

Red Indians

Characters in the Sherborne Pageant:

Four Red Indians with a model of the Mayflower.

Final Tableau:

When the dance ceases the Maypole is removed, revealing at the back of the stage a lofty white dais, on which is standing a majestic figure emblematic of Sherborne, robed in flowing raiment of white bordered with gold, a golden castellated crown upon her head. Beside her and similarly attired, but crowned with three silver stars, and skilfully draped with a striped silken scarf embroidered with silver stars, is a beautiful figure, symbolical of the American Sherborn. On to the steps of the dais mount four tiny maidens in white, charged with a model of Sherborne Abbey, while four little Red Indian boys bring a model of the Mayflower. These the children present to the Mother and Daughter cities; descending, they turn to the West and to the East, and beckon to the whole company to take their places for the final tableau.



Robert Jennings Douglas (1895-)

Born in Sherborne on 4 March 1895, son of James Douglas, solicitor, and Eleanor Lawson Douglas. In 1901 living with his parents and brother James and sister Ellenora at 'Dunollis', Coldharbour, Sherborne. In 1911 a 'Pupil for Gardening' at Rode near Bath.

Robert Bruce McCreery (1899-1921)

Born c.1899/1900 in Billesdon, Leicestershire, son of Walter Adolph McCreery and Amelia Jane McCreery (née McAdam) and grandson of James and Frances McAdam of Greenhill House, Sherborne. An army officer, he was killed by republican forces while off duty on 15 May 1921 at Ballyturin House near Gort, County Galway and buried in a CWGC Sherborne Cemetery on 19 May 1921.

John Winthrop Pinhey (c.1896-1972)

Son of Hugh Theodore Pinhey of 'Cherra', The Avenue, Sherborne. In 1918 John married Eleanora Mary Victoria Douglas, daughter of James Douglas, Sherborne solicitor. Could this be 'Queenie' Douglas who was an attendant on the pedestal? They divorced in 1930 and in 1934 John married Olive Vernon Hume. His sister Dorothy Joan Pinhey (c.1890-1957) was a soprano in the Dramatic Chorus of the Pageant.

Christopher Claude Highmore Williams (1896-1951)

Baptised 30 November 1896 in Sherborne Abbey, son of William Henry Williams, surgeon, and Louisa Blanche Williams (née Highmore) of The Cedars, Long Street, Sherborne.