Jane Elizabeth Groom [1939-1908]
Emigration advocate

“I desire that a grant of land be made by Her Majesty’s Government in Canada for the deaf and dumb and their families so that they may be afforded the opportunity of being healthy, bright, and useful…”

Born: December 18, 1839
Woodgate, England

Died: March 3, 1908
London, England

Family of origin:
Father was a land surveyor and real estate agent. She had a Deaf sister.

Schooling:
Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Old Trafford/Manchester

Professional Experiences:
Teacher at a Deaf school in London (Wilmot/Bethnal Green School)
Missionary working with poor and unemployed Deaf people in London/Hackney
1884 approval of application of emigration: Organized and fund-raised for a group emigration of 36 Deaf settlers to Manitoba (Canada). [further applications were denied despite success of initial emigrants].

References:
For an ASLized description of Jane Elizabeth Groom’s life, see:
http://www.deafculturecentre.ca/Public/Place/Item_Details.aspx?ID=57


see also
American Annals of the Deaf (1886, pg 63 and pg 228)