

Biographical Record

Herbert Green FRETWELL (1877 – 1957)

Represented the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association on the Central Council from 1927 – 1929 and attended 1 meeting

Herbert Green Fretwell was born in Oakerthorpe, Derbyshire in 1877.

He lived in Swanwick in Derbyshire for much of his early life. He served for some years as Secretary of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association but resigned when he moved to Leicestershire in 1930. He still maintained contact with the Association, returning to attend at least one meeting in 1931.

In 1937 he was attached to Diseworth, and in the 1950s he rang at Castle Donnington. In 1957 he was made an honorary life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, but he died later the same year, on Boxing Day in the Loughborough area.

On December 31st 1910 he conducted the first peal by the local branch, at Swanwick, where he rang the tenor to Grandsire Doubles. This was his first peal as conductor, though not his first peal.

He conducted 6 peals for the East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association, but also rang at least 10 peals for the Midland Counties Association, having become a member of that Association in 1925.

He was employed at various times as a wheelwright and a coal miner.

The photo is from a picture of the Swanwick ringers around 1914.

