

**Clements, John Ernest**

*Active 1889*

*Full back*

b. 3 November 1867 East Markham

d. 1945

St Saviour's Nottingham 1887

Notts 1888-90

Forest 1889

Rangers 1889

Gainsborough 1890

Newton Heath 1890-94

Rotherham Town 1894

There is some question about the details above, that I have been unable to resolve. There certainly was a "J Clements" at all the clubs shown. Whether or not it was the same one is uncertain, as is his suggested birth place. Again, there was a Clements in East Markham, but I suspect he stayed there and did not wander around Nottingham, Manchester and Rotherham. The census returns for Nottingham and Manchester are unhelpful.

St Saviour's Church is still to be found in the Meadows. It had two active football teams in the 1880's, the senior one of which contested the final of the Nottingham Church Cup in April 1887. This was played on the Rangers' ground in Meadow Lane and attracted a crowd of 2,000. Opponents St James took a first half lead, but their forward player Pell was "floored and injured" by Clements, who was then sent off by referee J. R. Everall. The match report continued *Pell was removed to the pavilion but Clements refused to go.... occupying his position at back, and stating that if he retired the whole team would stop playing.* Anyway, he eventually left the field and the game continued, St James winning against the 10 men by 5 goals to none. Clements was later suspended by the Notts F.A. to 31 October. He then appears in a Notts team in November 1887, playing against Rangers at Trent Bridge. He played in another five ordinary fixtures in 1887-88. He also played again for St Saviour's in the Notts Cup in February 1888: opponent's Ruddington appealed on the grounds that "Clements was a Notts player".

A "J Clements" played ordinary fixtures for Forest in September and October 1888. Despite the suspension, it seems likely that this was our Clements. Notts were Football League founder members in 1888, and it seems possible that he was loaned to Forest for Alliance games to bring him up to match fitness. His Notts League debut came on 27 October 1888 against Burnley, with match reports confirming his time at St Saviour's. He played 15 first-team games for Notts during 1888-89, but only three the following season, one of them out-of-position at centre-forward, a game (at Blackburn) that Notts lost 1-9. During the season, it was alleged that Clements had played under a pseudonym for Rangers at Newcastle on 7 December, which would have led to suspension since he was only registered to play for Notts. When questioned by the Notts Committee he denied it. However, the Football Association found the case proved; Rangers were suspended for a month and Clements for the rest of the season.

Guessing correctly that he was persona non grata at Notts, Clements signed for Midland League club Gainsborough Trinity, making his debut v Hull on 13 September 1890. In November 1890 we find him at Newton Heath, the forerunner of today's Manchester United. His debut was in the "railway works derby" with Crewe Alexandra on 1<sup>st</sup> November, for which the Athletic News wrote *Clements (from Gainsborough Trinity and Notts) will have to protect his goal better, as he was up the fields far too often.* Newton Heath were in the Football Alliance, alongside Forest. Clements played two Alliance games for them in 1890-91, followed by 21 games out of 22 the following season, including the two against Forest. Aside from injuries, he played regularly for Newton Heath until the end of season 1893-94, when he signed for Rotherham Town for that club's first season in the Football League. After 27 games and 3 goals in 1894-95 he then signed for Newcastle United in July 1895 but was troubled by a leg injury and played no first-team games for them.

F.A. Cup: Gainsborough Trinity 1 appearance October 1890

**Clifford, Silas John**

*Active 1871-1874*

*17 appearances*

*Upholsters clerk 1881, furniture salesman 1891*

b. 1854 Nottingham

m. Rachel Whitchurch 1881

d. 19 May 1917 Nottingham

Silas was the son of another Silas, who traded as Clifford and Son, cabinet makers, of Goldsmith Street. New showrooms were advertised in the Journal of 3 January 1872. Later Silas snr entered into a partnership that traded as Clifford and Milner. He played in 17 ordinary games between October 1870 and 1875, usually as a forward. One of these was against Notts, for the hastily arranged fixture of 7th February 1874 after the Sheffield club cancelled their visit.

Clifford jnr was in the news for the wrong reason in November 1883, when accused by Milner of stealing goods from the business. Clifford's defence was that the goods had been given to him as wedding presents. The magistrate was not impressed by either party's story and suggested the matter should be settled by arbitration and not in his court. Milner's case seemed to be influenced by the partnership being wound up, leaving Silas snr to continue as the sole owner, with the shop then at 53 Long Row, opposite Bromley House.

Snr retired in June 1884 after nearly half a century in business and moved to Brighton, leaving his eldest son Samuel in charge. The furniture store stayed in business in Goldsmith Street until 1900, when the premises were offered to let. Silas was listed as a glass importer in the 1911 census.

### **Coleman, James**

*Active 1889-1890*

*24 appearances*

*Not on a large scale, but he is like a bit of whalebone, and clever as well (Athletic News 9 December 1889)*

*Full back*

Dumbarton Athletic 1886 (and represented Dumbartonshire)

Celtic 1888

Greenock Morton

Glasgow Hibernian 1889

Forest 1889, debut 25 November 1889

Notts Rangers 1890

James Coleman "the elder" was a riveter in the ship yards, with appearances for Dumbarton and Glasgow clubs, before we find him in Nottingham in November 1889. Though the Forest committee had decided not to employ professional players in 1889-90, all Scottish footballers at the time were by definition "amateur", so that was all right then, wasn't it? Something brought Coleman to Nottingham, and we can guarantee that it wasn't shipbuilding. He played in most of Forest's games in the remainder of the 1889-90 season, but possibly returned to Scotland in the summer of 1890. Though tipped for international honours whilst playing in Scotland, it never happened.

F.A. Cup: 1 appearance

Football Alliance: 13 appearances

### **Cox, Walter**

*Active 1890*

*7 appearances*

*Goalkeeper*

b. 1863

Leith Harp 1886

Edinburgh Hibernians

Burnley 1888

Everton 1889-90

Forest September 1890

Leith Athletic 1891

Cox was amongst the first wave of Scottish players, signed by English clubs for the first Football League season, and paid to play as professionals. The Scottish game was still strictly amateur at this time. In November 1888, the *Scottish Referee* thought him one of *the best goalkeepers in the East*. After 26 League games for Burnley he signed for Everton, where he made four appearances in 1889-90. He moved to Forest in the summer of 1890, and played seven games before returning to Scotland. The Scottish Football League started in the 1890-91 season; Leith Athletic joined in 1891, with Cox in goal for the club in their first match.

Football Alliance: 4 appearances

**Crisp, William Barker**

*Active 1869-1872*

*Manager in the hosiery trade*

*16 appearances*

b. 1843 Nottingham. His father William, a lace manufacturer  
m. Hanna (b. 1853 York)

1881 5 Addison Street, manager Elastic web company (stockings, bandages, bindings)

Forest 1869-1872

A regular first-team player in Forest's early fixtures, but one who escaped the attention of the reporters' comments. In the 1870 Nottingham Philathletic Association sports he competed in the high jump, the 120-yard flat, and the 120-yard hurdles.

**Cuckson, Edmund Arthur**

*No known first-team appearances*

b. Q4 1842 Basford

d. 16 July 1920 Nottingham

Corporal, later Quarter master Sergeant, finally Captain in the Robin Hood Rifles (34 years' service)

Lace designer

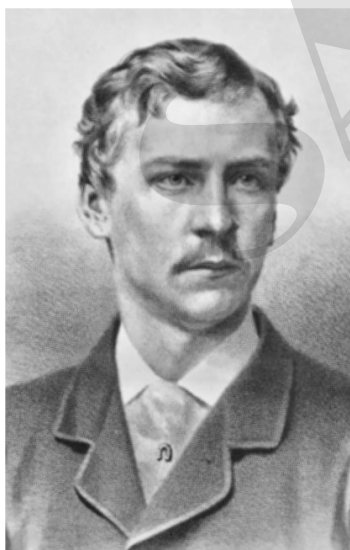
Drawing master at High Pavement School

Forest committee 1874

An active club man, playing only in inter-club games, including the Revis XIII in October 1870, and at least one reserve team match (November 1872).

**THE CURSHAMS**

*A family of outstanding sportsmen, at football and cricket. Their father, William George Cursham (1824-1900) was a solicitor and colliery owner. With their mother, Harriett Nicholson (1824-1894), they brought up five sons and six daughters, born between 1849 and 1864. The family: Mary L (1849). Francis Clinton (1850), Harriett Frances (1852), Arthur (1853), William (1855), Catherine (1856), Esther (1857), Charles (1859), Henry (1860), Mabel (1861), Jessie (1864). In general, the boys were well-educated and followed their father into professional life in law and the church. The Cursham family were associated with the church from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, with the Rev. Thomas Leeson Cursham vicar of Mansfield 1810 to 1865. Of the five boys, William jnr. (1855-) seems not have played football and Charles Lambert (1859-) only turned out for Notts. The eldest son Francis was the vicar of Cropwell Butler in 1881, and led the service at the wedding of his brother Harry at Lenton Church in 1885.*

**Cursham, Arthur William**

*Active 1872-1875*

*An excellent forward, with lots of dash*

b. 14 March 1853

m. Q3 1882 Emmeline Marie Whyte (1864-1939).

A son, Arthur St Wilfred Cursham was baptised 1 July 1883. Some reports say a second son died in Florida in 1884.

d. 24 December 1884 Peru, Florida, United States (of malaria)

1871 "lodging" Wilford Green. Solicitor's clerk

1881 lodging with brother Francis

1861 Wilford Green

England soccer international 1876-1883. England test cricketer.

Representative games for London, Sheffield and Notts

F.A. Cup appearances: 8 for Sheffield, 22 for Notts

Notts debut: 1871

Forest debut: 1871

Thursday Wanderers 1878

There are several players in this book who are worthy of a full biography. Cursham for one, Widdowson, Lindley and Lymbery also spring to mind. His father William was a solicitor in Nottingham. His mother Harriett was a full-time mother, producing 11 children in 15 years, of which Arthur was the fourth. Brothers Charles (b. 1860) and Harry (see the next entry) also played football. In 1861, the family needed a groom/gardener, a cook and a housemaid, all living-in.

Cursham was possibly educated at the High School, but the registers for his time are not complete. He went to Oakham School 1867-1870. The High School did not have a Sixth Form at this time, so boys left at 14 or 15 to study elsewhere if they wanted to take Oxford or Cambridge entrance exams. Brother Harry for example went to Repton School after the High School.

The details of Arthur's early life are somewhat sketchy, but family wealth and circumstances clearly combined to allow him to spend considerable time on sporting activities. An unidentified Cursham, but possibly the 16-year-old Arthur, played for Law against Notts County on 20 January 1870. His Notts debut followed on 28 October 1871 and we find him in Forest colours three months later, playing in Sheffield against the Norfolk club. It is clear he was a man who enjoyed the game and was ready to turn out for anyone who asked him to play. At the end of 1872, we find him playing for Forest, Notts, Forest's second team, and Law (against Forest). Later, we find him at Spondon, Sheffield, Mansfield, Grey Friars, Lambs, Grantham, Thursday Wanderers. Despite this, we should note that Notts took precedence in later years, where he was more-or-less ever-present in 1880-81 through to 1883-84. His last match for Notts was 1 March 1884, before heading off to Florida with wife and young son, and a brother.

