

## Mumu

This grave in Locksbrook cemetery bears the inscription:

'In Memory of MUMU, a deaf and dumb African girl. She was rescued in childhood from a slave vessel and taken to the Church Missionary School at Charlotte, Sierra Leone, from where she was sent to England for education and remained 11 years in the Bath Institute for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb.

She was baptised Dec 28 1857 and received the christian names of Annie Jane Elwin. After a short illness, she fell asleep in Jesus May 16 1866 aged 25 years.'

This raises many questions; who rescued her and why? Why was she brought to Bath? Perhaps further research into her life will answer these questions?



*Photograph of Mumu's grave, Locksbrook Cemetery © Bath Record Office*