

FORMER RESIDENTS OF 7 CARMARTHEN ROAD, HENLEAZE

Rev. George Smith Winter translated Peep of the Day into Cree (Indian) in 1898.

He returned from Canada to Bristol with his family in 1899. They lived at 12 Fairfield Road – according to the 1901 and 1911 censuses before moving to 7 Carmarthen Road in Henleaze – date unknown.

George lived with daughters, Dora and Josephine at 7 Carmarthen Road (also known as the College of St Barnabus) until he died in 1940 in Bristol aged 86. Former neighbour Micky believed that, at one time, **George may have been Chaplin to the Henleaze Blind School in his latter years?** His two spinster daughters continued to live at on the 1st floor for the remainder of their lives. The ground floor was rented out to trainee clergymen who were training in Bristol.

When George returned to Bristol he worked at the Church of St James (1899-1900), St Silas (1900-1905), St Werburgh's (1905-1910), St Paul's Bedminster (1910-1912), Tewkesbury (1912- 1926). He then had a licence to officiate in the Diocese of Bristol from 1934. His wife, Emma died in 1933 aged 80.

George, their father, married Emma Elizabeth Ann Milton in 1879. Their daughters Dora and Josephine were born in 1889 and 1891 respectively in York Factory, Canada. Their three sons Percy, Walter and Alfred appear on censuses with birth years of 1886, 1893 and 1896.

George Smith Winter was a Church of England Clerk in Holy Orders. He was ordained as a deacon in 1879. He was ordained as a priest in 1880 in Moosonee (Ontario, Canada) and worked for the Church Missionary Society at York Factory, Manitoba from 1879 – 94. He was then a missionary at Sturgeon Lake, Saskatchewan from 1894-1899.

By 1868 there were five Cree clergy as well as the missionaries and the newly formed dominion of Canada extended its rule over the entire area. Thirty years later (1898) as the centenary of CMS work in Canada approached, the Society began to bring to an end its work in that country, by handing over its responsibilities to the Church of England in Canada.

Grace Theodora Winter and Marjorie Josephine Winter, the daughters were better known as Dora and Josephine respectively are recalled by several local residents. Former neighbour, Micky recounted that daughters Dora and Josephine had been brought up with the Cree Indians in Canada. During the 1950's they showed him and his sister their buckskin clothes and snow shoes they had used as children. **They both spoke Cree.**

Dora and Josephine ran a group known as the King's Messengers at St Peter's Church, presumably up until they died in 1965 and 1969 respectively. **It was apparently a junior missionary branch that operated on a national basis? We are not sure how long they ran the group. Does anyone know? Suggestion - it could have started after World War 11?**

Dora died aged 77 in 1965 and Josephine aged 78 in 1969.