

Women Foundation Members and Associates



women
at the heart of
general practice

The doctors who joined the new College in 1952 and 1953 were known as Foundation Members and Foundation Associates.

Foundation Members had to join before the College's first Annual General Meeting on 14 November 1953, and:

- be on the Medical Register
- have worked for twenty years in general practice or as a general medical officer; or five years in general practice and undertake to carry out postgraduate study each year; or five years in general practice and possess a higher postgraduate degree or diploma.

Foundation Associateship was intended to encourage younger doctors to devote their careers to general practice. By the College's first Annual General Meeting on 14 November 1953, 142 doctors who were ineligible to be full Foundation Members had joined as Associates. As well as general practitioners who wanted to progress to full membership, there were also a number who worked in other disciplines but wanted to support the new College.

Over 2000 doctors joined the College in its first year, but only around 140 seem to have been women. The earliest membership listings include many people identified only by initials and so some may yet lie hidden. If you believe someone is missing, we'd love to hear from you.

To compile this list, each woman has been cross-referenced with the census and medical directories to confirm her identity and any obvious links with other members including husbands. Again, this is not always straightforward as wives did not necessarily use their husband's surnames. Many women seem to have been single-handed GPs, and some women were in practice with other women.

The College would be interested to find out more about these women and welcomes any additional information. Contact: heritage@rcgp.org.uk

List of Names of Foundation Members (England)	Address
ABELSON, Moyra Isobel (née Macnaughton-Jones)	Chartway, Knole Paddock, Sevenoaks
ALLPORT, [Annie] Freda	109 Mayow Road, Sydenham
AMBACHE, Stella M[au]de E[llen] (née Cornes)	Clifton, Royal Parade, Chislehurst
ARTHUR, Katharine M[ary]* (née Girling)	Belle Vue House, Low Fell, Gateshead
ASHTON, Sylvia [Violet Freda]* (née Wolfe)	[4] The Drive, Snaresbrook
ATKINS, Evelyn Jeffery (née Forgan)	3 Holly Terrace, Highgate
BAILEY, Barbara (née Clark)	3 Ascott Avenue, Ealing
BAKER, Audrey S	4 Broomhill Crescent, Leeds
BAKER, Lucy T[easdale]* (née Winskill)	The Elms, Winterton, Scunthorpe
BARK, Gwendolen M[yfanwy] (née Hughes)	Forest House, Tarporley
BARNETT, Esther [Rochell 'Renee']* (née Shrage)	35 Warwick Road, Sparkhill
BARROW, [Charlotte] Mary [Helen Grace] (née Sparrow)	88 School Road, Birmingham
BATEMAN, Jean	Waterloo House, Saville Park, Halifax
BENNETT, Margaret	486 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton†
BILLIG, Hannah G M	198 Cable Street, London
BLAIR, Margaret	2 Forty Lane, Wembley
BRINCKMAN, Winifred Peris	2 Clifton Park, Bristol
BROWN, Mollie A	16 Wyvern Road, Sutton Coldfield
BROWN, Stella H[enderson]	Claremont, [Burnley Road] Todmorden
CAPPER-JOHNSON, Olive Mary	134 Highgate, Kendal
CARR, Frances [Noel]	50 Barrack Road, Christchurch
CARTER, Margaret	Hursley, 2 Poole Road, Bournemouth
CHAPMAN, Sylvia G	11 Asmunds Hill, London
CLARK, Annie S	486 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton†
CLARKE, Eileen [Maud]	10 Middleton Boulevard, Nottingham
CLIFTON, Margaret N[ellie]	Glenthorne, Tarporley, Cheshire
CLOW, Elizabeth [Crawford Montgomery]*	Tower House, Caistor
COLTMAN, Katharine [Margaret Dawson]*	Aysgarth, Leyburn
CORBETT, Mary	11 Greendale Gardens, Aspley Park Drive, Aspley
CULVER-EVANS, Celia M[ary] M[orelock] (née Culver)	398 Upper Richmond Road, Putney
DAVIDSON, Helen	The White House, Church Street, Amersham
DAVIDSON, Winifred M[ckenzie]	21 Haydon Road, Didcot
DOWELL, Elizabeth Burt†* (née Robson)	Bentham Lodge, Bentham

