

## Lady Haig Biography

Lady Haig was born Dorothy Maud Vivian on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1879.

She met her future husband Douglas Haig while he was a guest of King Edward VII at Windsor Castle. They married in a private chapel in July 1905 at Buckingham Palace.

The couple went on to have four children:

1907 - Alexandra Henrietta Louisa Haig

1908 - Victoria Doris Rachel Haig

1918 - George Alexander Eugene Douglas Haig

1919 - Irene Violet Freesia Janet Augustia Haig



During World War One her husband served as a senior officer in the British Army. He commanded forces from late 1915 until the end of the war in 1918.

In 1926, Countess Haig suggested that a factory, giving jobs to men disabled by war, should be started to make poppies for Scotland.

From a small start, in March 1926, of “two workers, a pair of scissors and a piece of paper”, numbers soon rose to 28 workers by which time, the bulk of the poppies required for Scotland had been made for the Poppy Appeal in November 1926.

Over time the factory began to also make other items for sale such as children’s toys.

The Lady Haig Factory still to this day creates the supplies of poppies for Scotland and offers jobs to former servicemen and servicewomen.