

SLOPER' S - A FOOTNOTE

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Stephen Steere tells me he thinks Bill Cockayne, the last managing director of Joseph Sloper & Co. died back in 2003. Bill was the person who responded to Steve's letter back in the early 1990's and allowed us access to Sloper's records. Although many members had written to Sloper's over the years this was the first positive reply since Charles Bein and Hugh Vallencey were allowed into Sloper's about the time of the Second World War. From just being allowed to see the works and perforating and copying the records this rapidly snowballed when Sloper's works closed and were sold to Checkpoint. We were lucky to be given and to be able to purchase many valuable records, thanks to Bill. Tantalisingly, much had already been destroyed.

[Ed. For further information on the visits to Sloper's premises and the recovery of items when the company closed down see Bulletin 246/3, 255/7 and 261/6.]