



*'Hundred Years  
of Excellence'*

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**George Justice started the business of cabinet making and antiques in 1910 and was based at the back of Seveirg Buildings, which is now Boots, the Chemists.**

In 1920 he moved the workshop to 12a Market Street. During that time George Justice was carrying out work for Edward Warren of Lewes House. He also lived and had his antique business at 31 High Street, next door to Lewes House. Some of George Justice's work can be seen in Thebes which are now offices at the back of Lewes House.

George Justice died in 1932 and left the business to his three employees, Herbert Cooper, Herbert Edwards, and Ernest Bishop.



George Justice 1870 - 1932

When Herbert Cooper and Herbert Edwards died during the second world war, Ernest Bishop took over the business as sole trader.



William Tompsett worked for George Justice in the 1930's but left in the slump to start a grocery store. He would however continue to use the premises to do his own shop fittings.

In 1952 Ernest Bishop wanted to retire and offered the firm to William Tompsett who took it over. When William retired in 1963, Peter Moore who joined the firm in approximately 1945, and Colin Tompsett, who joined in 1952, took it over. Peter retired through ill health in 1981 and Colin was then the sole trader until 1994, when his wife, Stella, and their son Jonathan became joint partners.

Colin is still working, albeit part-time, but Jonathan is carrying on the business, along with his wife, Sally, who is taking over some of the admin work.

Other long term employees who have made a large contribution to the business are:

Bern Pratt  
Paul Miller  
Philip West

As well as restoring antique furniture the firm has made oak lecterns, pews and tables for Churches and Cathedrals designed by John Skelton of Streat.

Having no vehicle in the 1950s, Colin can remember pushing a handcart full of furniture up the High Street to deliver to County Hall. Today we have our own van and collect from all over East Sussex and beyond.