



# GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## The Travellers Rest – Bull Head Street

"One of Leicestershire's best known hosiery manufacturers", states an obituary in the Leicester Mercury. Alonzo Harry Broughton was born in Wigston on 28/1/1875, the second child in a family of six. His father was George Broughton, a framework knitter, and his mother was Rose Ann nee Phipps. Life was hard in the hosiery trade and by the age of eight he was at work as a boy winder. He married Harriet Herbert, known as Hattie, daughter of William Robert Herbert at the Congregational Church, Long Street in 1898, and the couple had three sons and a daughter.

In 1911 he founded his own company in a little shed, probably at the rear of his home in Junction Road. Greatly assisted by his wife he often worked a sixteen hour day to build up the business. By 1915 he had acquired the site of an old public house, the **Travellers Rest**, in Bull Head Street, and building work commenced the following year.

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