By profession he was a mining engineer, described as a colliery manager in 1881. It was around this time that Barnes and Cursham Limited was formed, to take over and run the Ambergate Colliery at Heage, near Ripley. It did not go well, and by 1883 cheques were starting to bounce. Towards the end of the year they were bankrupt, and the colliery and its building put up for sale. At this time, large tracts of land in Florida, USA, were up for sale and marketed in the United Kingdom. Florida enjoyed substantial growth at the time. The Florida Land and Mortgage Company Ltd advertised in the Nottingham Journal of 7 December 1883 with 2,300,000 acres for sale "comprising every description of agricultural, market garden and timber lands, suitable for growing oranges, lemons, pineapples, and all kinds of tropical fruit". The company also opened shops in some towns in order to attract new purchasers. Cursham was presumably struggling after the bankruptcy hearings and took the opportunity to move to America. Many others took the same path. Composer Frederick Delius was sent to Solano Grove in Picolata in 1884 to manage an orange plantation, after his father had given up hope that Delius would take an active part in his Bradford-based wool business. It is said that his music was influenced by the singing of black labourers in the orange groves, and on passing boats in the St Johns river. Picolata is close to St Augustine on the east coast. His orchestral "Florida Suite" was composed in Leipzig in 1887 and remains one of his most popular works.

Cursham settled in Peru, Florida. The village was later swallowed up by the settlement of Riverview on the opposite bank of the Alafia river, close to Tampa on the west coast. An 1885 homestead (not his) was demolished in recent times, but we can imagine the Curshams in a similar property, a single-story wooden structure, which he named "Wilford Grove". Orange growing in Florida was risky for two reasons, attacks by the local insect population, and the danger of cold weather in Florida's winter months. Although frosts were rare, when they happened, they could wipe out a whole plantation. Rather like older residents of Nottingham could name the flood years of the Trent, so Floridians could recall the frost years, such as 1835 and 1894.

Cursham was taken ill and died of malaria on Christmas Eve 1884. The news did not reach Nottingham until 21 January 1885, The Derby Mercury said: *Footballers all over the country will learn with regret of the death of a famous exponent of the Association game Arthur William Cursham died at Florida on Christmas Eve, but the melancholy intelligence did not reach Nottingham, his native town, until Saturday morning. The cause of death was malarial fever, from which Mr. Cursham had lost one of his children only a short time before. It is about ten months since the once-celebrated International forward left Nottingham for Florida, where he had embarked in an orange-growing speculation. His brother, members of the Notts Club, the Nottingham Forest, the Sheffield Club, and others raised a testimonial of £300 as a mark of the appreciation of his work in connection with football. Arthur Cursham first played for his country against Scotland in 1876. He was later the captain in International games up to 1883. He was a top-class cricketer and played for his country, being one of the Notts eleven who defeated the first team of Australians. He was the captain of the Notts Football eleven during last season, and his last match was against Queen's Park in April 1884. His age was 3[1]."* Represented Nottingham in 1875 in their match against London, and played for the Notts County club from 1875 up until his benefit match on 3 April 1884 against Queen's Park, who defeated them 3-0, but had earned Arthur with £284 to emigrate with, becoming club captain. In his last season with Notts County, he was known as R.H. Venables. He also helped Nottingham Forest FC in their 1879-80 campaign. Throughout, he assisted other clubs, such as Oakham School, Nottingham Law club, Nottingham Thursday Wanderers FC and Sheffield FC. Played occasionally for Grantham Town between 1876-79. Later in his career, represented both London and Sheffield. In all, he played over 300 matches.

Sometime after Arthur's death, Emmeline returned to England with their son, Arthur St Wilfred Cursham. In 1901, Emmeline was working as a book keeper and living in digs in Beverley Street, Nottingham. Arthur jnr was boarding at Ipswich School, where the headmaster was his uncle Philip Raynor. Raynor had married Jessie Cursham in 1885, when he was then assistant master at Wellington College.

Towards the end of his football career, Cursham often played under the pseudonym of "R Venables". It is not certain why this happened: perhaps to avoid his creditors.

### Cursham, Francis Clinton (the Rev.)

*Man of the cloth*

b. 29 January 1850

m. Bertha Elizabeth Nathalie Sarah Imogene Heimbürger Scarborough 1888 (b. St Petersburg, Russia 1865, d. 1892)

d. 14 April 1934, Surrey

1891: Town Street, Cropwell Butler. Clerk in Holy Orders

Oakham School

1869: St John's College, Cambridge

Forest

Notts

Ordained as deacon in 1873, his work in the church took him to many places, including Calverley, Carshalton, Dalton-in-Furness, Cropwell Butler and Flintham. A close relative, Francis Lambert Cursham was also active in the church at the same time, and their respective careers are sometimes confused.

### Cursham, Henry Alfred (Harry)

*Active 1878*

*Insurance agent*

*A grand forward. Plays on either wing, and had distinguished himself in the centre. Is at his best perhaps on the left, in which position he frequently evokes admiration by the brilliancy of his runs. A splendid shot at goal, and altogether one of the best men of the day.*



b. 27 November 1859 Wilford

m. Frances Anne Elizabeth Rawson (1869-1946) 20 January 1885. Harry's brother Francis officiated.

d. 6 August 1941 Holme Pierrepont

High School aged 9 from 18 January 1869, along with his brother Charles Cursham.

At Repton, midsummer 1875 until Xmas 1876. Repton was a popular choice for students preparing for Oxford or Cambridge entrance.

Played with Grantham FC in 1877 and Sheffield's Thursday Wanderers FC; before he joined Notts circa 1880, and played with the Corinthian FC team 1882-86. Played cricket for Notts Colts in 1880, along with William Gunn. He made two first-class appearances for Notts CCC.

We only have newspaper reports to rely on, but the comparison to Harry Cursham that springs most readily to mind, in terms of physique and the ability to dribble through an opponent's defence, is Stan Collymore. Cursham had more shoulder-charges to defeat, but you can imagine his speed and momentum carried him through. Primarily associated with Notts, he played two games for Forest.

Cursham's official goal-scoring record of 48 in F.A. Cup ties (for Notts) stands to this day. It is fair to add an asterisk to the total to indicate there are some doubts about the number. At one point, I was inclined to give him a 49<sup>th</sup> goal, which I later gave to his brother. On the other hand, he claimed nine of the goals in the cup-tie v Wednesbury Strollers, whereas the official total was six. The 48 includes one match in the qualifying rounds, which some sources might choose to ignore.

His last game for Notts was planned to be against Wolves in January 1889, after which he wrote a personal letter to the Notts' board to announce his retirement. He was in Massachusetts in November 1889, where he donned his boots again to play for Fall Rivers' Thorntons against the East Ends. Later, in 1891, he was asked to play at full back for Notts in two games, covering for the injured Tommy McLean. One of these was an F.A. Cup semi-final against Sunderland, the third time Harry had played in a Cup semi-final.

At business, he entered the insurance trade, and for over 50 years was district agent for the Union Assurance Society Ltd., After retirement he remained a director of the local board. Mr. and Mrs. Cursham celebrated their golden wedding in 1935. With the football club serving as a meeting place for other husbands and wives in this book, I wondered briefly if that Harry and married a sister of Frederick Rawson. However, Frances' father was Francis George Rawson, who contributed his surname to the Nottingham solicitors Freeth, Rawson & Cartwright.

England International. Selected at outside right in his first match v Scotland in 1888 (since Bambridge and Mosforth were the regular players on the left wing).

## THE DAFTS

*Another famous Nottingham sporting family. Brothers Charles snr and Richard played football and cricket, with Richard labelled as one of the best batsmen of all time. Their father John Daft was a Lincolnshire man who had moved to Nottingham by 1823, and married Sarah Little at St Peter's Church in 1827. John's first son, John Henry Daft (1823-1899) does not enter our account directly, though his son Richard Arthur Daft will be found on a later page.*

### Daft, Charles Frederick (senior)



*Active 1866-1868*

*Founder member*

b. 8 June 1830

m. Sarah Tricket (b. 1834) Q3 1855, Sheffield. Their son's biography follows this one.

d. 9 March 1915, Nottingham

1861: Alma Terrace, St Mary's. Gentleman. 3 daughters at home

1881: 9 Balmoral Road, St Mary's. Cricketer's outfitter

Played in Notts' first recorded team 2 January 1865 v Sheffield

Forest debut 13 December 1866

Forest captain for their game with Notts in December 1866

Notts CCCC cricketer.

Nottingham Commercial Club from 1857 (where he won many club prizes for batting and bowling)

Selected for "the colts 22" in their match with the Notts county XI April 1861

First XI debut v Cambridge June 1862

Played for George Parr's All England Eleven.

Daft is said to have supplied the red flannel caps for the Forest players following the first meeting. His "Cricketing outfitters" business opened with an advertisement in the Nottingham Guardian of 28 March 1862 "in premises adjoining to those of Mrs Goodall, News Agent, Lister Gate. A large quantity and carefully selected stock of bats, balls, leg-guards, batting and wicket-keeping gloves, stumps, &c., will constantly be kept on hand." In 1867 his "cricket depot" was to be found in Brewill's Yard, Angel Row.

### Daft, Charles Frederick (junior)

*Active 1884*

*Lace Manufacturer*

b. 23 July 1864. Son of Charles Daft senior.

m. Alice b. 1868

d. 10 October 1918

High School 1875 to 1880

Forest games 2 and 11 October 1884, and also played for the reserves in 1884-85.

An unidentified Daft was in a Notts scratch team on 20 February 1886, when the first team (including H.B. Daft) was playing Queen's Park, Glasgow.

Played for Nottingham Swifts in an F.A. Cup tie against Forest in October 1887

At one time Daft was the 120 yards hurdle champion of England, and is said to have introduced the "one, two, three, jump", taking the hurdle in his stride without making a special effort to jump. He won the Midland's hurdles championships of 1885, 1886 and 1890.

He died in the torpedoing of the RMS Leinster, 10<sup>th</sup> October 1918, along with his son (also Charles Frederick Daft b. 1893). The ship was travelling from Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire), Dublin, to Holyhead. The sea was rough following bad weather. After a torpedo hit the ship lifeboats were launched, but then a second torpedo caused immense damage and the ship sank quickly. Those people not in a lifeboat stood little chance of survival. 569 of the 813 on board were lost. The German submarine responsible for the attack was later sunk when the boat hit a mine in the North Sea.

The news of the loss of the Dafts took some time to reach Nottingham. The elder one was working as a representative of Messrs Thomas Adams Ltd, a lace manufacturer in Nottingham, and had visited Ireland many times on the company's behalf. The bodies of father and son were returned to Nottingham and buried at the Church Cemetery on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Daft's mother had died just a few weeks before, and the internment was made in her grave.

## Daft, Harry Butler



*Active 1888-1893*

*See Forest 1892-1939*

*A flash of lightning at outside left*

*Professional footballer from 1890*

b. 5 April 1866. Son of Richard Daft.

m. 23 April 1891, causing him to miss playing for Notts against Everton later the same day.

d. 12 January 1945 High Cross, Herts

Trent College (where it is said he scarcely ever kicked a football)

Primarily known for his cricketing achievements. Played for the Gentlemen against Players at the Oval in 1886. Played for NCCC as an amateur until 1890, then as a

professional until his retirement in 1899.

Represented the North v the South at lacrosse, November 1884.

At football, he played for England against Scotland and Wales in 1890, and against Ireland in 1889, 1891 and 1892. He was in Notts' F.A. Cup winning team of 1894.

