

Frances Bertha Prince MBE – 1886 – 1967 – Chief Pharmacist at Nottingham General Hospital



Frances was born in Alstonefield in Staffordshire to John and Eliza. By 1901 they are living at 6 Derwent Row in Derby where John is a dairyman – milk. She had 7 siblings. Frances was the first girl pupil of the Pharmacist at Nottingham General Hospital starting in 1902. The 1911 census shows her as a visitor at 6 St James Terrace in Nottingham so we are not sure where she lived when she first came to Nottingham. She became chief pharmacist at the General in 1912 and created one of the best Pharmacy Depts in the country. She remained as chief pharmacist for 40 years and was well known for keeping pace with modern developments in medicine and therapeutics. She was the **first** woman to be Chairman of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society – Nottingham branch in 1928 and was also chair of the East Midlands Guild of Public Pharmacists. She was a founder member and Chair of the Nottingham branch of the National Association of women pharmacists, hospital representative member of the Nottingham Pharmaceutical Committee and a member of the Pharmaceutical advisory committee of the University. In 1953 she was awarded an MBE for her services to Pharmacy.

She lived with her sisters Ada May, older and Katherine Margaret younger; at Mount Pleasant House in Carlton from about 1921 – 1939 but by 1952 she is living at 56 Musters Road in West Bridgford where she died aged 82 on 8th October 1967 and was buried on 11th October. She left £8642 to Katherine in her will.