

# HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING CEMETERY

DURHAM ROAD, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DH5 8NF

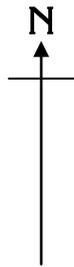
Houghton-le-Spring Cemetery opened on March 1<sup>st</sup> 1892 on a parcel of land at Durham Road. The cemetery, lodge and railings cost £4,000. Prior to this date, burials were in the Church's detached burial ground, known as Houghton Hillside Cemetery, which had opened in 1854 but was vastly overcrowded. When the new cemetery opened on Durham Road, the Local Board of Health attempted to close Hillside, however the Rector, Rev John Grey, objected as the new cemetery had not been consecrated.

The Local Board continued to refuse to consecrate the new cemetery and the Church was left with no other option than to extend Hillside Cemetery. This was despite neighbouring Hetton-le-Hole's municipal cemetery having a consecrated section! The issue was eventually resolved when Houghton Cemetery was consecrated in 1907. In the 1930s, the cemetery was extended to the east, seeing the site extend from Durham Road up to Hetton Road. Lavatories could be found next to section [F], however these are no longer there.

Houghton Cemetery is still in use today. Please take care and be aware of others if you visit.

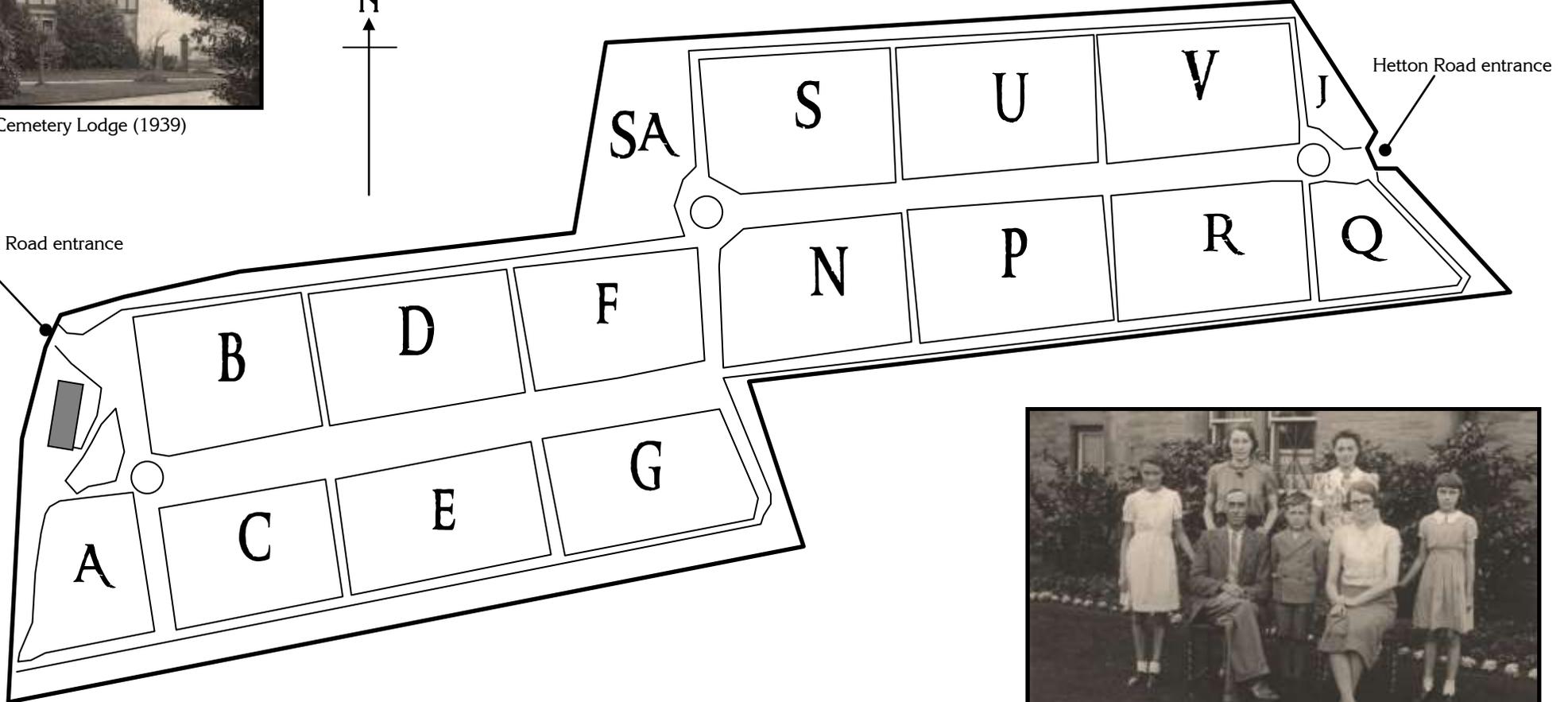


Cemetery Lodge (1939)



Durham Road entrance

Hetton Road entrance



August William Cooper, cemetery superintendent, and his family at the Cemetery Lodge, circa 1939.