* A husband at the same address with the same surname

† More than one female founder at the same address

EALAND, Winifred	42 South Street, Greenwich, London
ELMER, Elsie E[lizabeth] (née McNiece)	West Lodge, Farsley, Leeds
EVERETT, Geraldine W[inn]	Schopwick, Elstree
FOCKE, Elsie C[harlotte] I[da]	84 Addison Way, London
FRANKLIN, Katharine M[ary] R[aeburn] (née Balmer)	The Old Cottage, Wick, Littlehampton
FRASER, Clara J[ean]	6 Rayleigh Road, Westbury on Trym†
FRASER, Sheila E[dith]	6 Rayleigh Road, Westbury on Trym†
FUTERS, F[rances] Teresa (née Jones)	The Vicarage, Heanor, Derby
GARDHAM, Audrey [Glenton] (née Carr)	40 Acacia Road, London
GIBSON, Janet B[uchanan] (née Grant)	537 Anlaby Road, Hull
GILBY, Alice E[mily] N[ora]	4 Chichester Street, St George's Square, London
GILLIE, [Katherine] Annis C[alder]	41 Connaught Square, London
GLANVILL, Catherine J[oyce]* (née Lewis)	The Grove, Honiton
GOODALL, Joyce M[ary]* (née Rhodes)	49 Otley Street, Skipton
GOODWILL, Sibyl D[orothy]	29 Leigham Avenue, Streatham
GRAHAM-KERR, Elizabeth F[rances] (née Thornton)	3 Wellington Square, Chelsea
HASTILOW, Irene M[ary] D[orothy] F[rances] C[onway]	35 Castle Street, Saffron Walden
HALL, Marjorie K[athleen]	16 Pilgrim's Lane, Hampstead
HARRISON Mirabel [Grace] (née Davis)	Brown Heath, Uckfield
HAYES, Doreen	25 Dean Road, Handforth, Wilmslow
HELLIER, Mary	3 Pembridge Square, London
HILDEBRAND, Margarete [Julie]	57 Holyhead Road, Wednesbury
HOWITT, Ruth	3 Roedean Crescent, Roehampton
HUNGERFORD, Isabella C[hristina] F[ishbourne]	Clifton Lodge, Cheddon Road, Taunton
HUTTON, Erica [Margaret Robertson]	Ketton, Stamford
ILES, Anna Hermine (née Silberstein)	87 Park Road, Clifton, Bristol
IMLAY, Jo[i]ce Margaret	6 Pole Lane, Failsworth, Manchester
JACKA, Marjory G[rylls] T[yacke]	19 Western Hill, Durham
JONASON, Elizabeth R[ohchfort] (née Rutherford)	White House, Harling, Norwich
KELLY, Eleanor H[eald]	174 Kingston Road, Wimbledon
KENNIE, Agnes T[homson]	17 Cleveland Road, Paignton
LANDAU, Marjorie F[rantziska]	36 Park Road, Manchester
LANE, Kathleen M[argaret]	23 Brunswick Square, London
LEE, Theresa J[osephine]	Claughborne, The Boulevard, Sheringham
LEVY, Flora	19 Clarkson Road, Cambridge

