

The WOMEN of Trentham in 1918



Mary Ellen Bassett née Hall was born in 1854 in a small village called Waterfall near the border of Staffordshire and Derbyshire. Her father was a farmer and she grew up in a farming community.

In 1877 she married Joseph Bassett who had grown up in the farming community near Longnor.

The couple went on to have nine children, of which seven survived to adulthood. They lost one son, Joseph, of war wounds in 1917.

By the 1881 census Joseph and Mary Ellen are living at Strongford Farm between Trentham and Tittensor.

By 1901 Joseph (Snr) is a road contractor as well as a farmer.

His son, Leonard, followed him into the haulage business, which still exists today, over one hundred years later.

Mary Ellen Bassett was on the 1918 Register of Electors.

