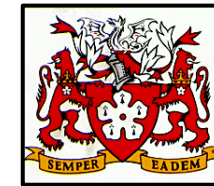
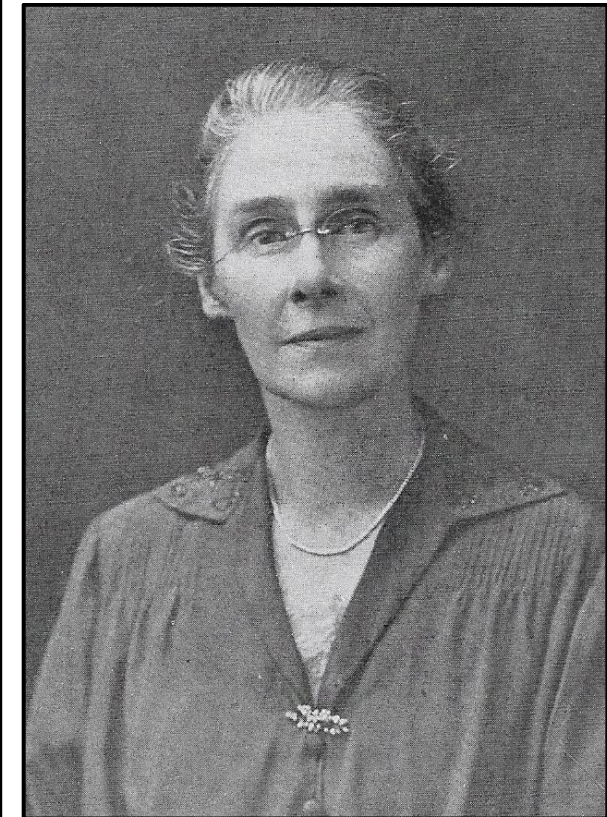




## Mrs Edith M. Bond JP 1869-1949



Edith was born in Mayfield, Staffordshire to a wealthy family. Her father, George Simpson JP from Manchester, owned a cotton-spinning business and her mother was from farming stock. The family lived at Mayfield House and employed many servants including a governess, cook, housemaid and nurse. Edith was educated privately at The Mount School in York and then trained as a nurse. She worked with sick children at the hospital in Pendlebury, Manchester. In 1890 she married Charles John Bond at Claybrooke, Leicestershire. Bond was also from farming stock but had qualified as a Surgeon in 1879. He was appointed as House Surgeon at Leicester Royal Infirmary in 1882. Charles Bond became a distinguished general surgeon who gained international acclaim and the couple were well known in civic society, entertaining visitors from all around the country. Edith was a life-long abstainer who worked tirelessly promoting the temperance principles. She continued to have a commitment to nursing and was particularly interested in early child development and welfare. Edith was a member of the Leicester District Nursing Association for many years and was Honorary Secretary from 1909-1919. She served on the maternity and child welfare committee of the City Council from 1919-1926 and took an active role in setting up day nurseries in Leicester. During WWI she was Chairman of the Leicester Branch of the Central Committee of Women's Employment and Training. Edith became President of the Leicester Branch of the National Council of Women and the local Parents National Educational Union group. In summer 1920 Edith was appointed as the first female JP for Leicester. Her experience in the field of lunacy and mental deficiency were key factors in her appointment. Edith was elected to the National Executive of the Magistrates Association when it was formed. After his death, Edith donated artefacts and prints from her husband's work to the new pathological museum that was opening at Leicester Royal Infirmary.



Edith Bond in the 1901 Census living at 'Fernshaw', 10 Springfield Road, Leicester. Her husband is a surgeon. They have two servants

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					Edith do	Wife	M	32				Staffs: Mayfield
					Margaret S do	Daughter		9		School Scholar		Leicester
					Charles E do	Son		7		Scholar		Leicester
					Mary A Burdwell	Serv.	S	26		Cook - Domestic		Leicestershire: Wymondham
					Anny H Howard	Serv.	S	23		Housemaid - Domestic		Staffs: Rochester
								47		Servant	own agent	Leicester