



Women's History Research Project Fact File

Fill out this fact file with details of the inspiring woman you've researched for the chance of having your work published on the David Livingstone Birthplace website!

	<p>Name: Marion Gilchrist Birth: 5th February 1864 Death: 7th September 1952 Place of Birth: Bothwell, Scotland Occupation: Doctor</p>
<p>Famous for:</p> <p>Being the first female graduate of the University of Glasgow, and the first woman to gain a medical degree in Scotland. This achievement gained national and international recognition!</p> <p>She enjoyed a long and successful career with her own medical practice, and was an important member of the British Medical Association. She even became the first female chairman of the Glasgow division!</p> <p>Dr Gilchrist was a leading activist for women's rights. She was a prominent member of the suffragette movement, and later in life she was a trustee for the Muirhead Trust which helped women in Scotland enter the medical field. Having paved the way, she passionately supported women entering professions previously reserved for men.</p>	<p>Five Facts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She was born in Bothwell Park Farm, not too far from David Livingstone's birthplace at Shuttle Row, Blantyre 2. Her father originally discouraged her from pursuing academic study but nevertheless, she persisted! 3. She finished medical school with top honours, graduating with "high commendation." 4. The University of Glasgow named their Postgraduate Club after her. 5. She loved cars! Her garage and chauffeur's house sat on Ashton Lane, which is now Bar Brel.
<p>Character traits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence • Bravery 	<p>Why does she inspire you?</p> <p>Marion Gilchrist inspires me because she fought for women's rights in a society run by</p>

- Passion
- Determination
- Skill

men who weren't too happy to have the status quo challenged! As the first female graduate of Glasgow University, she shattered the glass ceiling for so many amazing women who followed in her footsteps.

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