

WWI Nursing Sisters: Trixie [Beatrice] and Nance [Hannah] Bradshaw

Nancy was a Royal Jubilee School of Nursing grad in 1915 from a class of 11. Her married name was Wall. Trixie graduated from a class of 13 in 1917 and they both served overseas.

Nance served in Gallipoli and secretly married Jim Walls from Vancouver and she lived there after the war. She had three children, the last and youngest Elizabeth died recently at age 90. Trixie didn't marry or have children. She lost her fiancée in the war and she was ill with the influenza. She worked after the war at Resthaven Veterans' hospital, and got there by train to Sidney.

Later she was the school nurse at Oak Bay for many years. She died of cancer around 1947 and is buried with family in St. Luke's churchyard.

The girls were born in Newfoundland. Beatrice was named after Queen Victoria's youngest daughter. The Bradshaw Victoria family home is still standing, on Palo Alto Street [in Saanich].

A framed oval sepia portrait of Trixie Bradshaw is held by the Royal Jubilee School of Nursing Archives. A portrait of Trixie in uniform is held by the Craigdarroch Castle Archives.

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