

## **Gertrude Joyce Cran (1900-1964)**

Joyce was born in Liverpool and attended Skipton High School before moving to Wycombe Abbey School. She entered college in 1919 and, on completion of her training in 1921, was appointed to the staff of Queen Ethelburg's.

She was selected to play lacrosse for Scotland in 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Joyce was appointed to Wellesley College in the USA as a Physical Training Instructor in 1925.

She married Thomas Hooker Barry, an engineer and started the CRAN BARRY Equipment Company in Marblehead, Massachusetts. It was the first company in the USA to specialise in women's lacrosse equipment and was very well supported. CRAN BARRY imported sticks from England, notably the Hattersleys Viktoria stick, to sell to American players.

In 1931, Joyce became the first President of the USWLA, a post she held until 1935.

She was a director, for many years, of the Hockey and Lacrosse Camps organised in the Poconos Mountains and was inducted into the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame as an honorary member in 1963.

Joyce was inducted into the US Lacrosse Hall of Fame, posthumously, in the class of 1993.

She was inducted into the Lacrosse Scotland Hall of Fame in 2015.