For a Forest match at Stoke in 1888, Lindley was unable to play, so Daft took his place. Though primarily associated with Notts, Daft returned to Forest for four games in 1893 after he had declined to travel with Notts on a visit to Scotland. Also played for Newark in F.A. Cup games on 15 Oct and 27 Oct 1892, and for the Corinthians. He wrote: *I have never been so well suited as with the first rank of the Corinthian. Lindley in the centre always played me just as I wished, and whenever he saw a good opening for me I always had the ball direct from him, instead of valuable time being wasted by its being passed backwards and forwards by three or four players when there was no necessity for so much passing.* A comment modern footballers might like to consider.

## Daft, Richard



*Cricketer*

*Sports outfitter*

*Publican*

*Partner in the Radcliffe Brewery*

b. 2 November 1835 Nottingham

m. Mary Parr (1843-1918) Radcliffe on Trent 17 September 1862. Mary was the daughter of Butler Parr (1810-1872) a first-class cricketer active 1835-1854) and the sister of (another) Butler Parr (1860-1934).

d. 18 July 1900 Radcliffe on Trent

Brother of Charles Daft Snr. and father of Harry Daft.

Notts 1865 (and earlier)

Notts CCC October 1858, turning professional in 1859.

County cricket umpire 1898

One of two cricketers making a guest appearance in this book. He was said to be the best batsman of his day. Played for Parr's All England Eleven 1859-1861. Captained Notts CCC 1871 to 1880. He said in his 1893 biography *Kings of Cricket* how much he enjoyed football. This extract is often quoted:

*When a young man I played regularly with the Notts County Football Club when it was first formed. I believe I played centre-forward, but am not quite sure about this, as we were never very particular in those days about keeping in one place. Charging and dribbling were the chief features of the game at that time, and often very rough play was indulged in. The last time I played football was at Trent College, about five years ago. I went with our village team merely as a spectator, but as we were a man short I, at the earnest request of both my comrades and my opponents, consented to fill the vacancy. My friend, Mr. Shuker, lent me the necessary apparel, and I took up my position as "inside right." Early in the game a young player gave me a spill, rather unexpectedly; but I made him feel the weight of my 14 stone several times afterwards. I enjoyed the game thoroughly and so did everyone else.*

He played in Notts first recorded line-up versus Sheffield on 2 January 1865, alongside brother Charles and brother-in-law George Parr. He played regularly until the early 1870s, when he may have been handicapped by a cricketing injury sustained in 1870.

In later life he ran a sports outfitters in Lister Gate, which is sometimes to be seen in early photographs of St Peter's Square. He was a partner in the Radcliffe Brewery and a licensee. Financial difficulties arose in later life.

**Daft, Richard Arthur**

Active 1885

Goalkeeper

- b. Q2 1858, the son of Richard Daft's brother John Henry Daft
- m. Mary Ann Tute (b. 1860 Durham) circa 1887
- d. Q3 1940 Nottingham

1861: Colville Street

1871: Gloucester Villas, Colville Street

1881: 11 Forest Grove. Warehouseman

1891: Coach and Horses, Mansfield Road. Licensed victualler

1901: 75 Northumberland Street. Licensed victualler

1884: Swifts

1885: Forest

One game for Forest v Great Lever, February 1885. In 1921 he was living in Hoveringham and described as a hotel proprietor, retired.

**THE DANKS**

*Thomas Danks (1803-1883) was the head of the family, and founder of the Nottingham ironmongers business. He was also one of the founders of the Nottingham and Notts Banking Company. The Danks name is well-known to Nottingham shoppers of recent generations in need of locks, screws and other hardware. With wife Mary, Thomas had seven children, four of them boys. The oldest surviving son Samuel (1834-1882) married Emma in 1856, and went one better than his father, with eight children, five of them boys. In 1870, Samuel and all his family were in London, Ontario. Of their five boys, Walter Danks (1859-1918) does not appear in the sporting records and is known to have run the business. Richard and Thomas were Forest players. Their sister Amy married Forest's Charles Gowthorpe in September 1887.-*

**Danks, Richard**

Active 1882-1887

18 appearances

*Richard Danks was both deaf and dumb. Mercutio said "this meant he could not obey the word of command. Is at his best when his brother is on the opposite wing, and can cross to him."*

*Elder brother of Tom Danks*

b. May 1860

m. Annie Sheehan (1875-) 1898 in Chicago, USA 21 April 1898

d. After 1925, Hartfield, Connecticut, USA. Danks was reported in the Hartford Courant of 30 March 1925 as paralysed from a stroke.

1861: Southey Street

1871: The whole family is in Ontario, Canada at the time of this census

1881: 137 Kirkwhite Street. A fitter.

1900: In Chicago, Illinois 1894 onwards, returning briefly to the UK in 1905

In New York, USA in 1910, and Fairfield, Connecticut in 1920

Bank 1881 (alongside his brother Tom)

Notts 1882

Forest 1883

Notts FA v Lincoln April 1883

Jardines 1886

3 F.A. Cup appearance for Wanderers 1884, 1885



### **Danks, Thomas (Tom)**



*Active 1884-1889*

*80 appearances*

*England international*

*Outside right/Inside forward*

b. 30 May 1863 Sherwood, Nottingham

d. 27 April 1908 at 25 Park Row, Nottingham, age 44. Buried Church Cemetery.

Brother of Richard Danks.

1891: A boarder at 8 Mansfield Road

1901: A boarder at 25 Park Row. Ironmonger.

Bank: 1881. A member of the "Locals XI", representing Bank, which met Forest in 1881.

Notts FA trialist February 1883

Wanderers 1884

Notts FA v Sheffield February 1884

Forest 1884. Debut 22 November 1884 v Sheffield. Last game 2 April 1888.

Played 6 games for Notts in 1884-85 and 1885-86.

One international cap for England 1885 v. Scotland.

As a player, Danks was described as "industrious and unselfish". He was an athletic winger with a powerful shot. His form for Forest, and his representative games for the Notts F.A., brought him to the attention of the England selectors in 1885, when he was picked for the Scotland game at the Oval in March. A cold and snowy day was not the best conditions for his international debut.

Danks worked for the family hardware business. When swimming, he won several races held in the Trent. An oarsman with the Nottingham Boat Club. Later, on the Forest committee, he was active in the running of the club's annual sports meeting.

He was unwell in the winter of 1907-08, and spent time in Bournemouth in the hope of recovery. His brother Walter found him as well as he expected to when he visited at midday on 27 April, but within six hours Thomas was dead.

Forest F.A. Cup 16 appearances, 6 goals

### **Davies, Harry Simeon**

*Active 1869-1875*

*49 appearances*

*Silk and cotton agent*

*A very fair centre forward*

b. Q4 1852 Nottingham. The son of Henry Davies, of Henry Davies & Co., silk and spun agent, Haughton Street (lived Forest Grove). Harry took over the business after his father's death in 1882, but it went bankrupt in 1886.

m. 22 February 1877 Clara Ann Ackroyd (1855-1925)

d. 27 December 1916 Nottingham

Cricket for the Forest club, scoring 70 not out 1 June 1872. Also 1876

Cricket for Nottingham Lace 1871

On Notts CCC committee – see meeting in Guardian 28 December 1877

Davies was a regular choice at half-back in the Forest teams from 1870 to 1876. We are told Davies scored with a header in the game with Sheffield Norfolk in March 1872, a rare event at the time. He was joint secretary of the club (with CJ Spencer) in 1872.

### **Davis, Henry Walter (Harry)**



*Active 1883-1884*

*8 appearances*

*Timber Merchant*

b. 1862

m. Q3 1891 Frances Jane Spowage (b. 1869, Nottingham)

d. 12 August 1945 West Bridgford, 59 Rodney Road

1921: 14 Millicent Road, West Bridgford. Commercial traveller, timber trade.

Forest: 3 November 1883 to 20 March 1886

An HW Davis (of People's College) was third in the "under 12" scholars' race at the Forest Sports of 1874  
When Teddy Leighton died at the City Ground on 15 April 1944, Harry Davis was sitting next to him.

### **THE DOBSONS**

*The senior Dobson, William Ebenezer Dobson (1826-1901), was a successful factory owner, running a lace dressers business from a large factory in Great Freeman Street (some of which is used by Hopewells furnishers today). Cotton and silk came from the weavers as "brown". The lace dressers then used a liquid mixture, mainly starch, to turn it white or any other colour. As you can imagine, this was not pleasant work for the young ladies involved in the process. The finished material was then passed on to finishers, who made the curtains, hats, scarves and whatever.*

*William married three times having outlived the first two wives. Sabina Dobson, nee Pearson (1824-1867) was the mother of the footballers described below. He then married Martha Downing Stevens (1837-1879) who gave him three sons and a daughter, then Mary Jane Young (1847-1921) with one son born in 1883.*

*William was a prominent member of the Catholic community in Nottingham. He purchased the land for the Mission of St Augustines in Launder Street in the Meadows, and contributed £1,000 towards the building of Westminster Cathedral in London.*

*William and Sabina had five sons and four daughters. Brothers William Henry (1856-), John George (1857-1928), Alfred Thomas (1859-1932), Francis Pearson (1862-1869), Charles Frederick (Francis' twin, 1862-1939). As with other family groups in this book, occasional educated guesses are necessary when the newspapers only print "Dobson". Alfred Thomas and Charles Frederick played largely for Notts and both won caps for England. William Henry and Alfred Thomas appear for Notts 1875-76 and 1876-77, when William stopped and Alfred becomes the club's regular back until 1884. He was club captain for a time. Charles Frederick first played for Notts in 1880 and became the first-choice half-back from 1882-83 to 1887-88.*

### **Dobson, Alfred Thomas Carrick**



*Full back*

*Director of Dobson and M. Browne and Co. Ltd, lace curtain manufacturers*

b. 28 March 1859 Bulwell.

m1. Q3 1891 Louise Lucille Merme (1869-1900) Fylde, Lancashire

m2. 1911 Augusta Martha Stevens (1865-1914) Kingston, Surrey

m3. Lily Betsy (b. 1876 Nottingham)

d. 22 October 1932 The Yews, High Road, Beeston. Buried General Cemetery.

1871: Downside Roman Catholic College, Midsomer Norton

1901: 23 Lenton Road. Lace manufacturer

1921: The Yews, High Road, Beeston. Lace manufacturer, retired.

Notts 1875

Forest debut February 1877

Four England caps; Scotland March 1884, Wales March 1884, Ireland February 1882 and February 1884

Represented Nottinghamshire v Surrey March 1884 and v London November 1884

A cyclist and member of the Notts Amateur Cycling club.

A full back, said to be fast and a good tackler. He played second team games for Forest in 1876 and was in the first teams that met Sheffield Wednesday at Trent Bridge on Shrove Tuesday games in February 1877 and March 1878. Notts players were included in the Forest team for both games, as matches with the Sheffield clubs were always regarded as prestige fixtures.

**Dobson, Charles Frederick***Half back**Director of W.E. and T. Dobson, Lace Manufacturers*

b. 9 September 1862 Basford, Nottingham

m. Ada Mary Houghton

d. 18 May 1939 Ealing

1881: 23 Lenton Road. Lace dresser

1891: Hamilton Drive. Lace maker's foreman

1901: Over Bank House, Upper Broughton. Lace manufacturer

1911: 15 Cavendish Crescent. Lace manufacturer.

Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire

Notts County Cricket Club

Notts 1880 (one Football League game December 1888, and two FA Cup ties that season)

Corinthian 1880-1884

England cap v Ireland March 1886

Represented Nottinghamshire v Lincolnshire April 1883 and v Lancashire December 1885

Member of County tennis and golf clubs

The younger brother of Alfred Dobson. Charles is not known to have played for Forest, but it seems likely, and some "Dobson" entries are not identified.

**Dobson, William Henry Michael**

b. 4 September 1856 Nottingham

m. Q2 1883 Mary Monica Flint, Market Harborough

d. 14 October 1919 Moat Brae Nursing Home, Dumfries

Possible Forest debut February 1876. Played in the second team in 1876-77. No known first team games.

**Duncan, John***Active 1890-1891**8 appearances*

b. 1868 Scotland

Dundee Wanderers 1886

Renton 1888

Forest 1890. Debut 18 December 1890

Renton 1891

1891: Professional footballer, boarding at 22 Newthorpe Street. Also living there: Neil McCallum.

Renton is a small village a few miles north of Dumbarton, whose club can claim to have once been the football World Champions. Having won the Scottish Cup in 1888 they challenged the F.A. Cup holders, West Bromwich Albion. Renton were founder members of the Scottish Football League in 1890, but were suspended for playing an ordinary fixture against Edinburgh Saints. This was because the Saints were a renamed St Bernards club, who had been banned by the Scottish F.A. for playing professional players. I think too that there may have been a suspicion that Renton were also paying their men. In any case their suspension allowed the English scouts to take their pick of the team; Duncan was in Nottingham by December 1890.

Because of the drain on their best players, in 1891 the Scottish F.A. passed a resolution to restore any professional to his amateur status if he returned home before 2 August 1891. This allowed them to play in the Scottish League, which was "amateur only" when it started, though you may wonder why anyone would want to do so. The "lure" was simply that enough attractions were offered, so that they did not need to be paid to play. For example, one man was offered a pub to run, with the understanding that he would keep all the proceeds. Duncan was one of those who took advantage of the amnesty, another being Andrew McGregor of Notts, who had played in all 22 League games in 1890-91. It was hinted that Forest's David Russell would also return to Scotland, but he stayed with Forest for 1891-92. Professionalism was finally made legal in Scotland for the 1893-94 season.

Football Alliance: 2 appearances, 1 goal

**Earp, Frederick William ('Ted', since Earp was usually known as 'Edward')**

*Active 1878-1884*

*112 appearances*

*Winger*

*Stationer, Market Street*

*Very pretty and clever on the left wing, where he dribbles well. Kicks at goal with rare judgement.*



b. 25 September 1860, Father Robert Earp (b. 1830) stationer, mother Elizabeth (b. 1829, d. before 1891)

m. Elizabeth Kirk (b. 1861)

d. 11 February 1948 Henry Road, West Bridgford

Half-brother of Martin Earp

1871: 10 St Anns Well Road

1881: 3 Market Street. Stationer's assistant

1891: Hassocks Lodge, Evelyn Street. Lithographer

1901: 1 Park Street, Beeston

1911: 60 Chaworth Road, West Bridgford. Forest secretary.

1939: 27 Henry Road, West Bridgford. Paper merchant's traveller, living with elder brother Robert Earp

Forest 1878

England trial 26 February 1879 for Stripes v Whites

England trial 6 March 1880 for North v South (Oval)

Club secretary 1909-1912

Member of the Nottingham Rowing Club

Fred was below average height. In a match at Walsall in October 1881, the Athletic News report commented on the playing field: *Some idea of the length of the grass can be gathered when I say that Earp was invisible part of this match and only the heads of tall players like Gunn, Hancock and the Luntleys were to be seen at intervals.*

A member of the Nottingham Rowing Club. He was involved in an unfortunate drowning incident in August 1882 when a double canoe capsized and his companion Guy Minnitt was drowned. They had hoisted a sail which was caught by a gust of wind, throwing both men into the River Trent. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death on Minnitt.

Wednesbury Cup winner 1883

Forest F.A. Cup 16 appearances, 3 goals

**Earp, Martin John (Jack)**

*Active 1890-1892+*

*73 appearances*

*See Forest 1892-1939*

*Lithographer artist*



b. Q3 1872. Father Robert Earp, mother unknown

d. 16 July 1950, Durban South Africa

Half-brother of Fred Earp.

1881: 3 Market Street. Scholar

1891: Hassock Lodge, Evelyn Street, Beeston. Lithographer

Forest

Corinthian 1891

Everton 1891

Forest 1892

Sheffield Wednesday 1893

Stockport County 1903

An amateur player with Forest. Along with Albert Smith, he found his place under threat from the professional players, and in 1891 offered his services to Everton. His debut for his new club came on 14 November 1891. After nine games that season, he returned to Forest for their first League season of 1892-93, before turning professional

with Sheffield Wednesday the following season. He made one appearance for Notts in a friendly match with Preston North End on 27 December 1892.

Having been a (part-time) trooper in the South Notts Hussars, he left for South Africa and the Second Boer War in 1901. Awarded a South Africa Medal whilst serving in Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal with a reserve division of the South African Constabulary regiment (which was where Baden Powell, founder of the Scout movement, served).

England trial 12 January 1891 for North v South (Town Ground, Nottingham)

F.A. Cup: 6 appearances

Football Alliance: 37 appearances

### **Elliott, Arthur**

*Active 1887-88*

*Forward*

b. Nottingham 8 May 1867

m. Q3 1893 Ada Breffitt (b. Sheffield 1869)

d. Q2 1933, Nottingham

Rangers 1885

Jardines 1887

Forest 1887

Gainsborough Trinity

Accrington 1891 (24 League games, 7 goals)

Woolwich Arsenal 1893 (24 League games, 10 goals)

Mansfield December 1894 (Notts League)

1871: 40 Millstone Lane. Father Thomas a master boot and shoe maker, employing four men.

1881: 42 Millstone Lane, Nottingham. Parents Thomas and Harriett. Brothers Samuel (1860), William (1863), Albert (1865), Henry (1870)

1891: boarding in Gainsborough, sharing digs with Arthur Henrys. Both described as “fitter (engine)”.

1901: 272 Ilkeston Road, Nottingham, with wife Ada (b. Sheffield 1869), son Arthur (b. 1894 Woolwich), daughter May (1899). Shopkeeper (boot and shoe dealer).

1911: 272 Ilkeston Road, boot dealer

1921: 272 Ilkeston Road, drapery shopkeeper

Elliott's career took him from local amateur football in Nottingham to the new heights of professional League football. He had the occasional brush with authority on the way. Jardines were accused of pinching Rangers players, of which he was one. Then Jardines were accused of making payments to their players, at a time when this was not allowed. Later, an F.A. Commission (that included Sam Widdowson) suspended three Gainsborough Trinity players following trouble with a match against Newcastle West End, but acquitted Elliott.

Research into Elliott's career and life story illustrates how easy it is to end up down the wrong path. There were two other Arthur Elliotts, born in Nottingham at around the same time. Once you have established the right parents and the right wife, everything often slots into place. In this case, a spell at Gainsborough and a son born in Woolwich confirmed matters nicely.

### **Emmitt, Herbert William**



*Active 1881*

*Half back*

*Machine fitter*

b. 5 August 1857 William Square Nottingham

m. Kate Talbot Thompson Q4 1888

d. 21 April 1901

1891 12 Gordon Terrace, Machine fitter

1901 9 Wilford Terrace, yeast salesman

Meadows Imperial 1873. Meadows also included Arthur Shrewsbury, who “used to flit about on the right wing”

St Nicholas 1874

Victoria 1874

Trent 1875-1880

Notts 1881-1889, debut 5 January 1882 (professional in 1885)

One game for Forest v Blackburn 12 March 1881

Described as a hard-working and determined half-back, and an excellent judge of free-kicks. Notts awarded him benefit matches in 1889, which he shared with Forest's Norman. He made four Football League appearances for Notts in the first season of 1888-89, and also played in three of Notts F.A. Cup ties that season. His surname often appears as "Emmett".

He made two first-class appearances at cricket, for Notts CCC in 1884, and for one the North in the same year. He also played cricket for Manhattan CC (in New York, 1881), Dalkeith (as their professional), and the Castle Club.

### **Fletcher, Herbert Senior**

*Active 1882-1884*

*43 appearances*

*Useful and sturdy half-back. Puts in a lot of work, and helps his forwards a good deal. Good in a scrimmage.*

b. 31 May 1860 Nottingham

m. Ada Annie Keefe 123 July 1887

d. Q4 1921 Nottingham

1861: Father Alfred is a pawnbroker employing 3 men and 4 boys

1871: Parents Alfred and Frances. Brothers Alfred George 1854, William W 1858, Francis H 1863, Edgar Albert

1865, Harold C 1869 (Coalville Street)

1881: 20 Hollow Stone. Pawnbroker's manager (with brother Edgar Albert)

1891: Lorne Grove, Radcliffe on Trent with wife Ada b. 1864 three young daughters, wife's sister Lucy J Keefe and a nurse. Pawnbroker's manager.

1901: 90 Burford Road, Hyson Green with Ada and four daughters. A pawnbroker.

1921: 180 Trent Boulevard, with Ada and three daughters. Hosiery counterpane for JW Lewis & Sons.

High School 1871-1874

Notts County (4 appearances 1881-82)

Forest 1882

We have little to go on for Fletcher's 43 appearances for Forest, other than the comments by Mercutio in the Nottingham Football Annual of 1884, which are printed above. It would be nice to think he walked down to the City Ground in later life, just a few minutes away from Trent Boulevard.

Forest F.A. Cup 4 appearances, 2 goals

### **Forman, Arthur**

*Active 1871-1873*

*7 appearances*

*Newspaper proprietor (Nottingham Guardian, Evening Post) to 1919*

b. 1849 Nottingham. Parents Thomas b. 1819 Louth and Caroline b. 1821 Mawthorpe Lincs.

m. 23 February 1897 Amy Marguerite Lawson b. 1877 at Lenton Parish Church

d. 28 August 1920. Funeral at the Church Cemetery 31 August 1920

1851: Long Row, his father a bookseller and printer, brothers John Thomas b. 24 May 1847, Jesse R 1851

1881: Castle Grove. Newspaper proprietor. Brother James b. 1856

1891: Castle Grove. Newspaper proprietor.

1901: Hughenden Lenton Road, The Park

1911: Fairholme Lodge, 13 Lenton Road, The Park

Arthur and his elder brother John Thomas Foreman were in the CL Rothera XI on 2 January 1869

Forest 1871-1873 (5 matches)

Notts v Law February 1871

Nottingham Amateurs v Trent College November 1874

Won 220 yards flat race at the sports of June 1871

Later well-known locally in the shooting field.

His father Thomas Forman published the (daily) Guardian in Nottingham from 1861, and launched its sister paper the Evening Post on 1 May 1878. T. Bailey Forman bought the newspapers in 1953. Rival publications the (daily) Journal and the Evening News were acquired in 1963 and merged, leaving eventually just the Evening Post. The paper was bought by (what is now) Reach PLC in 1994, which is why today's editions look very similar to many other local papers in the UK. In olden times, both News and Post published Saturday football editions, usually on sale on the streets shortly after 5pm.

Arthur's brother John Thomas Forman was the father of T. (Thomas) Bailey Forman. The brothers Frank and Fred Forman, Forest players 1894 to 1903, were not related to Arthur Forman.

