

Some Early History of the Nottingham Astronomical Society

Notes: The Nottingham Astronomical Society, which began its career in September 1921, held a public meeting on March 15, 1922, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Malin Hunt. This society aims to spread the taste of astronomy to the public. On the occasion of this meeting, astronomical instruments, photographs and diagrams were shown, which were the subject of discussion and gave rise to very interesting explanations provided by W. E. T. Hartley. The president made the solar prominences a captivating subject illustrated by projection. Other lectures, also illustrated by projection, followed one another on various astronomical subjects. This meeting was a great success. We wish the development and prosperity of this commendable company [translated from French in 'Ciel et Terre' vol. 38, p.288-9 (Bulletin of the Société Belge d'Astronomie), Brussels, 1922].

William Malin Hunt

William Malin Hunt was elected to the BAA on 30 June 1897, proposed by John Harold Herbert, seconded by George Sheldon. Address, The Hawthorns, Baker Street, Nottingham [JBAA vol. 7, p. 444]. Elected to RAS on 11 May 1906, proposed by Samuel Fellows, address 48-50 London Road, Nottingham [MNRAS vol. 66, p. 263].

3rd quarter 1902: William Malin Hunt married unknown in Nottingham.

1911 Census: William Malin Hunt, born in Nottingham 3rd quarter 1873. Age 37 years. Occupation: Machine Tool Engineer in Nottinghamshire.

Died: 21 November 1945.

Walter Edward Tomson Hartley

Elected to the BAA on 28 March 1923. Proposed by William T. Haskard, seconded by Leonard Mosley. Address: Sherwood Grange, Winchester Street, Nottingham [JBAA vol. 33, p. 211].

1911 Census: Walter Edward Tomson Hartley born in Skipton, Yorkshire 4th quarter 1878. Age 32 years. Occupation: Assistant Colliery Manager in Lancashire.

4th quarter 1915: Walter E. T. Hartley married Margaret Siddall in Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire.

Died: Edgbaston, Birmingham on 21 September 1935. Age 56. Probate to widow.

Leonard Mosley

Elected to the BAA on 29 January 1919. Proposed by William Haskard, seconded by Thomas Pool. Address: 44 Sandon Street, Nottingham Road, Nottingham [JBAA vol. 29, p. 66].

'Astronomical Notes' a 15 minute broadcast on Wednesday afternoons on BBC Radio Station 5NG (Nottingham) on:-

15:15, 25 February 1925 [listing credits Mosley as NAS Secretary]

15:15, 29 April 1925

15:15, 24 June 1925

15:30, 29 July 1925

15:30, 26 August 1925

15:30, 30 September 1925

15:30, 28 October 1925

15:30, 25 November 1925

15:30, 30 December 1925

15:30, 27 January 1926

15:30, 24 February 1926

15:30, 31 March 1926

15:30, 28 April 1926

15:30, 26 May 1926

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15:30, 27 October 1926

15:30, 24 November 1926

[<http://genome.ch.bbc.co.uk/search/0/20?q=astronomical&svc=9371586#search>]

5NG commenced transmissions on 16 September 1924. Transmissions ceased on 31 October 1928

[<http://davidlloyd-radio.blogspot.co.uk/2015/08/nottingham-calling.html>].

1911 Census: Leonard Mosley, born in New Basford 1st quarter 1887. Age 24 years. Occupation: Warehouseman (lace) in Nottinghamshire.

1912: A Leonard Mosley married a Thirza Green in Nottingham.

Wright's Nottingham Directory 1913-14, p. 163, 44 Sandon Street, resident:
Mosley Leonard, Warehouseman.
[[http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16445coll4/
id/112455/rec/29](http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16445coll4/id/112455/rec/29)]

I cannot find a consistent death date for Leonard Mosley.