

Frederick William Money
Born 30/7/1922 London
Died 28/5/2008 Auckland
Silver and Goldsmith

At age eleven received a scholarship to The School of Fine Arts London.

At age fourteen was engaged as an apprentice with The Ecclesiastical Goldsmiths Company and was there until the age of eighteen.

Was in the RAF from age eighteen as an instrument fitter with the rank of Corporal until the end of the war.

Travelled to Adelaide Australia and worked for a manufacturing jeweller until 1950.

Worked again in London 1950 to 1952.

Emigrated to Auckland New Zealand 1952 and married Nancy Elizabeth Lucas in October 1953.

Worked for manufacturing jeweller Keenes in Newton Gully Auckland 1952 to 1957.

Set up his own workshop at 73 Symonds Street Auckland 1957 to 1973.

Then moved his workshop to his home in Northcote where he continued working until the age of 81 years.

Work:

With his training manufacturing church ware he built up a good business in New Zealand with many commissions for communion vessels in both gold and silver and also horse racing trophies, for some while making one cup per week. Also many sculptural pieces among them the one and the half ton yachting trophy, a model of a Sunderland flying boat and The Bruce McLaren Memorial Trophy (a model of his last car).

In the 50's and 60's the mainstay was hinged bangles in various widths in gold and silver along with such items as napkin rings, decanter labels and the patterned wire jingle bangle.

In the late 1970's an idea was formed to produce a limited edition of sterling silver coasters with Walker & Hall and create some New Zealand "hallmarks" which were registered as trademarks of W&H. These were sold boxed in pairs.

The 1980's saw the making of two or three weights of ingots in gold and silver for necklaces stamped with the W&H "hallmarks" again. For the rest of his life the restoration of antique items for dealers and collectors was his work until a couple of years before his death 2008.