



Elizabeth and Charlotte Green

These girls were sisters who lived with their mother and father in Bishopwearmouth Parish. The girls were the youngest of six children.

Elizabeth was born 21st April 1882 and Charlotte was born 5th April 1884.

Their father was a shipbuilder on The River Wear. He had a very good job and they lived very comfortably until he died on Christmas 1891 aged only 47 years old. The girls were only 7 and 9 years old when their father died. Their mother would have to find work to support her family and to keep them from the workhouse and to keep their family together.

Fortunately the girls were accepted into the Donnison School where they continued their education until they were 15 years old. Sadly by this time they had been made orphans after the death of their mother.

The girls were well educated, Charlotte at the aged of 15 years old left The Donnison School and found work in service in Sunderland.

The school was a rare provision for poor girls in Sunderland whose families had fell on hard times.