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ALICE WHEELDON

Convicted on the evidence of State Spies

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We are appealing for a review of the 1917 case against the anti-war Wheeldon family

- During the First World War Alice Wheeldon, a socialist who ran a second-hand clothes shop in Derby, was supporting and sheltering Conscientious Objectors (COs)
- Her daughters, Winnie and Hettie were anti-war activists, suffragists and teachers: her son, also a teacher, was a CO
- A Secret Service spy, posing as a CO offered to assist Alice get her son and two other CO's safely to America in return for poison to silence the dogs guarding a camp where his friends were interned
- Alice obtained poison from her chemist son-in-law, Alfred Mason, as her side of this bargain
- Alice Wheeldon and Winnie and Alfred Mason were convicted of conspiring to poison the Prime Minister, David Lloyd George in March 1917 and their appeal application was rejected
- All three were imprisoned: Alice for 10 years though she was released, due to poor health and died in 1919
- Chloë and Deirdre Mason, (Alice's great-granddaughters), are currently applying to have the case reviewed and the convictions quashed
- One hundred years later widespread police spying continues and the infiltration of campaigning groups is being exposed

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