



Mrs Gladys LLOYD, Kefayat and Shaikha 1866 - 1938

Mrs. Gladys LLOYD was an early mureed from the time of Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's London period and a frequent participant in the Summer Schools in Suresnes. She developed the Healing Service.

She was born in England in a Christian aristocratic family. After her husband's death in 1921 she dedicated her life to the work of the Sufi Message and offered her service to Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan, 'whether it be for healing or anything else'. She offered her house, 35 Tregunter Road, London SW 10, to Murshid for his interviews and lectures. Murshida Green also lived in her house for some time.

From 1921 on she was conducting a healing group in her house after having been initiated by Murshid as Shefayat. In her Murshid found the person with whom he could discuss the possibility of creating Spiritual Healing as one of the activities of the Sufi Movement and later on Murshid made her the head of the Spiritual Healing. Murshid told her that healing of sickness of the soul would be more her work: comforting and helping those who are sad and perplexed and lost. She felt also much drawn to that branch of the work but at the same time welcomed whoever came to her. She always kept a room in the house (the 'Prophet's Chamber') ready for Murshid to stay there whenever he would come to London.