mausoleum.

Margaret did some teaching in the early years of her marriage but was hampered by being deaf from an early age, possibly as a result of an illness. She communicated using sign language and by lip reading.

They had three sons.

After Claude's death in the war in 1918, she continued his work caring for the bees at school and produced both honey and vegetables to sell locally.

A keen player of whist, she lived on in Trentham until her death in 1973 and both her grandson and great grandson still live here.

Margaret Forse was on the 1918 Register of Electors.

