

The WOMEN of Trentham in 1918



Ellen Hackney née Helena Willdigg was born in 1861 in Etruria, the daughter of Samuel Willdigg, a potter's turner.

Ellen married William Booth Hackney (her sister Emily's widower) on 30th July 1886 after having helped to care for his motherless son. The couple went on to have four children together. Her sons, Colin and Horace, both served in WW1.

They lived at "Toronto", Barlaston Old Road. William was a potter's commission agent and both were members of Trentham Bowling club and the Wesleyan Chapel.

When William became Mayor in November 1906 Ellen supported him as Mayoress and, in that role, Ellen laid the foundation stone of Stoke Town Hall on 10th March 1910.

Ellen Hackney was on the 1918 Register of Electors.