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1914—1919.



To all to whom these Presents  
shall come

I, the undersigned

Arthur Nicholson of  
Highfield Hall, Leic., in the County of  
Stafford, Knight Sciredotea Greeting

Whereas my youngest Son Basil Lee  
Nicholson a Lieutenant in the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Staffordshire Battery of the 2<sup>nd</sup> North  
Midland Brigade Royal Field Artillery  
T. F. served in the Great War and was killed  
in Flanders on the twenty fourth July One  
thousand nine hundred and fifteen in the  
Twenty fifth year of his age and was buried on  
the following day at Granoued And  
whereas being desirous of perpetuating  
the memory of my said Son and of those  
who from Leic. and surrounding neighbour-  
hood also fell in the War I obtained a  
meeting of the Urban District Council of  
Leic. on the twenty eighth day of January  
One thousand nine hundred and sixteen



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and offered to lay out the ground in the Castle  
Market square between Bowdley Buildings  
and Arminum Road Leet as an open space  
and to erect thereon a Clock Tower as a  
Memorial to my Son and those from Leet and  
surrounding neighbourhood who fell in the  
said War And resolved at the said  
meeting of the said Council it was unanimously  
resolved as follows: "That the offer be  
"accepted subject to the consent of the Town  
"Lands Trustees being obtained and to the  
"necessary arrangements being made for  
"the transference of the said ground to  
"another site to be selected and the thanks  
"of the Council be accorded to Sir Arthur  
"Dickinson for his generous offer" And  
resolved the land on which it was  
proposed to erect the said Clock Tower was a  
portion of a piece of land conveyed to the  
Trustees of the Leet Town Lands on the  
sixteenth day of August One thousand eight  
hundred and twenty seven Upon trust to  
and for the public purposes and benefit of  
the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the  
Township of Leet and Lowe in the Parish  
of Leet to remain open and unenclosed and  
no erection or building was to be erected  
thereon except a building for housing a fire  
engine "or for other public purpose" to be

placed at the upper end thereof And  
resolved under an Order of the  
Board of Charity Commissioners for  
England and Wales dated the twenty fourth  
day of March One thousand eight hundred  
and eighty two the said Land became  
vested in the Official Trustees of Charity  
Lands in trust for the Charity known as  
the Town Lands in the Township of  
Leek and Lowe And resolved

at a meeting of the Trustees of the Leek  
Town Lands duly convened and held  
on the twenty seventh day of January  
One thousand nine hundred and  
ninteen I announced my desire to  
erect the said Clock Tower on the upper  
or Eastern portion of the said plot of  
land the ground around the site of the  
proposed Clock Tower to be tastefully  
laid out by me and the public to have  
access thereto and it was unanimously  
resolved as follows:- "That the Trustees

"of the Leek Town Lands agree to  
"accept the handsome offer of Sir  
"Arthur Greenwood subject if necessary  
"to the non-objection or to the consent of  
"the said Charity Commissioners"

And resolved on the thirty first  
day of January One thousand nine

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hundred and nineteen Messieurs Solicitors and  
and Straw Solicitors to the said Trustees and  
by their direction forwarded copies of the  
aforesaid Resolutions to the Charity  
Commissioners and requested to be  
notified whether there was any objection on  
the part of the Official Trustees or the  
Charity Commissioners to the proposal  
the carrying out of which it was then  
estimated would entail an expenditure of  
from Three to Four thousand pounds.

Fund collected by a letter dated  
the thirteenth day of February One  
thousand nine hundred and nineteen  
addressed to the said Solicitors by the  
Charity Commissioners the said  
Commissioners approved of the Trustees  
allowing the erection of the proposed  
Clock Tower and stated that it was  
in the opinion of the Commissioners  
to be in accordance with the trusts of  
the Charity it was considered that  
no more formal assent than that  
letter was necessary but enquired  
whether any arrangements had been  
made by the provision of a special  
fund or otherwise for meeting the  
expense of keeping the Clock in  
repair and of winding up the same

and also pointing out that as the Tower  
will become the property of the Trust,  
such expense would presumably fall  
upon the Charity in the absence of any  
such arrangement And resolved  
at a meeting of the said Urban District  
Council held on the twenty fifth day of  
February <sup>1919</sup> it was resolved as follows:- "That  
"pursuant to Section 42 of the Public  
"Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, Sir  
"Arthur Nicholson be authorized to lay out  
"the open space lying between Fountain  
"Street and Ashbourne Road and on the  
"East side of the road from Ashbourne Road  
"to Ball Haye Street and belonging to  
"the Trustees of the Leeds Town Lands,  
"and being a public place and to erect  
"thereon a War Memorial Clock Tower  
"subject to the approval by the Council of  
"the plan of such proposed laying out and  
"erection and that when the same are  
"completed the Council thereafter maintain  
"the same" And it was further resolved  
as follows:- "That pursuant to Section 46  
"of the said Act that the Clock in the  
"proposed War Memorial Clock Tower  
"when completed be repaired maintained  
"wound up and lighted by the Council"  
And resolved the plans of the

laying out and erection of the said War Memorial Clock Tower were duly approved of by the said Council And whereas the said Clock Tower has been erected thereon at a cost inclusive of that of the clock, the laying out and all incidentals relating thereto of approximately Sixteen thousand pounds entirely at my expense And whereas the said War Memorial Clock Tower has been publicly dedicated by me this day as a memorial to my said Son and all others who from this Town and the surrounding neighbourhood laid down their lives in the Great War for their King and Country and to be for ever hereafter kept and maintained as aforesaid for the public purposes and benefit of the freeholders and inhabitants of the Township of Leek and Lows in the Parish of Leek.

I do therefore with the intention of preserving a record in writing as to the said War Memorial Clock Tower the sanctions and consents for the erection thereof above recited the said arrangements for the future maintenance and repair thereof and the public dedication



whereof I the said Arthur Nicholson  
do hereby set my hand and seal this  
twentieth day of August. One  
thousand nine hundred and twenty  
five.

Arthur Nicholson



Signed, sealed and Delivered by  
the said Arthur Nicholson in  
the presence of

Arthur Hugh Shaw  
Notary Public.  
Leek.

