



Martha Anne Cattle nee Brentnall 1865-1947

Social worker/Activist, Conservative city councillor

Martha was born in Eastwood and came to Nottingham on her marriage in 1887. She was involved with the Nottm Social Guild serving the organisation for over 30 years being particularly involved in the rent collection scheme – similar to that of Octavia Hill and later becoming Honorary Secretary. She trained under the Ladies Sanitary Association and lectured girls and women on practical health and nursing. During WW1 she was on the war savings committee and was treasurer of Morley Lodge, a home for women war workers and of Newdigate House, a dining room for working women. She was on the Committee of Nottm Women's Citizens Assoc and on the exec of the Nottm. Branch of the National Union of Women Workers and of the Charity Organisation Society. She had a particular interest in the health of consumptives and in convalescent homes and the Women's home at Skegness. In 1931 she was elected to the City Councillor as a Conservative for Manvers Ward serving for 3 years. She was also an artist of some distinction and a needlewoman, a lover of books and of travel- particularly on her bicycle. She died aged 82 at 1 East Circus Street and is buried in the General Cemetery.