

History: KS2

Histories in the Headstones



Philip Round: Died 12th January 1936 aged 76

Philip Round was the proprietor of the works of **Messrs J & P Round** of Orchard Lane, Lye. He was educated at **Lye Church School** but was working by the age of 10. He quickly became one of the foremost holloware manufacturers in the area.

Philip Round's father was in the nail-making business and his grandfather was an anvil and vice-maker. In 1875 Round started in the **holloware trade** and worked with his brother James until he retired in 1924. The Round factory workshop, established in 1849 still survives in Lye and has been listed by Dudley Council as a building “worthy of protection and conservation”.

Philip Round lived at Brocksopp's Hall and later in Norton. He had a long connection with St John's Methodist Church, Lye and in 1921 installed electric lighting into the church in memory of his father.

James died a few years before Philip and the brothers are buried side by side in Lye Cemetery. James's only son is recorded on his gravestone as he gave his life at the age of 20 during the First World War of 1914-18.

Philip's gravestone has 3 graduated steps signifying “faith, hope and charity”. It is an important symbol of the Christian faith.

Research Questions:

1. Look at the 1911 census return for Mr Round. What was his address?

2. Can you find this address on a current map? Can you find the address on an historic map dating from around that year?

3. What is holloware?