### **Fox, Frederick Isaac**



*Active 1883-1889*

*115 appearances*

*One of the best players in his club. Very speedy and a good dodger. Shoots well at goal, and seldom fails to score in a match.*

*Accountant. Worked for Nottingham Corporation for over 50 years, joining the Town Treasurer's department on leaving school. Eventually City Treasurer 1919-1931.*

*5'11" 11st*

b. 7<sup>th</sup> November 1863. Father Isaac Fox b. 1839 (Lace manufacturer, Newstead Villa, Carrington)

m. Kate Earp (b.1863), Q3 1895 Beeston, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Burrill Earp.

Two sons Frederick Donald Fox (1896-1916) and Frank Herbert Fox (1898-1918) both died

in action during WWI. There is a tablet to the memory of both boys in Beeston Parish Church. Kate's brothers Martin and Frederick Earp played for Forest.

d. Aug 21 1935 Beltinge (Herne Bay) Kent. He moved there after his retirement in 1931. Probate left to Robert Scott Earp (printer) and George Tutin (solicitor). Buried Hillborough Churchyard, Herne Bay. Obituary Nottingham Journal 23 August 1935

1881: stationer at 3 Market Street, employing 5 men, 6 boys, 2 girls). Just round the corner from the Talbot.

1891: RB, Fred W and MJ at Hassock Lodge, Evelyn Street, Beeston

1901: 1 Bayley Street, Beeston

1911: 9 Cavendish Place, Beeston

1921: Ivydene, Radcliffe Road. Nottingham City Treasurer

High School 1873-1878. Played in High School team, old and new boys v Forest 7 December 1878, with Leonard Lindley, John Dixon and Arthur Ward

Forest debut 22 September 1883

Represented Notts F.A. v Lincs, London, Surrey

Cricket for Notts CCC. Two first-class matches v Surrey (4 to 6 August 1890) and v Yorkshire (7 to 9 August 1890). Also, regular cricketer with Forest Amateurs

Rushcliffe Golf club member

Fox joined the Town Treasurer's department when he left school in 1878. He still found time to establish his reputation as one of Nottingham's finest amateur cricketers and footballers, becoming an important member of the Forest team in the years before they used professional players.

F.A. Cup 18 appearances, 6 goals

Football Alliance: 1 app

### **Fulton, Hugh**

*Active 1884*

*7 appearances*

*Winger*

*Bleacher of lace*

b. 20 February 1861 Busby, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Parents Hugh and Isabella Fulton

m. 1885 Abigail Blankley (b. 15 June 1866 Mansfield d. 11 November 1940) Nottingham

d. 29 January 1941 Nottingham. Buried Bulwell 3 February 1941

1901: 43 Manvers Street  
1911: 3 Ward Street, New Basford  
1921: 3 Ward Street, working for Messrs C.E. Willoughby Ltd, lace dyers  
1939: 3 Ward Street, with Abigail

Possibly Abercorn and St Mirren (Paisley) 1880  
Hyson Green 1882  
All Saints 1883, including the 6-a-side contest 4 April 1884 at the Castle Sports  
Forest debut 19 January 1884 v Sheffield Attercliffe  
Nottingham Scottish in 6-a-side football at the Castle Sports, April 1886  
Notts Olympic 1887-1888, including one F.A. Cup tie

Usually played when Tinsley Lindley was unavailable.

### **Gamble, Henry Robert**

*Active 1870-1876*

*Clerk in newspaper office*

*29 appearances*

b. 1849 to parents Robert (a colliery clerk) and Emma  
m. Amy Allsop 2 October 1869 at St Ann's  
d. March 1877

1861: Alfretton Road  
1871: 26 Glasshouse Street, with his parents and wife Amy

Gamble played in the inter-club match of October 1870, and made his debut against St Andrews (Derby) the following December. He played in most of Forest's games for the next four seasons, but died of unknown causes in 1877, aged 28.

There are two other Gambles in the records, so with apologies for writing this, it is a bit of a gamble as to which is which. One of the Forest founders is said to be T. Gamble, and there is a possible candidate in Thomas Gamble, b.1846 Radford, a hosiery manufacturer. There are no references to him playing. A G. Gamble played in three Forest matches in 1866 and 1867. There are 15 Gambles in Nottingham in the 1871 census, so further work on them will be difficult.

### **Gathers, Edward**

*Active 1876-1878*

*13 appearances*

*A clerk, firstly for the Midland Railway, latterly for a wine merchant*

b. 27 January 1856 Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
m1. Annie Elizabeth Johnson 4 March 1880, Derby  
m2. Eliza Jackson 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 1912, Derby  
m3. Ada Dobson July 1920  
d. Derby Q2 1952, Derby, age 96

1861: 139 Church Street, Ashbourne. Father William Gathers, a schoolmaster  
1881: living with wife and daughter at 336 St Anns Well Rd (a public house I think)  
1891: 15 Notintone Place, by now a wine merchant's clerk  
1901: 76 Green Lane, Derby, with wife Annie  
1911: widower, at 5 Arboretum Street, Derby  
1939: 79 Overdale Road, Derby

Forest debut 4 November 1876  
Cricket for Midland Railway in 1877

A defender, originally with Derby Town, who came to Forest's attention in February 1877 when he played for the Pilgrims XI against the Castle club.



## Geary, Frederick (Fred)



*Active 1887*  
*Centre forward*  
*English international*

b. Hyson Green, Nottingham 23 January 1868  
m. Q3 1891 Winifred Cecilia Rainford (1872-1958) Nottingham  
d. 8 January 1955, Great Crosby. Buried Anfield Cemetery

1871: Sheraton's Row, Hyson Green  
1881: 80 Saville Row, Radford  
1893: 66 Thirlmere Road, Liverpool. Publican  
1921: The Stanley Arms, 306 Westminster Road, Liverpool. Licensed victualler/  
1939: Fountain's Abbey, Walton Road, Liverpool

Balmoral 1884

Basford Rovers 1885

Rangers 1886

Only game for Forest: 22 February 1887

Grimsby Town 1887

Rangers 1887

Notts 1888

Rangers 1888

Everton 1889 making his debut 20 May 1889. He was a League Championship winner in 1891

Liverpool 1895

Cricket for Notts CCC Colts b Yorkshire Colts in June 1891. Played for Thursday United CC 1889, finishing third in the club's batting averages.

Just 5' 2" in height and weighing 9st 6lb, Geary was a swift-running centre-forward and prolific goal scorer that we would welcome in today's game. Think "small Stan Collymore". Geary creeps into our book on the basis of one guest appearance for Forest in 1887, against Burnley. He made a major contribution to Rangers' Combination season of 1888-89, scoring at least 20 goals (there is some confusion as to which matches counted as Combination fixtures). In his first season at Everton he scored 21 goals in 18 League appearances, being simply too fast on his feet for many of his opponents' defenders. He scored Everton's first League goal at Goodison Park, after their move from Anfield in September 1892 (against Forest).

Fred was not averse to using his speed at athletics meetings, running for cash prizes. At the Castle Ground in August 1889, he was 3 to 1 against in the 130 yards handicap, and came in first to win £10. J Cunliffe of Burnley was 5 to 2 on to win, started half a yard behind, but could not catch Fred.

His younger brother George Geary played seven Football League games for Forest in 1893-94 and 1894-95

At Rangers: 6 F.A. Cup games, scoring 5

At Everton: 91 League games, scoring 78 goals, 9 F.A. Cup games, scoring 8 goals

At Liverpool: 39 League games, 15 goals. 5 F.A. Cup games, One test match

Two full caps for England, against Ireland in March 1890 (scoring 3 in a 9-1 win) and against Scotland in April 1891.

England trial game March 1890 at the Gregory Ground. Scored one in a 2-2 draw

England trial match at Perry Barr, March 1891, Whites v Stripes. Geary scored twice for the Stripes in the first half, who led 2-1. He then played for the Whites in the second half, scoring two more in a 4-2 victory.

Football League XI v Scottish League April 1893, scoring once in a 4-3 win, and v Irish League February 1894, scoring once in a 4-2 win.

Represented the Notts FA on five occasions

## **Golland, George**

*Active 1877-1879*

*16 appearances*

*Forward*

*Foreman in Carver's bicycle works, Nottingham*

b. 1856 Newark, parents Henry and Rebecca Golland

d. 4 May 1921 11 Liddington Street Basford, leaving his widowed sister Elizabeth Staniland Knight £95. “

Junior Lace 1874

Nottingham Christ Church 1876

Forest 1877

Broadway 1877

Castle 1877

George's parents moved from Newark to Nottingham at some point after 1861. He became a regular team member of the Lace club between 1874 and 1877, and we may therefore assume he was working in Nottingham's lace trade before moving to the bicycle workshops of John Carver. In a game for Lace against Sheffield Garrick in 1876 the reporter commented he *most splendidly shot the "leather" through the visitor's goal*.

Golland was an accomplished racing cyclist. Forget spandex-clad lads in today's Tour de France. The safety bicycle had yet to be invented, and the racing bike of choice was what we call today the "penny-farthing". Golland worked for one of Nottingham's two leading manufacturers, John Carver of Arkwright Street. Carver used hollow spokes in the large five-foot driving wheel, giving his bikes a slight weight advantage. Nottingham's other manufacturer was not Raleigh as you might expect, but Humber, based in Beeston from 1878. Golland won a three-day event at Wolverhampton's Molineux ground in 1876. Later that year, he raced H Higham for the championship of Nottingham over 100 miles on the cinder track at Trent Bridge, for a stake of £25 a side. Holland won (on a Humber bicycle), covering the 100 miles in 8 hours and 27 minutes. Golland was handicapped by a fall during the race, a serious event when perched on a penny-farthing.

## **THE GOODYERS**

*Three brothers, the sons of Henry Alfred Goodyer (1823-1920), an estate agent from Stamford, Lincolnshire, and his wife Annie Copeland (1827-1829). All three boys were educated at the High School. The elder brother, Charles Alfred Goodyer (1852-1923) played no games for Forest that we know of, but acted as umpire for the Second XI in the 1870s. Charles was a member of the Forest club in 1874, and his name appears on the Lymbery presentation. He finished third in the one-mile race in the athletic sports of 1872. Second-in-line Arthur Copeland Goodyer had a distinguished playing career during which he won an England cap. Finally, Henry (Harry) Goodyer was a regular member of Forest's Second XI.*

## **Goodyer, Arthur Copeland**



*Active 1870-1878*

*84 appearances*

*Forward*

b. 1 October 1854 Stamford, Lincs

m. Elizabeth Angrave (1861-1959) Q1 1883 Barrow upon Soar

d. 23 December 1931 New Haven, USA

1861: Fulforth Terrace, Nottingham (school)

1871: Albany Road, Basford Notts (Lace manufacturer's apprentice)

1881: 2 Whitbread Street, Basford Nottingham (Manager, lace and frilling dept.)

High School 1868-1869

Forest 1874-1880

Notts March 1875, against Glasgow, one of two Forest men drafted in as a late replacement to strengthen the Notts team.

Also played for Castle, Thomas Adams & Co., Sneinton Wanderers, and Lace

Later, referee in local football, including the Long Eaton Rangers v Sheffield Wednesday FA Cup tie in November 1885.

A goal-scoring forward for Forest, with one in his single international appearance against Scotland in 1879. A noted quarter and half-mile runner, also over the hurdles, and a cricketer.

