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FLORENCE ADA  
STONEY:  
FORMIDABLE  
FEMINISM IN THE  
HISTORY OF  
RADIOLOGY

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UKIO Congress, June 2024

*Florence A. Stoney*

O.B.E., M.D., B.S. (Lond.), D.M.R.E. Camb.

# PROJECT BACKGROUND

- British Society for the History of Radiology
- John Clifton Essay Prize
- Publication within 'The Invisible Light' journal.
- Collaboration
- UKIO



# FLORENCE'S EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

- Born in Dublin into a distinguished family on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1870.
- Educated at home, and the Royal College of Science in Dublin.
- Excelled in Science and Mathematics.
- In 1891, Florence applied to study Medicine at the London School of Medicine for Women.

*APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION*

TO THE

*London School of Medicine for Women.*

*I hereby apply to be admitted as a Student of the School, and I declare that I intend to pursue a complete course of qualifying medical study, and to present myself in due course to the Examining Boards with a view to obtaining a registrable diploma.*

*I undertake to conform in all respects to the regulations laid down by the Executive Council, and in particular to abstain from presenting myself to any Examining Board until I have received from the Dean of the School full permission to do so.*

Signature, *Florence A. Stoney*

Address, *9 Palmerston Park, Dublin*

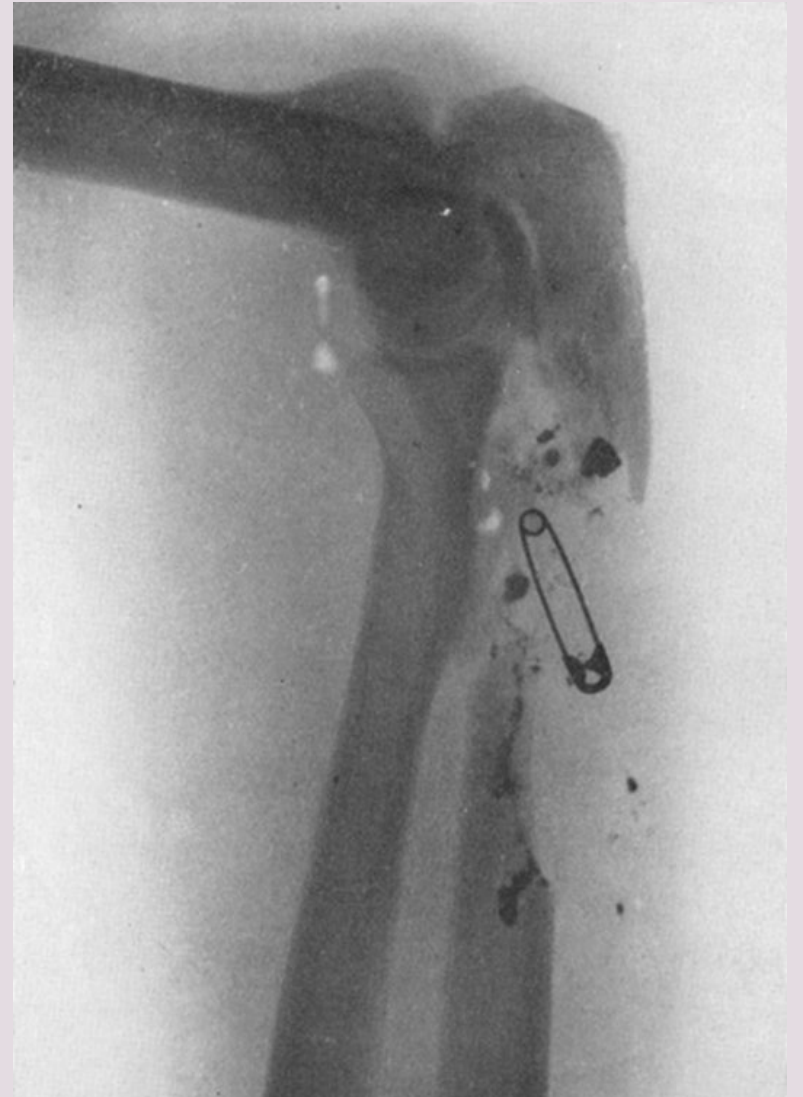
# THE LONDON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN AND FLORENCE'S EARLY CAREER

- Florence excelled in her studies and qualified at the top of her class in 1895.
- After qualifying, she had several small posts, including a House Surgeon position in Hull, and as an Assistant Anaesthetist at the Royal Free Hospital.
- In 1899, she returned to The London School of Medicine for Women to work as an anatomy demonstrator.
- In 1901 she was appointed to the post of Medical Electrician at the Royal Free Hospital, before eventually becoming the head of the Electrical Department at the New Hospital for Women.
- Travelled to America.



# WORLD WAR I

- World War I broke out on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 1914.
- Britain declared war on Germany on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914.
- Rejection from the British Red Cross.
- Antwerp.
- Cherbourg.
- Returned to London in 1915.



# LIFE AFTER THE WAR

- Florence was awarded an OBE in 1919 for her contribution to the war effort. She was also awarded the 1914 Star, the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the British Red Cross Medal.
- Academic recognition.
- President of the Wessex branch of the British Association for the Advancement of Radiology and Physiotherapy.
- Declining health and retirement.
- Whilst her health allowed, Florence enjoyed travelling with her sister Edith, conducting research and writing academic papers.





# DEATH AND LEGACY

- Florence suffered with cancer in her final years.
- She passed away prematurely in 1932, at the age of 62.
- Edith Stoney created the Johnstone and Florence Stoney Studentship Fund in her Father and Sister's honour. The charity aims to support women carrying out scientific research in Australia, South Africa or New Zealand.



BOURNEMOUTH ECHO  
OCT. 12. 1932

**DR. FLORENCE STONEY,  
O.B.E.**

**Dies at Bournemouth.**

**HEROINE OF THE  
WAR.**

**Her Great Work Among  
the Wounded.**

There has just died in Bournemouth a lady who had won a position of eminence in the medical world.

She was Dr. Florence Stoney, O.B.E., who was in her 63rd year at the time of her death.

Dr. Stoney had been resident in Bournemouth for twelve and a half years, having taken over Dr. Fowler's specialist practice early in 1920, and acted on the hospital staff at Boscombe and Poole-road. She retired four years ago.

**A BRILLIANT STUDENT.**

Dr. Stoney was a daughter of the

# ADVANCEMENTS

- Radiology is a vital element of healthcare provision, in both the diagnosis and treatment of patients.
- Many advancements have been made since Florence's days as the first female radiologist in England, not least the formation of the NHS in July 1948.
- The Society of Radiographers was founded on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1920, leading to the development of a syllabus for the education of Radiographers.
- Since 2003, Radiographers have been registered with the HCPC and the scope of practice for Radiographers is ever advancing.
- New routes into Radiography, such as Apprenticeships allow the workforce to grow and strengthen.
- Radiology continues to be a popular choice of specialism for medical students.
- There are currently 44 medical schools in the United Kingdom, and on average 9500 places to study medicine.
- The University of Cumbria has joined forces with Imperial College London to introduce a new medical school based at Carlisle in 2025.

**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**

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