



Muriel Wallis 1882-1929

Suffragette

Muriel, shown here as a young girl, was the eldest daughter of George Henry Wallis FSA and Katherine 'Kate' Watson Carey – sister of Henrietta Carey- and lived at The Residence, Nottingham Castle, where her father was Director of the Art Gallery for 50 years. Her mother's family the Carey's - was very much involved in social issues in Nottingham, including women's suffrage appearing on the list of Patrons for the East Midland Federation of the NUWSS Fete in 1912 – along with her sister, Henrietta Carey.

Muriel was active in NUWSS and in WSPU from about 1907 and took part in several London processions 1909-1911. She was arrested for "wilfully obstructing Police whilst in the execution of their duty" on 'Black Friday', 18 Nov 1910 at the Deputation to Parliament; she was bailed for £2 and bound over to keep the peace but not imprisoned.

She was almost certainly an evader on 1911 Census and cannot be located anywhere that night and we know from her scrapbook that she went to a meeting at Morley's Cafe on 22 March 1911 at which the speaker, Mrs Simon Massey, said the census offered "an excellent and most logical method of protest." She was also a

member of the National Council of Women and a member of the General Council of the YWCA with whom she worked for over 25 years. She was also a member of the Guild of Helpers, closely associated with the work of the Nottingham and Notts Convalescent Homes, and the Social Guild.

In 1914 when girls employed in the lace trade were thrown out of work, she opened a shop on Derby Road for some of the girls who successfully found employment manufacturing unbreakable dolls, in a small factory run in the Park-passage [now eastern end of Lenton Rd. next to the Castle] until 1922.

Muriel died 21 January 1929 at 26 The Ropewalk. Her obituary in the NEP 23.01.29 said that "Miss Wallis was well known in the district and engaged herself in social and philanthropic work on an extensive scale". She is buried in the Carey plot at Church cemetery. (Rock)