Arthur and his wife emigrated to the USA in 1888, living in Chicago, New York and New Haven. Arthur is shown as a salesman on the passenger list of the steamship Philadelphia that sailed out of Southampton for New York 6 September 1902. Goodyer's father Henry died in December 1902, so it is possible Arthur had returned to the UK to visit him. In 1926, he worked in the commercial department of the Southern New England Telephone Company in New Haven. On 23 December 1931 Arthur died having been hit by a truck as he crossed a street in New Haven, suffering a fractured skull and internal injuries.

Forest F.A. Cup 10 appearances, 4 goals  
One international for England v Scotland 1879  
England trial 26 February 1879 for Whites v Stripes

### **Goodyer, Harry**

*Active 1877-1880*

*Land and Estate Agent*

b. April 1858 Stamford, Lincs. The brother of Arthur Copeland Goodyer.  
m. Mary Stonehouse 27 September 1883  
d. circa 1931

1871: Albany Road, Basford  
1881: 2 Whitbread Street, Basford  
1891: 176 Noel Street

One game v Spital 21 February 1878. Also played in the reserve team from 1877 to 1880.

### **Gowthorpe, Charles Wright**

*Active 1881-1886*

*12 appearances*

*Head of Messrs E.L. Gowthorpe & Son, engineers' merchants and colliery furnishers, London Road.*

b. 10 July 1861 Nottingham  
m. Amy Danks (sister of Tom & Richard Danks) in September 1887  
d. 31 January 1949

High School 1873-1876  
Bank January 1881  
Beeston Feb 1881  
Forest 24 Sep 1881 to 1886  
Nottingham Boat Club 1895, later President of the Nottingham Rowing Club  
Trent Valley Sailing Club 1894  
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Notts. Freemasons 1943

Well-known athlete, amateur champion at 120-yard hurdles in 1882. Gowthorpe was a man with wide sporting instincts, including, football, but primarily remembered for his athletic skills.

Forest F.A. Cup 1 appearance

### **Grant, James**

*Active 1889*

*Half back*

Leith Athletic  
Edinburgh St Bernard's 1887  
Selected for combined Edinburgh team v Glasgow, February 1888  
Newcastle West End April 1888  
Forest debut 16 November 1889 (though his identity was not at first revealed)  
Three games to 25 November 1889

Edinburgh St Bernard's was the club that the Oswald brothers played before their move to Notts. Although the club was involved with the setting-up of the Scottish Football League in 1890, they were known to pay their players, and therefore not invited to join the wholly-amateur League. The ban lasted until 1893, after which they were members of the Scottish League until their demise during the Second World War. Grant played for St Bernard's in an ordinary fixture at Darlington on 31 March 1888, and we may assume the Newcastle West End scouts saw him play there, for next we find him playing for them in April. His whereabouts are unknown in 1888-89, and we next find him in Nottingham for three fixtures in November 1889. Afterwards he again disappears from match reports. St Bernard's drew 1-1 with the (English) Corinthian in a prestige friendly match at Logie Green on 2 January 1890, but Grant was not back in the team. Harry Daft and Tinsley Lindley were amongst the Corinthian.

Football Alliance: 1 app

### **Greenhalgh, Ernest Harwood**

*Active 1874-1880*

*11 appearances*

*Three quarter back*

b. 6 March 1849: Parents Herbert John Greenhalgh (1820-1897) and Emma Anne Leavers (1830-1882). Ernest's brothers were also footballers: Alfred b. 1851, Harold 1853, John H 1854, and Richard T 1857.

m1. 12 June 1874 Middlesex: Annie Wilson (1857-1897)

m2. April 1898: Catherine Winifred Goddard (1868-1918)

d. 32 Thorneywood Drive, Nottingham 11 July 1922

Obituary in the Mansfield Reporter 14 July 1922

1891 Carr Bank, Nursery Street, Mansfield

1901 47 West Hill Drive, Mansfield

1911 48 Belvedere St, Mansfield (married to Catherine, 19 years his junior)

1901 47 West Hill Drive, Mansfield

1907: 26 Kitchener Drive

1921: 32 Thorneywood Drive, lodging with Herbert Trivett and his wife Florence

Cricket for Greenhalgh's & Son's XI

Notts County 1867 (captain 1872)

Forest 1874

England trial 17 February 1870 for North v South (Oval)

England trial 12 February 1879 for The Rest v Probables (Oval)

The Greenhalgh business began in Mansfield in the 1830s when Richard Greenhalgh leased a mill in Bath Lane. Later, he leased a second building, Field Mill. His son Herbert was born in 1819 and was running the business by 1861, at which time he employed 382 people. His enlightened interest in sport led to the formation of cricket and football teams. Herbert and his wife had five sons, all of whom played cricket and football for the local teams, before Harwood in particular moved on to the highest levels of the developing game of association football

Harwood's educational establishments have not been found. His brother Alfred was at Rossall School and London University, and it is safe to assume Harwood followed a similar path. As an ensign in the Mansfield 4<sup>th</sup> Notts Rifle Volunteers, his father said of him in November 1866 that *when he came to reside permanently in Mansfield, which would be in about a year, he would attend to his duties and make himself an efficient officer*. He was in Mansfield during the cricket seasons of 1866 and 1867, but seems not to have appeared on the football field until 1869, presumably having finished his studies.

He played in the first-ever international match, for England against Scotland in 1872. A crowd of 4,000 *including a good number of ladies* attended at the West of Scotland cricket ground at Partick. Harwood was in his usual position of "cover back" (also known as "three-quarter back"), playing close to the goalkeeper and offering him protection from the opposing forwards. Barker and Maynard took turns in goal for England. The game ended with no goals scored. Harwood retained his place for the return match, played at the Kennington Oval, though now he was placed at half back. The Oval, a cricket ground, may have caused the reporter of the London Evening Standard to refer to England's "runs" rather than "goals".

The five Greenhalgh boys were nicknamed 'The brown paper parcellers' because they used to carry their playing kits, scarlet and black hooped shirts with matching stockings and black shorts, wrapped in brown paper.

Field Mill, also known as Greenhalgh's Mill, was demolished in 1924. It had a waterwheel 40ft in diameter, one of the biggest in England.

Two caps for England v Scotland, 30 November 1872 and 8 March 1873

### Grice, Charles



*Club trainer circa 1890s*  
*No known appearances*

b. 1852 Nottingham  
d. February 1928 Nottingham

Described as “a labourer” in the 1881 census, he later married his landlord’s daughter. He was also a professional athlete, and it was presumably his experience here that led to an appointment as Forest trainer. Albert Smith thought highly of him, mentioning him by name in his speech at the celebratory dinner in April 1892, which marked Forest’s Alliance title and their run to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup. He was still listed as the club’s trainer in the 1901 census.

Training was usually three days a week at this time, and largely involved walking, running and lifting weights. The occasional practice match might have taken place, but the emphasis was on fitness rather than ball skills. On match days, older readers will be familiar with the trainer’s role, rushing on with a cure-all damp sponge, and helping the wounded man off the field.

### Grundy, Charles Edwin

*Active 1868-1869*  
*Hosier’s manager*

b. 1846, father Edwin chemist & druggist and registrar of births and deaths (1861 census)  
m. Sarah (b. 1849)  
d. 7 May 1895 at 201 Woodborough Road

We have not been able to pin down Mr Grundy. Two of the match reports give him an initial of “C”, which leads to our best guess that he was Charles Edwin Grindy. He possibly featured in a Wollaton cricket team of 1876 alongside Arthur Cursham.

### Gunn, William (Billy)



*Active 1880-1882*  
*20 appearances*

*On his day perhaps the ablest forward in England. A wonderful dribbler and dodger, very fast, and a certain shot at goal. Apt to wait too long for the ball instead of going for it. Plays well on either wing, and is a good back.*  
*6' 4½" 12st 12lb*

b. 4 December 1858 Nottingham  
m. Ann Elizabeth Taylor b. 1863 in 1883

d. 29 January 1921, leaving an estate valued at £57,392. Buried in the Church Cemetery.

1881: Living at home 169 Kirkewhite Street with widowed mother Sarah and three sisters, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Sarah

1891: 9 Hope Drive, The Park. One daughter Mary Florence, plus sister-in-law Hannah Humphreys

Forest from 9 October 1880

Bank 1881

Park 1881

Notts from 18 February 1882, for whom he played most games

Two caps for England’s international football team

President of Notts at the time of his death

Cricket for Notts CCC 1880 to 1904, with 11 tests for England. 46 centuries for Notts CCC.

Wisden batsman of the year 1890

Toured Australia with the MCC in 1886-87

Founder of Gunn & Moore sports outfitters in 1885

His footballing career started at full back, where the commentators thought he was not at his best. Once he moved to the forward line, his height and weight made him a fearsome opponent. His physical attributes, coupled with the fact that at the time the F.A. laws allowed a throw-in to be taken with one hand, meant he could hurl the ball (side arm or over arm) a considerable distance. The law changed in 1883 to make a player use two hands and throw the ball over his head.

Gunn's funeral at the Church Cemetery on 1 February 1921 brought many of his former playing colleagues from cricket and football, including Albert Moore, his former partner on the Notts' wing and in their sporting business of Gunn and Moore.

As a cricketer, Catton says *he became one of the finest forward players of his own or any other age; his off-drive was a hit of power and beauty... few men of his size have been so elegant, and the variety of his strokes was bewitching.*

F.A. Cup: 1 appearance

### **Guttridge, Frank Herbert**

*Active 1888-1891*

*46 appearances*

*Full back, later also centre forward*

b. 12 April 1866 Basford, Nottingham. Son of Frank (engine fitter) and Mary.

m. Ada Solomon (b. 1870) 5 January 1893 Basford. One son Frank b.1909

d. 13 June 1918 Nottingham

He had the rare experience of reading his own obituary when a 1906 cricket publication announced his death.

1871: Rumley Terrace, St Mary's

1911: 3 Laurel Street

Chestnut House Academy 1878

Meadow Swifts 1884

Mellors 1885, including the FA Cup tie against Forest in October 1885

Heanor Town 1886

Notts 1888

Forest 1889

Heanor (guest) 1892

Hove (Sussex) to 1894

Nelson 1895

Heanor

Apprentice at Mellors Ltd, hosiery machine builders. Played football for Mellors and then for the Nottingham Castle club. He played first-class cricket for Notts CCC and Sussex. His cricket matches for Notts CCC came between 1889 to 1904, making his debut in a match with Derbyshire. He played in all of Sussex's engagements in 1892 and was a regular member of their team for three seasons. In all, he made 107 first-class appearances, scoring 2,190 runs and took 176 wickets as a fast right-arm bowler. He had a winter engagement with the Western Province Cricket Club in South Africa in 1898-99. He was a cricket umpire from 1910 to 1912.

He appears to have made his Forest debut in April 1886, in, of all things, a game of rugby. The Notts rugby club organised a charity match with Forest at the White Hart ground in Lenton, easily winning by one goal and five tries to Forest's single try, scored by Gowthorpe. Caborn was the Forest back of course, and the rest of the team was Farmer, Tinsley Lindley, Ted Earp, Fox, Norman, Danks, Parr, Brown, and Sands.

In the summer of 1888, he was engaged as the club professional by the Belfast club. On his return to Nottingham, he was met at the station by Forest directors and taken to the Maypole where terms were offered. Notts were also interested, but seemed to have lost out, until Guttridge then appeared at the Flying Horse and said he would sign for them.

