

## Dodds's Darlington Annual 1917

This Darlington annual is the last in a series which we have in the Centre for Local Studies collection and supplements the information in the more widely known Post Office, Kelly's and Ward's Directories.

These little books date back to 1897 and have a wealth of local information in them. Churches, Friendly Societies, Magistrates, and Members of the Town Council are listed.

Unique to the 1917 edition is The Town's Roll of Honour and by the time of printing nearly 300 men had given their lives. Their name, rank and regiments are listed, together with their last Darlington address. There is also a section listing recipients of various honours including the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, and other honours such as Croix De Guerre, and Italian Military Medal.

A list of streets organised in Ward Areas is also useful. The list includes a location which is especially useful for some of the lesser known yards which have now vanished.

There are also interesting advertisements, one for Manipulative Surgery (Bonesetting), for Thomas W. Tow, at 8, Granville Terrace, Bondgate, caught our eye. The advert tells us that Mr. Tow was the only Bonesetter residing in Darlington and could be visited any day from 10am -7pm.

General sections also include world events October 1915 - September 1916, and household hints for the sick room – an interesting and sometimes amusing read.