

# DEATH OF MR. A. J. STEVENS OF MOTOR CYCLE FAME

A WOLVERHAMPTON man whose initials became world famous died after a long illness today at his home in Buckinghamshire.

He was Mr. Albert John Stevens, one of the brothers who brought into being the A.J.S. motor cycles in Wolverhampton just half a century ago.

Mr. Stevens had been living for some years at The Chantry Cottage, Burnham Abbey, Taplow.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

A memorial service is to take place later in Wolverhampton.

It was in 1906 that the four Stevens brothers started together in business in a small way in Retreat street, Wolverhampton, making screws.

In 1910 they first started producing motor cycles, and in 1914 moved to the Graiseley works, there being joined by a fifth brother.

In the meantime, they had entered their products for the T.T. races.

Mr. A. J. Stevens, who was known as "Jack," was on the designing side of the business, and himself rode in the 1912 T.T.

He was also a prominent rider in the motor cycle trials of those days.

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When in the depression of 1931 the A.J.S. company went into voluntary liquidation, the Stevens brothers quickly started up again in Retreat street making commercial three-wheeler vehicles.

Soon after this Mr. Jack Stevens moved to Wolverhampton Auto Machinist Co., Ltd., Dudley-road, Wolverhampton, with his brother Mr. Joe Stevens and he was a director of this firm up to the time of his death.

Mr. Jack Stevens himself designed what was probably the most advanced controlled modern motor car to overcome such disability.

In addition to his motor cycle and engineering activities Mr. Stevens was a great lover of music and literature.

The death of Mr. Albert John Stevens leaves Mr. Joe Stevens as the only surviving brother of the five who began engineering work under initials A.J.S. more than 25 years ago.

# Mr. A.J.S. The Motor-Cycle Man, Is Dead

MR. ALBERT JOHN STEVENS, whose initials, A. J. S., became known as the trade-mark of a famous motor-cycle, died at his home in Buckinghamshire to-day.

He was one of four brothers who founded the firm of A.J.S. Motor Cycles, Ltd., at Wolverhampton 42 years ago, and had been living in retirement.

In 1906 four of the five Stevens brothers started in business in Wolverhampton, making screws.

In 1910 they began making motor-cycles and in 1914 the fifth brother joined them and they moved to a bigger works, as manufacturers of cars and commercial vehicles as well as motor-cycles. The company was known as A. J. Stevens and Co. (1914) Ltd.