

## The Intriguing Story of Annie Ross Foster Hanley (1875 - 1974) by Kootenay Author ~ Frances Welwood

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Following an inspirational childhood and education in New Brunswick and USA and teaching in rural Saskatchewan, Annie Ross, teacher and nurse, arrived in Nelson BC in 1908. In 1915 she wed Lieut. Wm. Garland Foster, editor of the Nelson Daily News then followed him to Britain as a Red Cross nursing sister. A War widow, she returned to Nelson and embarked on several new careers there and in White Rock: politician (Nelson's first woman Alderman, 1920), journalist, writer and advocate for justice, women and veterans. This remarkable woman left a profoundly, self-questioning Memoir which revealed (and hid!) some dramatic and surprising events in her very long life.

## You are invited to meet: Annie Harvie Ross Garland Foster Hanley

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