



Margery Amy Holman Nee Boot 1892-1987

Benefactor

Margery was the youngest daughter of Jesse and Florence Boot, she grew up in Nottingham.

During the First World War, Margery established a refreshment centre for sick and injured soldiers in northern France providing food drinks tobacco and cigarettes. She raised the money from donations including from residents at Dorothy Boot Homes in Wilford and from staff at Boots via articles in the Boots mag – Comrades in Khaki which reported in May and June 1915, that her canteen had helped 47,769 soldiers up to the middle of April. It refers to the necessity for the canteen to move locations and feeding 5,170 wounded soldiers within the first seven days. A fully trained nurse was also in attendance, always ready to change a dressing or bandage and a call was sent out requesting socks to clothe the feet of the endless stream of bare foot men who came through the doors.

Margery married in 1921 and had 3 children, and later opened Dedisham Convalescent Nursery School in 1929 serving as the Vice-President. The school was for under 7's with delicate health who would not have been able to stay in the countryside. She was fully involved with all aspects of the day to day running of the nursery.

Margery died at her home in Jersey