

Staff Nurse Rachael Ferguson

Rachael's
Military
Medal.



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from Military Records -
Women's Service during the Great War.

Staff Nurse Rachael Ferguson

Born 29/12/1886 at Ballygoney, Moneymore, Co. Derry, Ireland. Educated at Ballygoney National School and Lady's School, Cookstown. Trained at The Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast, 16/8/11 till 1914. Left 23/4/15, now a qualified Staff Nurse. Unmarried, Religion, Presbyterian. Next of kin father, John S. Ferguson of Lanebrooke House, Ballygoney, a Farmer. Also had a brother William,



Lanebrooke House

same address. When asked to give the details of "one lady" to whom application for a reference could be made she

nominated Mrs. George Wilson, The Manse, Ballygoney.

Notified of acceptance for service 10/9/15.

Embarked Malta 3/6/16 and arrived Salonica

6/6/16 where she was posted to

No 28 General Hospital. Admitted

Red Cross Convalescent home 15/6/17. Transferred

to ship in harbour 29/6/17.

Rejoined No28 GH for duty

8/7/17. On the

9th. of October

1917, with her contract due to

expire on the 12th

of November, she submitted an

application to

extend her service

by six months "or

until my services

are no longer

required,

whichever should

happen first." This application

was accepted.

Embarked HM

Transport

'Abbassich' for

Italy with No 62

General Hospital

7/11/17.

Disembarked at

Taranto 15/11/17. First qualifying overseas date 15/11/17. Theatre of War, Italy. Proceeded on 14 days leave 1/5/18. Rejoined No. 62 General Hospital as a patient 26/6/18, suffering from bronchio-pneumonia. Died later that day and was buried in Bordighera Cemetery, Italy. Died intestate.

At the time of her death her father was 84 years old and her brother William was 38. Her personal effects were sent to father, these being listed as a wrist watch and strap

"(damaged)", a penknife "(gold)", Reserve badge ribbon and brooch, pendant, silver pencil case, scarf pin, one small coin and two brooches.

Medal entitlement, British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Nurse

Ferguson's father died on the 17th of November 1919 and her brother

William took over as executor of her estate. ■



Mrs Wallace Charleton (left) along with
Rachel's Mother and Aunts.