

My great-gran the suffragette



Peter Barratt has set up a website to commemorate the life of his great-grandmother, Alice Hawkins.

Peter Barratt, a great-grandson of Leicester suffragette Alice Hawkins, has launched a website detailing his ancestor's fight for the right to vote 100 years ago. We look at this fascinating resource as Britain enters a new era in politics.

As a hobby, Peter speaks to family history societies and other groups about Alice's suffragette campaign and he has now taken this one stage further by creating the website www.alicesuffragette.com in her memory.

Alice (pictured) became a suffragette in 1907 following her arrest and imprisonment in Holloway Jail after attending a protest meeting outside the Houses of Parliament. A shoe machinist by trade and mother of six, Alice was imprisoned five times in all in her fight for the vote and went on to form a local branch of the Women's Social and Political Union.

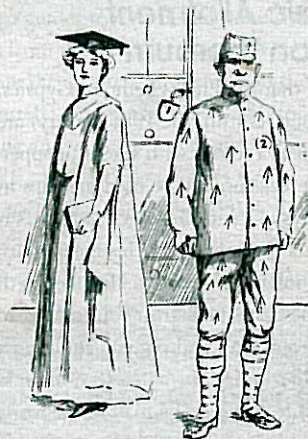
The descendants of Alice have probably one of the best collections in the UK today of suffragette memorabilia and much of the collection can now be viewed on the website. Memorabilia includes her first arrest warrant, prison notes, sash and numerous postcards, together with archive footage and music.

The website also includes a timeline of events and a brief resumé of Alice's life and is intended to become a learning resource for students of the movement, both young and old. Permission is granted for downloading and printing of images from the website, though for private use only.

Alice's story was featured in the March 2005 edition of *PFH* in an article written by Peter, 'An ancestor with attitude!'

➤ Also see *PFH* February 2010 issue for Kath Garner's article on suffragette forebears.

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COMPANIONS IN DISGRACE.

Convicts and Women kindly note,
Are not allowed to have the vote!
The difference between the two
I will now indicate to you.

When once the harmful man of crime,
In Worswood Scrubs has done his time,
He at the poll can have his say,
The harmless woman never may.

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Right: Some of the memorabilia passed down the family and now freely available to view on the website.