

# Biographical Record

## Joseph GRIFFIN (1855 – 1947)

Represented the Midland Counties Association on the Central Council  
from 1891 - 1924, was an Honorary Member from 1924 - 1936  
and attended 34 meetings

Joseph Griffin (Joe) was born in 1855 in Blisworth, Northamptonshire.

Joe learned to ring at St Paul's Burton-on-Trent circa 1875. He rang his first peal, treble to Treble Bob Major, on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1879.

The Burton band rang a peal of 7200 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Beeston on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1882 in which he took part. He rang in the first non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples, at St Paul's, Burton on Trent, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1886. On November 8<sup>th</sup> 1888 he conducted a peal of 6720 London Surprise Major by the Burton band. This was a record at that time. He rang a total of 279 peals, of which 276 were for the Midland Counties Association.

Joe was a member of the Central Council's  
Reduced Rail Fares Committee 1893-1902  
Standing Committee 1906-1936  
Peals Analysis Committee 1906-1921

He was Secretary of the Midland Counties Association and was Vice-President of the Association 1928-1932.

He worked as a brewers' clerk.

He attended the Annual General Meeting of the Midland Counties Association on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1939. He also went to the Central Council meeting in London in June 1939.

In later life Joe went to live in Bournemouth with his daughter Elsie.

He died, aged 92, on October 15<sup>th</sup> 1947 at Fairmile House in Christchurch, Hampshire.