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LOCK, Christine (née Ecroyd)	1 The Lawn, Budleigh Salterton
LUCAS, Freda [Miriam Levy]	29 Terrace Road, London
MACDONALD, Catherine M[argaret] (née Churcher)	35 Roskcar, Camborne
MACLAGAN, Evelyn, T[heodora] Dalrymple	22 Hamilton Terrace, London
MACNAUGHTON, Mona	3 Osborne Road, Newcastle upon Tyne
MCGILL, Janet McA[llister]	235 Covington Way, Streatham Common
MCHUGH, Mary P[atricia]	2 Trafalgar Avenue, London
MASON, Nora (née Harnden)	Holmwood, Kents Bank Road, Grange over Sands
MAUTNER, Margarethe	Ivygate, Station Road, Loughton
MAY, Queenie [Isabel Ernestine]	32 Foxley Lane, Purley
MEYRICK, Helen V[ivienne]* (née Jones)	161 Wellmeadow Road, Catford
MITCHELL, Barbara [Harrison]	6 Church Street, Epsom, Surrey
MOORE, Florence I[rene] R[ebecca]	6 Thurlow Road, Rosslyn Hill, London
NAISH, F[rances] Charlotte	Lorton Hall, Cockermouth
NETTELL, Elizabeth A[rmorel]	Rolledene, Exmouth
NEWLING, Edith F[rances]	23 South Norwood Hill
NORTON, Margaret A[lice]	163 Malvern Road, Worcester
PARKES, [Ada] Violet V[ictoria] (née Allen)	327 Birmingham Road, Wylde Green
PEARSON, Kathleen M[arianne] [†]	Stoneleigh, Milnthorpe
PRINGLE, Jessie E[va] (née Hart)	24 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton
RAVELL, Marion	Green Gables, Brentwood
REYNOLDS, Nellie H[eathcott]	55 Victoria Road, Aldershot
ROGERS, Irene H[éloïse]	227 West Street, Fareham
ROBERTS, Marjorie E[dna]	Vernon Lodge, 4 Wellesley Road, Chiswick
RUSHBROOKE, Marjorie	484 Manchester Road, Sheffield
SKELSEY, Eleanor L[ois] (née Eckersley)	Highfields, Hill Court Road, Cheltenham
SMYTH, Elsie M[ay]	18 New Road, Rochester
STEPHENS, Edith E[mily]	3 Sefton Avenue, Mill Hill
STEVENSON, Eileen M[ary] G[eorgina]	Holmfield, 50 Cheam Road, Ewell
STEWART, Marguerite	73 South Side, Clapham Common, London
SYMONDS, V[ictoria] Winifred	Robins Hill, St John's Road, Hitchin
THOMPSON, Winifred A[lice] M[elland]	8 Chilwell Road, Beeston
TOPHAM, M[ary] Helen (née Harcourt)	101 Clitherow Avenue, Hanwell
TOWNSEND, Cecilia [Columba] (née Devlin)	Amber Mead, South Cerney, Cirencester
TURNER, Bertha	5 Gloucester Park, London
WARREN, Elsie	39 Steventon Road, Wormholt, Acton
WATSON, Gladys N[ellie]	376 Hadley Road, Edgbaston
WEST, Joyce H[elen] W[entworth] (née Wharton)	Wyanston, Kemerton, Tewkesbury [†]

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WHITEHEAD, Leslie Broadbridge (née Phillips)	336 Staveley Road, Hull
WILKINS, Gwendolen I[sabella]	39 Murray Road, Wimbledon
WILKINSON, Dorothy M[argaret] (née Anderson)	Kemerton, near Tewkesbury†
WINFIELD, Mary D[orothea] (née Gilson)	113 Lordswood Road, Birmingham
WOOD, Cordelia H[elen] N[esbitt] (née England)	Crofton, Collier Road, Hastings

List of Names of Foundation Members (Northern Ireland)	Address
ANDERSON, Olive [Margery]	23 Wellington Park, Belfast
HERRON, Kathleen	7 Ulsterville Avenue, Belfast

List of Names of Foundation Members (Wales)	Address
CHURCHER, Mollie F[oyle]	4 The Rise, Upper Boat, Pontypridd
CLARK, Catherine J[ohana]	Gwent House, Dowlais, Glamorgan
MORGAN, Margaret lola	24 North Parade, Aberystwyth
QUINBY, Katharine (née Lloyd)	Belmont, Rhuddlan, Rhyl
SWETE, Margaret	Greenfield, Lotterston, Pembrokeshire