Guttridge was signed by Notts for their first Football League season of 1888-89, when he played 18 games mainly at full-back. His proper debut for Forest came with the first match of the 1889-90 season, an Alliance fixture with Walsall Town Swifts. He played one more game for Notts in January 1895.

In later life he was a publican in 1901, and a munitions worker in WW1.

F.A. Cup 1 appearance for Forest, and 5 for Mellors

Football Alliance: 19 appearances, 2 goals

**Guyler, William**

*Active 1888*

*Winger*

b. December 1859, Basford

m. Mary Ann Turton, Basford, 1 January 1882

d. 28 December 1947

Lace bleacher, later a self-employed painter

Basford Wanderers 1880-1891 (captain from 1882)

Basford Pioneers

Forest (trial) 6 Oct 1888 and 27 Oct 1888

A goal-scoring right winger who had just two outings with Forest, but a regular member and captain of Basford Wanderers. Reports of his first game for Forest complain of his inability to make a “screw kick”, that is, a shot at goal that swerves in flight due to spin on the ball. This seems a strange comment, since he was a consistent scorer for Basford, where he was praised for “neat dribbling” and scoring “with a rattling shot”. Indeed, in 1883, playing for Wanderers against Carrington Fairlawn FC on the Shoulder of Mutton Ground, Old Basford, he scored 12 goals in the match.

**Hamilton, Thomas “Kiltie”**

*Active 1891-1892+*

*36 appearances*

*On the small side, but is a staunch worker*

*See Forest 1892-1939*

*Right half*

b. 22 March 1872, Dundee

d. 17 October 1942, Kilmarnock

1889: Kilmarnock

1890: Hurlford

Forest debut 3 September 1891. A report in the Evening Post of 29 August 1891 suggests a late offer was made to him to keep him in Scotland.

Hamilton was highly rated, even said to be “the best half-back in Scotland”, winning a Scottish cap at age 19. He had a successful Alliance season for Forest but did less well in the club’s first Football League season. He was not retained at the end of 1892-93 and returned to Scotland.

F.A. Cup: 2 appearances

Football Alliance: 16 appearances, 1 goal

One Scottish cap 1891 v Ireland, age 19

**Hancock, William Thomas (Tom)**

*Active 1880-1890*

*Full back*

*Member of firm of Hancock and James, Lace Manufacturers*

*180 appearances*

*An excellent back, and good kick. Plays a remarkably fair game, and is always handy at the right moment.*

b. 15 March 1859 Hyson Green

m. 5 March 1891 Emily Eliza Swann (1856-1939) Ilkeston

d. 17 August 1931 Nottingham. Buried General Cemetery.

1871: 3 Holland Street, Radford

1881: Holland Street: Lace warehouseman

1891: William Road, West Bridgford: Lace warehouseman

1901: 12 Patrick Road, West Bridgford: Lace manufacturer

1911: 2 Berkley Avenue: Lace agent

1921: 10 Davis Road, West Bridgford. Plain net finisher.

High School 1869-1874

Forest

Played in local cricket for Forest Amateurs CC (captain 1882) and NCCC colts matches in 1880 and 1881

Played for Colts of England v MCC in 1880

Chairman of Forest 1897-1920 and Life Member

F.A. Council member 1917-1923

Founder of the Riverside Tennis Club in West Bridgford

A good billiards player at the Nottingham Constitutional Club

Freemason

An outstanding servant for Forest, on and off the pitch. Described as a *sturdy full back, a sound defender, who kicked finely*. A regular partner of Caborn in the last line of defence. He joined the club's committee when he retired, and later became Chairman.

He was presented with a testimonial in March 1909 on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. He said, of his playing career: *I lived near the Forest, and in those days the only club playing there was the Forest Football Club. It was a very poor club then, so far as finances went, but it was rich in that it started with some of the very best men in the world. When I joined as a boy, Forest had no second team, but they had a good friend in Mr. Ernest Jardine; a team was got together, and when they played the first eleven they "whacked" them. After passing through the boyish age, I can honestly say that some of the happiest moments of my life were spent playing for the Forest.*

Forest F.A. Cup: 27 appearances

### **Hardy, Richard Fletcher**

*Active 1869-1870*

*10 appearances*

*Hosiery warehouseman, later sales manager for exports*

b. 1849 Hyson Green

m. Q3 1881 Elizabeth Turney (b. 1844, Old Lenton) Nottingham

d. 19 May 1926. Buried General Cemetery.

1921: 14 Tennyson Street. Department manager, Simon May & Co.

High School 1860-1864

Forest 1869

A regular member of the Forest team in 1869 and 1870. Hardy worked for Messrs Simon May and Co, Ltd for 63 years. He was at one time hon. secretary of the Nottingham Rowing Club.

### **Harker, Edward (Ted)**

*Active 1888-1890*

*10 appearances*

*Warehouseman, and after 1900 a malthouse manager*

*Wing half*

b. Plumtree 9 November 1862

m. Q3 1895 Jessie Squire

d. Newark 1950

1921: Staying at the Seacroft Hotel, Skegness. Maltster manager for James Hole & Co. in Newark, Notts.

Notts 1882-1889

Wanderers 1885

Forest 1888-1889

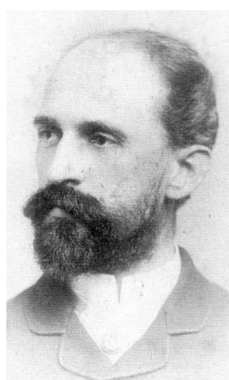
Newark 1891

An ability to play at any position led to a significant number of games for the Notts. The club's first League season led to some new signings that put his place in the team in jeopardy, so he lent his allegiance to Forest, except remaining on-call for three F.A. Cup ties played by Notts that season. His last game for the Reds was the Shrove Tuesday match with Stoke. He and his old Notts colleague Stuart Macrae were playing for Newark in 1891.

12 F.A. Cup appearances for Notts



## Hawksley, Robert Paton



*Active 1869-1876*

*52 appearances*

*Insurance broker and yarn agent 1891*

*Possible founder member, although at that time aged 15*

b. Radford, Nottingham 26 February 1850. Son of Charles Hawksley b. Sheffield 1809 retired foreign merchant, 4 Basford Lane, Radford and May Hawksley nee Paton (who married 25 Sep 1832 in Liverpool)

m. Leonie Charlotte Marie Louise Van Grutten (1858 Paris – 1910) 13 Jan 1887

d. 20 April 1894 Beeston, Nottingham

1851: Radford. Father Charles “proprietor of houses”. Brothers Thomas (b. Sheffield 1839) and Charles (b. Sheffield 1845)

1861: 4 Basford Lane, Radford

1871: Hyson Green at home with parents and sister Mary

1891: Meadow Road, Beeston

Forest 1869

Sawley 1869 (one game, loaned by Forest)

Captain of the reserve team 1878

Forest committee member 1882

Cricket for Forest Amateurs 1877

Lawn tennis and bowls at the Waverley Club 1884 onwards

Hawksley’s brothers Thomas (b. 1839) and Charles (b. 1845) were both born in Sheffield. One of the Hawksleys played for the Sheffield club in two fixtures against Notts, January and March 1865, though the family had moved to Nottingham by 1850.

In 1891 Hawksley was among a group of Forest club members who met at the Maypole to consider organising a bazaar to help fund the laying out of the Town Ground and a new pavilion. Hawksley was elected hon. secretary of the group. This became the “Tyrolean Village” event, mentioned in an earlier section. We don’t know who wrote the booklet for the event, but Hawksley must be a candidate, and was therefore happy to have his name on the list of club founders.

## Hayes, G

*Active 1870-1873*

*27 appearances*

*Forward*

Nottingham Manufacturing Company 1870

Forest

Notts 1873

Forest committee man 1874

Cricket for Forest Amateurs 1874

We find a G. Hayes in the vice-chair at the annual cabmens’ supper in January 1872, and may therefore assume he was either a cabmen himself, or perhaps a proprietor. It is possible that this is the George Hayes b. 1848 and living at 24 Station Road, Sutton in Ashfield in 1921, who listed his occupation as “carter” in the 1921 census. However, there are several other G. Hayes in Nottingham at the time he played for Forest, so we should leave this man as “unidentified”.

## Hazzeldine, (John) William

*Active 1889*

*“Not weighty or class enough for such a team”*

*Lace maker*

b. 31 March 1868 Beeston, parents George and Althea Hazzledine

m. Sarah (b. 11 November 1870) 1890

d. Q2 1955

1891: Flewitts Yard, Church Street, Beeston, a twist hand  
1921: 37 Church Street, Beeston, working for Mr J Watford, lace manufacturers  
1939: 39 Church Street

Beeston St James 1888  
Beeston St John's 1888  
Forest: Just one appearance v Bootle 28 September 1889  
Beeston 1890

Called up from local football, where he had been noticed playing for Beeston St John's in the Church Cup.  
However, as shown by the clipping above, he did not make much of impression in the game with Bootle and was not used again. In April 1892 he was in the Beeston team that played against Forest Swifts.

Football Alliance: 1 appearance  
FA Cup: 2 appearances for Beeston St John's 1888

### **Henson, Arthur**

*Stationary engine driver*  
*Full back*

b. Ruddington 1868  
m. Ruth Parker (b. 1871, Ruddington) Q1 1895  
d. after 1939; he and Ruth are in the register taken that year

1921: 13 Bluecoat Street, Ruddington. Stationary engine driver for J Burton & Sons

Ruddington 1885  
Forest 1888

Henson was a regular full back in the Ruddington team. He made one appearance for Forest, in the F.A. Cup tie with Linfield Athletic in February 1889. Forest were below strength because of business commitments and the death of Teddy Leighton's father. It is possible Henson was borrowed just for this game. Forest took 14 men to the reply in Belfast the following Saturday, though Henson was not amongst them, possible because of the time involved. Forest Most of the team left Nottingham at 10.25pm Midland express to Carlisle, from where they went to Stranraer, reaching Belfast at 10am on Friday morning, The boat back was due to leave Belfast at 10.30pm on the Saturday, arriving at Liverpool at 8.30 am on Sunday. However, the team had to cross to Barrow, then suffered eight changes on the trains back to Nottingham, arriving back by 8pm thoroughly worn out.

Henson may be the cricketer who was the professional at Hereford County Cricket Club in 1889 and was playing for the Forest Amateurs (cricket) club in 1892.

Forest F.A. Cup 1 appearance

### **Higgins, Alexander 'Sandy'**



*Active 1890-1892+*  
*84 appearances*  
*Centre-forward*  
*See Forest 1892-1939*  
*5' 9" 11st 7lbs*

b. Kilmarlock 7 November 1863  
m. Mary Garven (b.1864) 30 October 1885 Kilmarlock  
d. Kilmarlock 17 April 1920

1871: 1 London Road, Kilmarlock  
1881: 49 Fore Street Kilmarlock. Labourer

1891: 21 Colsterworth Terrace, Glebe Steet, Nottingham. Labourer

1901: 35 Kirktonhorn Street, Kilmarlock. Coal miner.  
Kilmarlock 1882  
Derby County 1888  
Forest 1890  
Kilmarlock 1894

An outstanding goal scorer for Forest, Higgins hit the ground running with 22 goals from 19 Alliance games in his first season, and 26 from 20 in his second. In the F.A. Cup tie with Clapton in January 1891 he scored five. He played 42 games in Derby County's first two Football League seasons, scoring 25 goals. Higgins was given a benefit match by Forest against Sheffield Wednesday in December 1893, at which time he was Forest captain.

