

Kate Marshall (1872 – 1953)

Kate Marshall was born in Brixton, Surrey. Her father was a master boot maker employing 921 men. She completed her training at Hampstead College of Physical Training in 1893. An article headed *Reminiscences* in the BÖU Magazine dated 1965, refers to Kate's involvement with twenty three other students, in the Galton Experiment which required student to go to South Kensington to participate in some tests measuring, for example: lung capacity, height, strength, reaction to sound and light

Kate's first post was at St George's Training College, Edinburgh, with a salary of £100 pa. She left to undertake a course at Miss Fanny Frank's School for Kindergarten Training at Camden House, York Place. London. This training was based on Friedrich Frobel's philosophy.

The *St George's Chronicle* dated 1901 states that Kate Marshall was teaching at the Hampstead Gymnasium in 1901. Jonathan May, in his book about Madame Bergman Österberg, draws attention to Kate Marshall being 'brought back from Scotland, where she had gained experience in teacher training, to help with the lecturing', at the Hampstead Gymnasium.

The 1903 prospectus for MBÖ's college states Kate lecturer of physiology, chemistry and hygiene. She was remembered as: Chief Lecturer, vivacious, kind and hard working. By 1911 the census recorded Kate as teaching gymnastics and Kindergarten.