

Life would have been hard at that time for an unmarried woman of 60 who had lost her position as housekeeper, especially if she had few close relatives on whom to rely for support. Although Lloyd George introduced the Old Age Pensions Act in 1908, this provided an income only to those over seventy years old so this would not have helped Annie. Although it appears she was lucky enough to obtain another post, in Middleton Road, Banbury, we cannot be sure exactly when she moved from Eydon or how long she was able to work. She died in Banbury at her brother, William's, home on 6th March 1920, and so our story of Annie Adkins and her pin was brought to its conclusion. [Fig 8]

The Future

Our drive to collect and preserve as much information as possible about Eydon and its inhabitants continues using a variety of storage media including paper and CDs. We have recently been successful in our application for the website to be archived by the British Library. The creation of the website based photo archive has enabled us to expand and enhance our store of knowledge considerably, as website researchers share their stories with us.

In turn their interest and questions have inspired us to research new areas and, as with the story of Annie Adkins and her token of gratitude, to become engrossed in the lives of those who once lived here. We look forward to receiving many more enquiries and mysteries to solve.

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