
Mary TREVITHICK (c. 1903-)

Mary TREVITHICK was born circa 1903 in Plymouth, Devon - mother's maiden name given as Fletcher.¹

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), she was living at Frenze Lane in Diss, Norfolk - 7, scholar, a Dr. Barnardos Home child, boarding in the household of Edward Reeve (55, gardener) and his wife Agnes (59), their children Harry (25, gardener) and Edith 19), and Jessie COLLEY (11, scholar, a Dr. Barnardos Home child)²

Mary emigrated from London to Quebec, Canada on 12 June 1913 , onboard the Allan Line steamship, the Corinthian, recorded on Dr. Barnardos Party List Sheet 1, along with many other children.

There are no other references to Mary after she left for Canada in 1913 which can be confidently attributed to her. However there is a record dated 1913 in the Canada, Home Children Immigration Records Index, of a Mary E Trevithick, aged 9 years, having travelled in the Barnardo's Party on the Corinthian, noting the place Peterborough, Ontario. There was a Barnardo's receiving home there called Hazelbrae (or Hazel Brae) on Conger's Hill. This provided temporary accommodation for girls from Barnardo's Homes in Britain. Maybe Mary was here at some point.

Notes:

R.M.S. Corinthian

Corinthian was built for the Allan Line by Workman, Clark & Co., of Belfast.

Launched in 1900, she made her maiden voyage from Liverpool to Quebec and Montreal on 24 May 1900. In 1903, Corinthian began serving Allan's Glasgow-Canada route. Originally configured to carry first, second and third class passengers, she was converted to second and third only in 1908 and was soon switched to London-Canada sailings.

Used as a troopship for the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War I, Corinthian became a part of the Canadian Pacific Steamships fleet when the Allan Line were taken over in 1917.

On 14 December 1918, Corinthian was wrecked in the Bay of Fundy. There were no deaths, but efforts to salvage the ship were soon abandoned and she was declared a total loss.

The Hazelbrae Barnardo Home

It officially began receiving children on 22 July 1883. This home was donated to Barnardo's by George A Cox. In 1912 the home was re-named "The Margret Cox Home" for girls (in honour of the wife of the original benefactor George A. Cox). The home closed in 1922 and by 1939 was completely torn down. Today a Heritage plaque recognizing the home stands on the grounds of the former Hazelbrae home. It was thought that from 1887 to 1889, the home was 'most unsatisfactory' run. It was said the staff engaged in 'unsatisfactory conduct', and that the girls were not adequately supervised, and it was in effect closed for that period.

Sources

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