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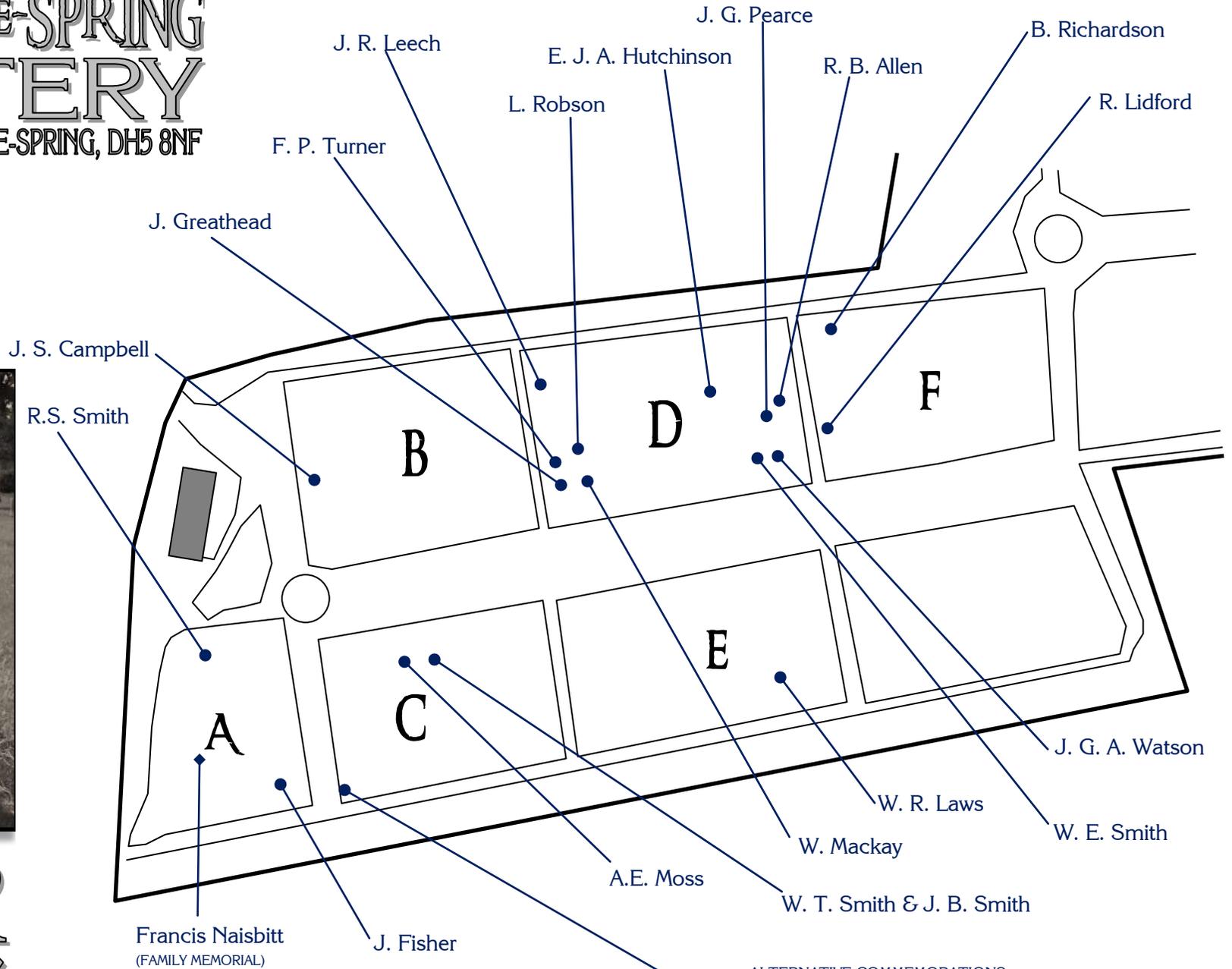
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