

OBITUARY

JAMES EDWARD SAINTY, M.M., B.Sc.

1882-1967

Vice-President from 1963

J. E. Sainty was the last survivor of a small group of prehistorians to whom archaeologists working in the county today owe a great debt. For more than forty years he was a science teacher on the staff of the City of Norwich School and its predecessor the Higher Grade School in Duke Street, Norwich. Much of his spare time was spent searching for, and working on, prehistoric sites, particularly those of the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods. Although not a founder member, Sainty was an early member of the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia which in 1935 became the national Prehistoric Society. For twenty years he was a frequent contributor to the Society's *Proceedings*, recording the results of his work at sites such as Kelling, Thorpe-next-Norwich and Whitlingham. At the two latter sites he investigated, with Professor P. G. H. Boswell, the problems of Pre-Crag implements with the aid of a grant from the Percy Sladen Trustees. The results of this work were summarized in his Presidential Address to the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia in 1929. This was followed by the investigation of the major Palaeolithic sites at Whitlingham and Southacre, the latter site being published in *Norfolk Archaeology*. He discovered the first Neolithic long barrow in Norfolk, at West Rudham, and helped to direct the test excavations carried out there by the Norfolk Research Committee.

In his later years he became increasingly interested in the problems of Pleistocene geology in East Anglia, presenting the results of his work in his presidential address to the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society in 1951. This paper, published in that Society's *Transactions*, remained for many years the standard work.

He was for several years an invalid before his death in 1967 at the age of 85.

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