

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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