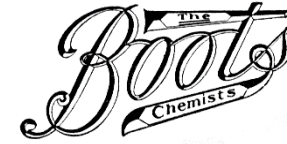


HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Sir Jesse Boot



Overview

- Jesse Boot was born in Nottingham and with his mother started selling herbal medicines.
- He was a good business man and looked after his employees. He gave them hot cocoa before work and took them on trips to the seaside.
- He donated money to build the Victoria Embankment next to the River Trent and Highfields to rebuild Nottingham University.
- He married Florence and had a son and 2 daughters, Marjorie and Dorothy.

A photograph of Jesse Boot

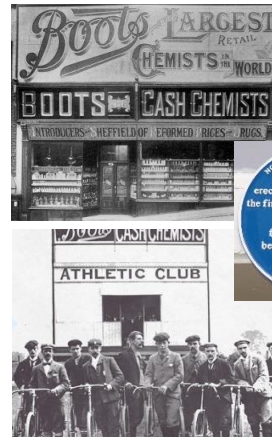


Facts

<i>How did they make the remedies?</i>	The ingredients for these potions were often made from plants that grew locally in such places as The Meadows (then unspoilt fields and pasture). John and Mary would collect the plants together and they would then be used in the various concoctions that were sold in the shop.
<i>Why were they so kind to their employees?</i>	Jesse and Florence Boot were keen to promote sports and social clubs, seeing them as beneficial to their employees health as well as encouraging friendship and team spirit.
<i>How else did he help the people of Nottingham?</i>	The Boots Book-Lovers' Library was created in 1898 – 1966 and encouraged people to read books, they also started the Boots Day Continuation School to study.

Vocabulary

Herbalist	a person who grows or sells herbs for use as medicine
Herbal remedies	plants used like a medicine
Chemist	a shop where medicines are sold
Employee	someone who is paid to work for someone else:
Flagship store	retailer's lead, largest, or otherwise most important store
Manufacture	make (something) on a large-scale using machinery
Company	a buying and selling business
Donation	something that is given to a charity, especially a sum of money
Philanthropist	a person who helps others, especially by giving money to support them
Knighthood	the title and status of a knight



Sir Jesse Boot Timeline

1850 Born in Nottingham	1863 Jesse leaves school at 13 and works in the family shop.	1883 He renames the shop 'Boot and Company Limited'	1884 Jesse opens his first shop outside Nottingham, in Sheffield.	1889 Jesse meets Florence Rowe. They marry and have their first child, John.	1909 Jesse Boot is knighted for his work	1913 Jesse had around 560 shops operating around the country.	1920 Boots is sold to an American man for £2½ million. Sir Jesse is given the Freedom of Nottingham City.	1931 Jesse dies.
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