

Henry Lediard



Henry Lediard was born in 1847, the youngest son of Mary Croft Whatley and Samuel Lediard. Henry was only five years old when his father died of typhoid fever. After his widowed mother moved to Cheltenham, Henry attended Cheltenham College. A notebook from his days at the College is full of notes copied directly from the Bible, providing an indication of what school was like in

the nineteenth century.

Henry went to work with a GP in Monmouth for a year before going to Edinburgh University to study medicine. He then worked as a surgeon and physician (doctor) in Edinburgh.

Henry moved to Carlisle in the early 1880s, where he set up a doctor's practice that he worked in until his retirement. Over the years Henry prospered. In 1881, Henry and his family had two servants and a groom. In 1901 they had three servants and a governess.

Henry died in 1932. The following year Gustav Holst, Henry's nephew, travelled to Carlisle to conduct a concert in memory of his uncle.