

HERITAGE TRAIL



SOOTY HALL COTTAGE

Built in the 1720s, this house later became 3 cottages with gardens. It is one of the oldest houses in the village.

James (Sooty) Hall rented one of the two-bedroomed cottages here in the 1880s. He had 7 children: Wilfred, Percy, Raymond, Jack, Grace, Ivy and Annie. All the children were partially deaf like their father. He worked in the coal mines and as a chimney sweep. He was a well-known character who travelled around the nearby villages in his pony and trap.

Three of his sons followed their father's trade: Percy cared for the pit ponies which were used to haul coal in the local mine. But Jack worked on the railways. The three daughters moved away when they married. Percy and Jack continued to live here. They bought the cottage in 1965.

In 1966 Percy was tragically killed in a road accident on his way home from the Waggon and Horses pub on Rempstone Road. Jack Hall continued to live here until his death in 1980.

All the family except Grace are buried in the graveyard on The Tents. They were regular attenders of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (now a private house).

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The house as it was in 1980 before redevelopment