List of Names of Foundation Members (Scotland)	Address
ALLISON, Margaret [Macausland]	105 Glasgow Road, Paisley
CRAIG, Elizabeth D[ouglas] H[unter-]	The Rowans, [8] West Queen Street, Broughty Ferry
CLARKE, Alison	23 Royal Crescent, Glasgow
ESSLEMONT, Mary	4 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen
GORDON, Elsie R[obertson]	92 Earlbank Avenue, Glasgow
HAMILTON, Betty [Cossar]	188 St John's Road, Edinburgh
HARROWER, Catherine	12 Bank Street, Hillhead, Glasgow
HOGG, MARJORY C[hristin]	6 Adelaide Place, Dundee
MACINNES, Mary L[afferty] A[rchibald] (née Chisholm)	523 High Street, Newarthill
MACKENZIE, Margaret M[arian] (née Robertson)	Croit Nhairi, Tain, Ross
MONRO, Ruth M[ary]	Craigie, Invergowrie, near Dundee
MUNRO, Jessie E[mmanuel Margaret]	40 Rankeillor Street, Edinburgh
MYLES, Annie H[osie]* (née Strachan)	61 East High Street, Forfar
RUSSELL, Ellen [Mary]	43 Kingsdyke Avenue, Glasgow
SMITH, Marion E[lise]	18 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh
SOMERVILLE, Olive M[ary]	Kilncroft, 43 Ayr Road, Douglas, Lanarkshire
WATSON, Elizabeth M[argaret]	19 Westfield Road, Stonehaven

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List of Names of Foundation Members (International)	Address
BENSON, Norma [Beatrice]	1294 Dominion Road, Mount Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand
CHENOWETH, Ruth* (née Farrer)	77 Sydney Street, Mackay, Queensland (Australia)
DICKSON, Rebecca* (née Billig)	29a Tambun Road, Ipoh, Perak, Malaya (now Malaysia)
MCNALLY, Nora	Rasheen, Raheny, Dublin
SUMPTON, Margaret	97 Copper Street, Tumut, New South Wales (Australia)

List of Names of Foundation Associates (England)	Address
ALEXANDER, Pamela J[une]	Ellerburn, Nunburnholme Avenue, North Ferriby
BENSON-COOKE, Stella M[ary]	25 Elvaston Place, London
BISSETT, Janet Margaret* (née Lamont)	Middle Park, Victoria Road, West Hartlpool
BURNIE, Sheila [Gwendolen Stapleton]	1128 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham
CHAPPELL, (Mrs) Joan (née Evans)	323 Firs Lane, Palmers Green
CRITCHLEY, ISOBEL V[ernon] (née Watson)	15 Woodlands Drive, Harrogate
DALTON, KATHARINA D[orothea]	38 Harrington Terrace, Edmonton
DUDLEY-BROWN, Margaret D[orothy]	Hillside, 5 Bower Mount Road, Maidstone
FITZPATRICK, Elizabeth L[ucy?]	651 Bloxwich Road, Leamore, Walsall
FRENCH, Hannah (née Adler)	3 Hartington Court, Landsowne Way, [Stockwell], London
KENDREW, Mary E[lizabeth] (née Jarvie)	12 Tennis Court Road, Cambridge
LAMONT, Janet	Children's Hospital, Sunderland
MACKAY, Viola [Edythe] (née Shafto)	Gladwynne, 4 Holyoake Gardens, Birtley
MARGETTS, Betty M[uriel]	22 Church Road, Wimbledon
MORRISON, Eleanor	18 Tite Street, Chelsea
MCNALLY, Sheila [Constance]	c/o Dr Una Mulvany, Highbury, Victoria Road, Southsea
NATHAN, Shirley E	152 Finchley Lane, [Hendon], London
SCOTT, Kathleen	Thrushcote, 89 Kirkby Road, Ripon
STINSON, Sara [Isabel]	59 Lewisham Park, Lewisham, London
STRIESOW, Hannah H	Staatsexamen Halle, 138 Claremont Road, Forest Gate
TAYLOR, Gweneth Irene (née Theobald)	15 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London
WATKINS, Monica	Church Street, Broadway, Worcestershire
WATSON, Mary B[orlase]	Littlehay, Burley, Ringwood

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WATTS, Beatrice 'Betty' M[ary] (née Axton)	The Limes, Ibstock
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CHARLTON, Sarah Frances	Sheemore, Viewfont Park, Dunmurry, County Antrim

List of Names of Foundation Members (Scotland)	Address
DEMPSTER, Catriona	129 Finnart Street, Greenock

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O'REILLY, Louisa	The Residence, Duleck, County Meath

ⁱ Married to Patrick Sarsfield Byrne, also a foundation member of the college

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