

More Than Oliver Twist: Biography

Name: Mary Ann Marr

B. 1860, d. 1924

The first convincing record found for Mary Ann Marr was her 1881 Census return (1). She was an inmate in Leeds Union Workhouse, unmarried, a flax spinner, born in about 1860. It is possible she was there because of childbirth. A John Marr was born in the Spring of that year (2). He sadly died in the Summer (3). He was buried on 12 September 1881 in Beckett Street Cemetery, Leeds and on the record, his mother was named as Mary Ann Marr (4).

It is uncertain what happened to Mary Ann after that, but in the Spring of 1883, a Mary Ann Marr married a Dennis Murphy in Leeds (5). The 1901 Census shows the couple living at 15 Cross Lisbon Street in West Leeds (6). Mary Ann was 42, born in Leeds in 1859, Dennis, 51, was born in Ireland. There were no children with them, but they may have had children who had moved on by this time.

There were no more convincing records to be found related to either Mary Ann or her husband Dennis, except a death registration record for a Mary A Murphy in Leeds, dated Summer 1924(7). She was 65 years old.

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