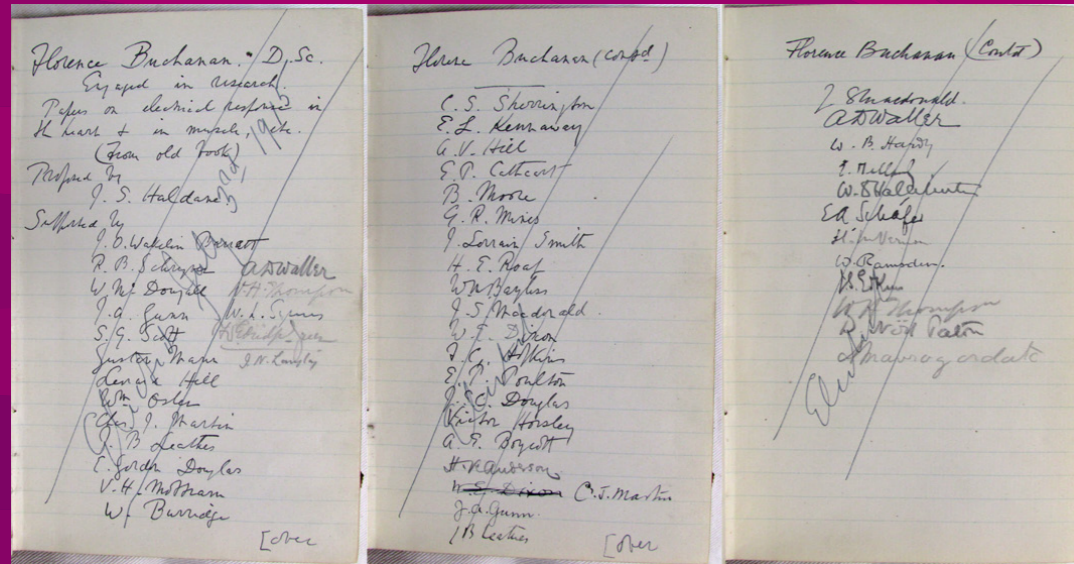


# The first women members of The Physiological Society



The entry in the Candidates Book for Florence Buchanan. It extended to three pages, and was the first entry in a new book, transferred from the old book where she had first been proposed in 1912.

Women were first admitted to The Physiological Society in 1915, when six were elected members at the Oxford meeting of 3 July.

To gain membership of The Society, a person first had to be proposed by a member and entered in the 'Candidates Book'; signatures were added in support. The candidates had then to be approved by the Committee, after which the members were balloted at a meeting of The Society.

**Florence Buchanan** had originally been proposed in 1912 by her colleague and family friend J. S. Haldane, and she received 50 signatures of support. She had published two papers in *J Physiol* and three in what is today *Exp Physiol*.

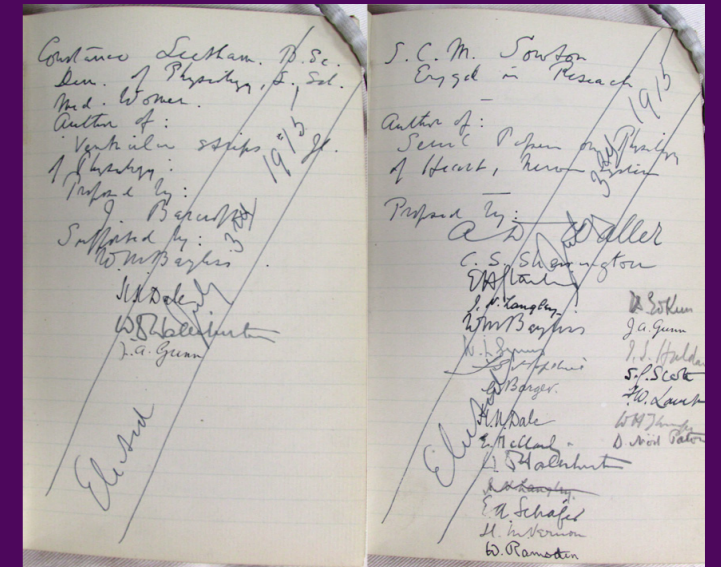
**Ruth F. Skelton** was proposed by William Bayliss and is described as a demonstrator at Western House, Beaconsfield. She had not published in the journals and she only received five signatures of support.

