

Bristol directories for the early decades of the twentieth century show that the leafy suburbs of northwest Bristol have long been synonymous with learning. Even Redland's street names (see RPR No 6) contain many literary allusions. But what brought this about? Possibly it was the availability of large houses and gardens, together with the knowledge that children learn better in pleasant surroundings, a realisation that continues today with the LEA choosing Redland for its new and already oversubscribed school. But what came before? In addition to the well-regarded Redland High School for Girls there were many others. **Perhaps your home was once one of these schools.**

1. **Redland Bank, Redland Hill**, (Redland Collegiate School, Day, Boarding and Kindergarten), the Misses Adams.
2. **27 West Shrubbery**, (Day School for Boys & Girls), Miss Dora Bartlett.
3. **75 Claremont Road**, (Redland View School, Day School for Boys & Girls), Miss Eliz Clarkson.
4. **66 Redland Road**, (Tellisford House, Day School for Boys), Mr Thomas Cranshaw.
5. **14 Southfield Road**, (Day School for Boys & Girls), the Misses Gittens and C Tellesford.
6. **63 Hampton Park**, (Hampton Park High School), Miss G W Oakford.
7. **68 Hampton Park**, (Merriedale School, Day School for Boys & Girls), the Misses E & G Lowther.
8. **Redland Hill House**, Redland Hill, (Boys Boarding School), Mr Alfred Axtell.
9. **104 Redland Road**, (Girls Boarding School), the Misses Williams.

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10. **27 Redland Green**, (Redland Commercial College), Miss Jessie Hoare.
11. **22 Clarendon Road**, (Girls Boarding School), the Misses Adams.
12. **57 Clarendon Road**, (Girls Boarding School), the Misses Adams.
13. 48 Fernbank Road, (Day School for Boys & Girls), the Misses Axtens.
14. **21 Fernbank Road**, (Day School for Boys), Mr Preston Weir.
15. **70 Coldharbour Road**, (Kindergarten), Miss Ethel Knight.
16. **24 Redland Park**, Brighton House, (Boys Boarding School), Mr Frederick Cleveland Smith.

In addition to these there were at least another eighteen schools listed in the immediate vicinity of Redland. However, looking at the list makes one wonder if it conceals a sadder story. A significant number of the schools appear to have been run by maiden ladies, all around about the time of the First World War in which so many of the country's young men were killed. Was their chosen occupation a result of the loss of their fiancés? Who will ever know?