HISTORICAL FACTSHEET No 2

Dame Agnes Hunt: a Brief Biography

1867  Born on 31 December at Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Shropshire
1876  Develops a painful hip condition
1884-1887  Moves with her family to Australia
1887  Starts nurse training at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl
1891  Qualifies as a nurse at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury
1893-1899  Works as a district nurse
1900  1 October. Opens a convalescent home for children at Florence House, Baschurch with nursing colleague Emily Goodford as joint superintendent
1903  First meeting in Liverpool with Robert Jones, orthopaedic surgeon, whom AH consults about her hip condition
1918  Receives the award of the Royal Red Cross
1921  The Baschurch Home moves to Oswestry and becomes the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital. AH continues as Honorary Superintendent
1926  Created Dame Commander of the British Empire
1927  Founds the Derwen Cripples’ Training College
1933  The Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital is renamed the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital after the death of Sir Robert Jones
1948  Dies on 24 July at the age of 80

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