Forest F.A. Cup 11 appearances, 17 goals  
Football Alliance: 39 appearances, 48 goals  
Scottish international, scoring 4 in an 8-2 win over Ireland

### **Hill, Arthur Arkwright**

*Active 1888-1891*

*11 appearances*

*Goalkeeper*

*Engine fitter*

b. Q3 1864 Nottingham  
m. Q2 1888 Anne Porter (b. 1864 Peterborough)  
d. 19 June 1941 Rugby

1901: Rugby (engine fitter) m. Anne, one son, 2 daughters  
1921: 30 Hillmorton Road, Rugby. Engineer for British Electric.

Mellors 1884  
Wanderers (formerly Mellors) 1888  
Forest 1888 debut 22 Dec 1888 v Derby Junction  
Olympic 1891  
Cricket for Nottingham Civil Service club

Described as *generally pretty safe, but has hardly realised expectations*. Moved to Rugby in 1897, to work at Messrs Willans and Robinson, Victoria Works, makers of steam turbines. Retired from there 1931.

### **Hill, Claude**

*Active 1880-1883*

*34 appearances*

*Is a good forward, with plenty of speed and stamina*

*Draper's clerk, later yarn salesman*

b. Q2 1859, the son of William (a lacemaker) and Elizabeth Hill  
m. Caroline Harvey q3 1886 (b. 1861 Dublin, Ireland)  
d. Q1 1937 Newton Abbot, Devon

1886: Mona Street Beeston, yarn salesman  
1921: Dart Cottage, Dittisham, Devon. Retired

Forest debut 7 February 1880 v. Sheffield Wednesday  
Jardines 1885

Won the 440-yard race at Forest sports 1879. In the race the spectators were greatly amused when Walter Luntley dived head first into the water jump that was set up for the steeplechase.

### **Hodder, William (Bill)**

*Active 1889*

*Centre-forward, winger*

*A watch maker, who moved with his parents to Nottingham before 1881*

b. Q4 1865 Stroud, Gloucs  
m. Charlotte Josephine Chappell 9 March 1892, Sneinton  
d. Q1 1897 Nottingham

Rangers 1884 to 1888  
 Notts 1888 5 March 1888 to May 1889  
 Forest (one game, loan) 7 September 1889  
 Kidderminster Olympic 1889  
 Sheffield Wednesday 1890  
 Lincoln City 1892  
 Mansfield Town  
 Selected for the Notts F.A. v Derbyshire Jan 1886, v Lancashire November 1886, v Staffordshire Mar 1887, v Staffordshire Nov 1887, v. Birmingham Feb 1888

Described as “capital” for his performances with Rangers, and with four Notts representative appearances, it is not surprising that Notts and Forest called upon him when short of a forward. He played in 20 of Notts’ 22 games in the first Football League season, but scored only three goals. Financial inducements by Kidderminster carpet baron George Taylor took him there to play for Olympic in the Birmingham League, where he regained his scoring form with 36 goals in the season. Sheffield Wednesday signed him for their Alliance season of 1890-91, after which he joined Lincoln City for their Alliance season of 1891-92, making six appearances. He was not retained for Lincoln’s first season in the Football League and there is a report that he joined Mansfield Town (in its first iteration, not today’s club).

Football Alliance: 1 appearance, 2 goals

### **Holland, John Henry (Jack)**

*Active 1889-1891*

*40 appearances*

*Goalkeeper*

*Tram-car conductor, then tobacconist*

b. Q3 1861 Bulwell, Nottingham, parents Joseph Holland (1835-1904) and Vashti Mann (1836-1924)

m. Emma Lymbery (1863-1946) Nottingham March 1893

d. 15 March 1898 249 Alfreton Road, Nottingham. Left £134 8s. 6d. to his widow Emma.

A tramcar operator from Bulwell, Holland made his debut in goal for Notts on 2 October 1886, and played in all their 35 games that season. One of these was the 0-14 thrashing by Preston North End (6 November), another the 1-10 reverse at Aston Villa in April 1887. He played all but four of Notts’ games the following season, and made his Football League debut in the club’s first game at Everton (15 September 1888). However, he lost his place to Tom Widdowson in December 1888. One final appearance came on 23 February 1889 when he was drafted in at inside left for the game at Wolverhampton. Forest had not found a regular keeper to replace Fred Beardsley, and gave the job to Holland for the entire season Alliance season of 1888-89. He found himself again replaced by Tom Widdowson in 1890 but was back as first choice after William Brown suffered a broken collar bone in February 1891.

Holland’s wife Emma Lymbery was the daughter of Robert Lymbery (1823-1898), the brother of Walter’s father John. She was therefore a cousin of Walter.

Forest: F.A. Cup 3 appearances

Football Alliance: 24 appearances

### **Holroyd, Mark Thompson**

*Active 1878-1881*

*54 appearances*

*Half back*



b. Q3 1859. Parents Elijah Holroyd (a grocer, of Melbourne Street) and Sarah Thompson

m. 21 February 1891 Elizabeth Richards Bateson (b. Stepney 1860) in Chingford, Essex

d. Q1 1906 West Ham

1861: Melbourne Street

1871: 6 Melbourne Street. Scholar

1891: Lodging at 29 Willow Street: Lace agent, with Elizabeth

1901: Lodging at 17 Fowler Road, West Ham. Lace salesman

Played for Thomas Herbert & Co v. I & R Morley 1874  
Cricket and football for Trinity Institute 1874  
Broadway 1875  
St Andrew's 1876 (President and captain)  
Forest debut 26 January 1878 v Sheffield Wednesday  
Dreadnaught 1883

Regular half back until 1881, when he moved to London for work. However, he retained an interest in Nottingham football and turned out for Wanderers in 1884. A newspaper reported Forest would like him back, and Long Eaton Rangers also expressed an interest

Forest F.A. Cup 11 appearances  
One F.A. Cup appearance for Dreadnaught (a London club active 1875-1880s)

### **Howell, H and/or W**

*Active 1874*  
*8 appearances*

Forest 1870-1874

H Howell was a smallware dealer Chapel Bar and Tollhouse Hill, W Howell a civil engineer and agent for a canal company. It is not clear whether "Howell" is just one of them, or perhaps both.

### **Howitt, Thomas George (Tom)**

*Active 1867-1874*  
*49 appearances*  
*Warehouseman, and Exports Manager*  
*Founder member*

b. 16 January 1849, Sneinton. Father also Thomas, a printer  
m. Ellen, 4 sons, 2 daughters  
d. 8 Nov 1903 8 Millicent Road, West Bridgford. Buried Church cemetery.

West Bridgford High School 1861-1862  
Forest debut v. Sheffield Norfolk 28<sup>h</sup> December 1867  
Forest committee 1869  
Assistant secretary 1874  
1878 sports – clerk of the course NG 3 May 78  
Hon. treasurer for many years

Tom Howitt was a regular member of the team from 1868-69, playing in most first team games to 1872-73. He was team captain on at least four occasions in 1871-72. Occasionally turned out for the second XI after 1874. The journalist James Catton wrote, in 1903: *I can certainly say he was one of the most ardent of Foresters, even among the directors, which include men like Mr W.T. Hancock and Mr. Howell. But Tom Howitt was before their day. He was one of the men who helped convert the old shinney or hockey club into the football organisation which was founded in 1865, and afterwards played both inside and outside on the right wing. Tom Howitt was outwardly a very well-preserved little man, who certainly did not look old enough to have taken part in football thirty-eight years ago. He had changed little in the last twenty years, and in addition to the Forest club he had done much for the Notts Football Association. Tom Howitt had little to say; he was a worker, not a talker. Practically he died in harness, for on Sunday morning he was on the ground of his club, as was his invariable custom. He was seized with dizziness, and passed away in the evening. All over Great Britain he had travelled with the "reds", and I met him so recently as Saturday week in Liverpool, when the Forest gained such an unexpected victory over Everton. Before the match when I saw him with Mr S. Weston and Mr. H Hallam, the secretary, I hinted that on form the Foresters could hardly hope to win. 'I don't know' said Mr. Howitt, 'we always play up against a good team. The better our opponents, the better we play.' His faith was rewarded, but it was the last match he saw. The effect it had on him may be faintly imagined but not described when I say that directly after the Forest had scored their first goal – four minutes after the interval – he had to leave the ground, and walk around outside. Although his team were winning, the lead of a single goal, with Everton storming their opponent's position, was too much for him. The excitement was a strain that he could not bear, and so ended his football career. Poor Tom Howitt! He was a splendid fellow when once his natural reserve was broken through, and he was a rare sportsman."*

**Hussey, William Lee**

*Founder member*

*No known first-team appearances*

*Commercial traveller, for a London-based glove company*

b. 1834 Grittleham, Devon, his father James described as “yeoman”

m. Emma Elizabeth Lake (1844-1894) Exeter January 1858

Moved to Nottingham circa 1859

d. 24 December 1914, Bentinck Road, Nottingham. Buried Church Cemetery

1851: 60/61 High Street, Honiton. Draper’s assistant

1861: Colville Street, Nottingham. Commercial traveller

1871: Forest Grove. Commercial traveller

1881: Bentinck Road, with 11 children aged from 6 to 22

1911: 36 Bentinck Road. Now a widower, with two unmarried daughters and a grandson, Charles Robert Attenborough

His grandson Walter Attenborough wrote to the Football Post 12 November 1960, following an article in a previous edition that mentioned Hussey and H.S. Radford. He provided the details on Hussey’s life I used here. Also, he told us that Harry Radford (see a later page) married his (Walter’s) father’s eldest sister.

**Irons, James Provan**

*Active 1886*

Commission Agent, later a dealer in stocks and shares

b. Glasgow May 1862

m.1 Kate Elinor Ward, Nottingham 1889

m.2 Clara Jane Ward, London 1900

Glasgow Academical (rugby club)

Queen’s Park (Glasgow)

Rugby for Nottingham RFC 1886

Forest 27 Feb 1886 to 3 Dec 1887

Irons was a full back in what was effectively a Queen’s Park reserve team in two Scottish F.A. Cup matches in 1884. He moved to Nottingham around 1885, most likely to work in the lace trade, joining Nottingham RFC and playing at back and as a three-quarter. With his Scottish background perhaps, he was drafted into the Forest team that met Glasgow Rangers at the Gregory Ground in Feb 1886, playing at centre-forward. He made another 7 first-team appearances and also turned out for the reserves.

In later life, he was in trouble with the law in 1910 for obtaining credit without declaring he was an undischarged bankrupt, and served a jail sentence. His second wife Clara was described as a widow when she died in 1944, but James’ death is unknown. A JP Irons arrived at Liverpool from New York in August 1915 and the return journey was made in later in the month: this may not be “our” Irons, but if it was then he must have first travelled to America before 1915.

Forest F.A. Cup 1 appearance

**Jackson, Harry**

*Active 1887-1890*

*8 appearances*

*Monumental Sculptor*

*One of the best centre forwards in Nottingham. Plays a pretty dribbling game, and is difficult to move off the ball.*

b. 23 April 1864 Nottingham

d. 29 May 1899 Nottingham

High School 1876-1877

Sneinton Wanderers 1882

Notts 1884

Forest 1882, 1887-1890

Wanderers 1885

Derby County 1887