

# *This is A Few Forgotten Women Story*



*This story was written in August 2023 as one of a series resulting from the 'A Few Forgotten Women Friday' collaborative research project, investigating the lives of women who enrolled in the first two cohorts [1908 & 1909] of Trainee Teachers at the Cheshire Country Training College, Crewe [CCTCC]*

## **Fanny Crew 's Story**

Fanny Crew was born on December 26, 1890, in Chadderton, Lancashire, England, to Elizabeth Ashton, age 33, and Alfred Crew, age 33.

Fanny had several siblings:

Arthur b. 1887 d.

Alfred b. 1889 d. 1973 (saddler & Harness Broker)

Elizabeth b.1893 d. 1977

Lucy b. 1897 d. 1972

Edwin b. 1900 d. 1938

Herbert b. 1903 d. 1931

The 1891 census shows the family living at 16 John Lee Fold, Middleton and by the time of the 1901 census has the family living at 122 Gladstone Street, Winsford, Cheshire. Fanny was enrolled in 1903 at the Winsford, Verdin Technical Schools (Search, 1903)

ADMISSION NUMBER	DATE OF ADMISSION			SCHOOLING Occupation of PARENT	SCHOLAR'S NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	WHILE IN THIS SCHOOL											
	DAY	Month	YEAR				DATE WHEN PRESENTED IN STANDARDS							PASSED IN SPECIFIC SUBJECTS				
							I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	No.	Stage	Stage		
	25	15	9	03	Crew, Fanny	122 Gladstone St.												

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	DATE OF BIRTH	LAST SCHOOL THE CHILD ATTENDED	Passed at Last School		DATE OF LAST ATTENDANCE	CAUSE OF LEAVING	NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT (if leaving for work)	DATE OF LEAVING
			SPECIFIC SUBJECTS	No. Stage				
Mrs E. Crew	26/12/70	Over Board						July 1916

Her father Alfred passed away on September 23, 1905, at the age of 48 and in 1906 her sister Elizabeth was enrolled at Verdin Technical School. Fanny enrolled at the Teacher Training College 15/09/1908, the entry for the college gives the following information.

**Guardian's Name/relationship:** Elizabeth Crew

**Home Address:** 122 Gladstone Street, Winsford, Cheshire

**School attended:** Runcorn PTC [Pupil Teacher Centre]

**Examination for Admission:** Preliminary Certificate 1908

**Leaving Examination:** Final Exam, Training College 1910, in which she achieved a distinction in English.

*In 1906 Scholarships were abolished. From 1907 there was a 'Preliminary Examination for the Elementary School Teachers' Certificate' which was in two parts – Part I had to be passed, and only those who passed it could take Part II. All of Part I was compulsory, in Part II, English, History and Geography were compulsory and then candidates would sit 3 or more options from 3 groups – Elementary Maths, Elementary Science and Foreign Languages.*

In April 1907 Robert Morant (who was heavily involved in previous changes within the Teacher Training System) went much further in dismantling the existing system when he issued Regulations 'for the Preliminary Education of Elementary School Teachers'. This introduced an alternative to the traditional method of Pupil-Teacher training. From Aug 1907 selected pupils at Secondary Schools could be awarded 'Bursaries' – grants to enable them to stay an additional year at school between 16 and 18. On completing this year they could either enter training college straight away or could serve in schools as 'Student Teachers' for up to one year and then enter college.

From Aug 1909 Board of Education would only recognise applicants who had been pupils at recognised Secondary schools for at least the 3 previous years and would only pay a grant to Bursars who passed (either during their Bursary year or within one year after) one of the exams qualifying them for entry to training college. Bursars could be accepted at training college at 17, a year earlier than pupil-teachers.<sup>1</sup> (Dent, 1977)

Fanny was granted a Bursar to attend the Teacher Training College in September 1908

**WOMEN BURSARS (COUNTY).**  
Helen Blankley, Sale; Dora Bradbury, An-  
trobus; Esther Broster, Saughall Massie; Maria  
L. Buckley, Sandbach; Elsie Burrows, Frod-  
sham; Florence Buxton, Hazel Grove; Hilda Gee,  
Old Trafford; Florence M. Gibbon, Altrincham;  
Annie Hall, Hattersley; Florrie Hancock, Wins-  
ford; Eleanor Harnaman, Alvanley; Eva Hey-  
wood, Hazel Grove; Annie Hoole, Northwich;  
Emily A. King, Bollington; Ethel Lawson, Sut-  
ton; Flor A. Leech, Wilmslow; Agnes H. Lock-  
hart, Port Sunlight; Maggie I. Povey, Hoole;  
Elsie Riding, Northwich; Mabel Salter, Nant-  
wich; Nellie G. Truman, Port Sunlight; Clara L.  
Wallace, Tattonhall; Annie C. Warburton,  
Hazel Grove; Bertha E. Whalley, Hoole; Hilda  
Wright, Nantwich; Sarah Washington, Lymm;  
Florence Bailey, Sutton; Lilian E. Ryder, North-  
wich; Nellie Thornley, Compstall; **Fanny Crew**,  
Winsford. Frances Annie Hough, Winsford,  
Elsie Robinson, Davenham, and Annie F.  
Moorby, Hoylake, scholarship holders.

In 1909 her sister Lucy was also enrolled in the same College. By 1911 the census shows the family living at 1911 census in 1a Gladstone Street, Over, Winsford, Cheshire. Fanny is a Qualified Teacher with the local council. Fanny Crew married William Thomas Dodd on August 29, 1914, when she was 23 years old.

18144. Marriage solemnized at the parish Church in the parish of Grassendale in the County of Lancaster.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
437	29 August 1914.	William Thomas Dodd. Fanny Crew.	34. 23	bachelor spinster	Railway Clerk —	57 Bardon Road. 1 Gilstone St Worsford Cheshire	William Dodd. da. <u>Hilda Crew</u>	Blacksmith. Saddler.

Married in the parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by L. K. C. C. or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me,  
 Thomas H. Hyatt.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { William Thomas Dodd } in the Presence of us, { Hilda Crew  
 { Fanny Crew } { Frederick Dodd }

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In 1916 their son Ronald Frederick Dodd was born, unfortunately he passed away the same year.

Her husband William Thomas passed away on August 19, 1959, in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, at the age of 79. They had been married 44 years. Cause of death was given as a stroke and heart failure. Fanny Crew died on July 22, 1978, in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, when she was 87 years old. She was buried 26 Jul 1978 in Merseyside, England and her probate is listed 29 Sep 1978 in Sheffield.

**DODD—Aug. 18, suddenly, in hospital, aged 68 years, WILLIAM, beloved husband of Fanny Dodd. Service at Mill Lane Independent Methodist Church, on Thursday next, at 1.15, cremation at Anfield Crematorium, at 2. (Flowers in bunches, please.)—63 Christopher Way, 16.**

Corporation of Liverpool REGISTER OF							Allerton Cemetery BURIALS					
Register No.	Division	Date of Burial	NAME	Age	Rank or Profession	Last Abode	Parish or Township	Mode of Burial	Order No.	Section	Grave No.	By whom Ceremony performed
114355		26 78	Fanny Dodd	87		98 St. Andrew's Rd	Liverpool	Private	112113	C11.38	62	R. Hyatt

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