

# William Booth Hackney of Barlaston Old Road

William Booth Hackney was born on 24 February 1851 in Peel Street, Stoke on Trent, where his father Ralph traded as a china and earthenware factor. He succeeded his father in the family business which he carried on in Copeland Street Stoke until he retired in 1923.

He entered public service in 1896 as representative of the south ward on Stoke Town Council. He was elected Mayor in 1906 until 1910 and the Federation of the six Pottery Towns. In 1910 he was made an Honorary Freeman of Stoke upon Trent. On Federation he became an Alderman of Stoke on Trent County Borough Council and continued to serve until his retirement from public office in 1931, when he was presented with the City Council's long service medal.

He also served as a magistrate from 1906 until 1938, when he was one of the longest serving magistrates in the district.

He was a prominent Liberal and a staunch Methodist. When he moved to Toronto on Barlaston Old Road, Trentham in the early 1900s he became associated with the adjacent Trentham Methodist Church and served there for many years.

He married Helena Willdigg in 1887 and had two sons and two daughters. His son Horace Booth Hackney became a partner in the Patterson and Hackney firm of solicitors in Longton. His son Colin William Hackney also served as a councillor.

He had a keen interest in the game of bowls and was a member of Trentham Bowling Club since its inception. He held the role of President for 20 years and was presented with a gold mounted malacca walking stick on his 85th birthday.

He died in Cheadle on 14 October 1941, aged 90.



## DEATH OF MR. W. B. HACKNEY

### LONG PUBLIC SERVICE

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. William Booth Hackney, the last Mayor of the old Borough of Stoke-upon-Trent and for 21 years an alderman of the Stoke-on-Trent Council.

Mr. Hackney passed away yesterday in his 91st year at the residence of his daughter, The Croft, Cheadle, Staffs., following a brief illness.

When he retired from the Stoke-on-Trent City Council in 1931, Mr. Hackney had completed 45 years' public service, and his devoted and painstaking work on behalf of the public interest will be recalled with gratitude by many of the older generation.

### LAST STOKE MAYOR

The son of Mr. Ralph Hackney, who traded as a china and earthenware factor at Peel-street, Stoke, he entered public life in 1896 as a representative of South Ward on the old Stoke Town Council. He was elected Mayor in 1906, and continued to serve in that office until the Federation of the Potteries towns in 1910. He had previously been made an Honorary Freeman of the old Borough of Stoke-upon-Trent, an honour which he greatly treasured.



### A Former Mayor of Stoke 85th Birthday Presentation

MR. W. B. HACKNEY, J.P., who resides at Toronto, Barlaston-road, Trentham, has just celebrated his 85th birthday.

The occasion has been marked by the presentation to him by the members of the Committee of the Trentham Gardens Bowling Club, of which he has been President for more than 20 years, of a gold-mounted malacca walking stick. The stick bears the inscription—

Presented to the President, W. B. Hackney, Esq., J.P., by the Committee of the Trentham Gardens Bowling Club, on his 85th birthday.—1936.

Despite his great age, Mr. Hackney is still a keen bowler, and entered for numerous competitions promoted by the club last season. He is a former Mayor of Stoke, and the father of Mr. H. B. Hackney, the Longton solicitor.

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