



Margaret Stote Glen Bott OBE 1892-1969

Surgeon, Gynaecologist, Magistrate, City Councillor, Alderman

Margaret was born in Bolton, the youngest of six children – 2 sons and 4 daughters, her father Alexander was a clergyman and her mother was Mina Stote. Margaret went to St Elphin's school in Darley Dale, Derbyshire; a school for the daughters of clergy and there she did well being mentioned winning various awards in the report of the Annual Speech Day in 1907. Margaret always wanted to be a Doctor and trained at the London School of Medicine for Women, now the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, where she qualified with the conjoint diploma in 1915 and is on the medical register as a surgeon. Her address on the Medical register is the family home at St Thomas Vicarage, Halliwell, Bolton. After a house appointment in London, in 1916 she came to Nottingham General Hospital where they were nursing injured soldiers from WW1. She graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery MBBS in 1917. In 1919 she set up her own practice in Nottingham and became the **first** woman surgeon at the Women's Hospital 29-31 Castle Gate. From the electoral register in 1925 we know she was living at 15 Regent Street. In 1938 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRCOG). She was also an assistant surgeon at the Children's Hospital. The 1939 register shows her still living at 15 Regent Street and there is a reference to her still there in 1950 when as a JP she was a visitor to a home under the Mental Deficiency Act. She was a County badminton player, and also played golf, tennis and went fishing. She became a magistrate in 1937 and was particularly interested in juvenile court work. During WW2 she was called upon to serve the city in another capacity when she was co-opted onto the City Council, a choice that was later ratified by the citizens at the first post-war election. She served as a Conservative city councillor for Mapperley Ward 1939-1958 and was elected Alderman in 1956 and received an OBE in 1961 for her political service to the city. After her death this was given to Nottingham's Castle Museum for which she also did so much as a member of the Museum and Libraries Committee. She was particularly interested in all aspects of education, and the Margaret Glen Bott School – a secondary school in Wollaton Park was named after her. At the inception of the National Health Service in 1948 she was made a member of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board and served there for many

years, and later as chair of Nottingham No. 3 Hospital Management Committee. Margaret was also interested in the arts and theatre, and in sport and country life. She is seen as a real pioneer remembered as a tiny figure perched on a wooden stool, operating with great skill, she is remembered with great affection and admiration by those who worked with or were trained by her. She retired in 1968 and died the following year at 2 Newcastle Circus in The Park leaving £11,4507.



Miss Margaret Glen Bott, of Newcastle-circus, The Park, Nottingham, who received the O.B.E. yesterday, outside Buckingham Palace with her niece, Mrs. Angela Woods, and great-niece Christine Woods.

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