**Winifred C. Cullis** was proposed by Joseph Barcroft and received 19 signatures of support. She was a lecturer at the Physiological Laboratory of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women and had coauthored six papers in *J Physiol*.

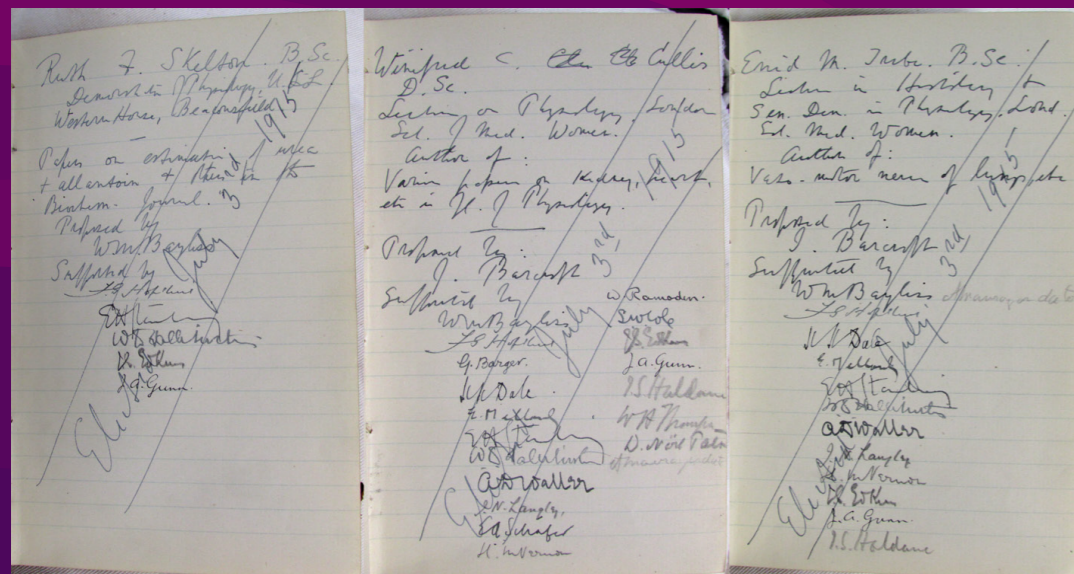
**Enid M. Tribe** was a lecturer in histology and senior demonstrator in physiology at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women and had coauthored a paper in *J Physiol* with Winifred Cullis; she was proposed by Joseph Barcroft and received 13 signatures of support.

**Constance Leatham Terry** was a demonstrator in physiology at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women and had authored one paper in *J Physiol*. She was proposed by Joseph Barcroft and only received four signatures of support.

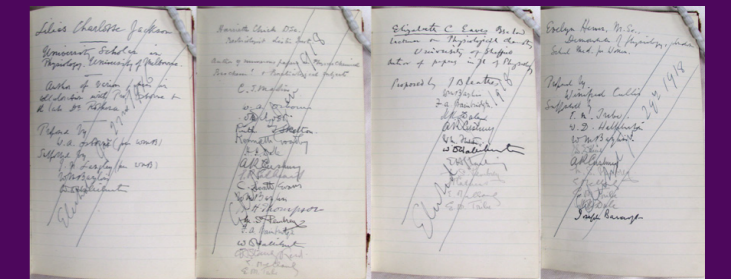
**S. C. M. Sowton** was proposed by A. D. Waller and received 20 signatures of support. She is described as 'engaged in research' and had coauthored three papers in *J Physiol*, two of them with C. S. Sherrington.



The entries in the Candidates Book for Constance Leatham and S. C. M. Sowton.



The entries in the Candidates Book for Ruth Skelton, Winifred Cullis and Enid Tribe.



The next women members to be elected were Lillias Charlotte Jackson (of Melbourne) in January 1916, Harriette Chick (at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine) and Elizabeth Eaves (a lecturer at Sheffield University) in January 1918, and Evelyn Hewer (a demonstrator at the London School of Medicine for Women) in June 1918.