

Biographical Record

Lancelot NEWTON (1866 – 1951)

Represented the the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on the Central Council from 1891 to 1893 and attended 1 meeting

Lancelot Newton was born in the first quarter of 1866 in the parish of Elvet in Durham, the fifth child of Lancelot and Sarah Newton. At that time the family was living in Hallgarth Street. He learned to ring at St. Oswald's, Durham and joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1881, aged 15. In 1883 he lived at Mavin Street in Durham and was responsible for submitting the tower reports for St. Oswald Durham for the Association annual report. By 1884 he had moved to the Durham County Industrial School at Earls House, where he worked as a pupil teacher. He continued to submit the reports for St. Oswald's up to 1887. He took over as Secretary for the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1888 and presented the 12th annual report to the Association. He held the post of secretary for three years, until 1892. He was married in 1897 and after that date his name no longer appears in the Durham and Newcastle annual reports – whether the two facts are connected or not is not known.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples on 8th September 1888 at Heywood in Lancashire, where he had gone for a holiday with a friend, Mr Charles Butterworth. They rang three peals while they were on holiday in Lancashire. Later Lancelot rang in the first peal on the bells at Bishop Auckland.

He was a schoolmaster by profession. By 1911 he was the head teacher at the County Industrial School at Earls House in Durham.

He died in the Carlisle area, aged 85, in the second quarter of 1951.