

BIRMINGHAM MAIL 10TH FEBRUARY 1954

HONOUR THE MEMORY

Albert Kettleby's birth certificate.....showing that he was born on August 9th, 1875, in Aston Manor.

I was extremely interested in the letter regarding nostalgia as I too – also a Brummie – have tried to foster an interest in the many famous people born within the city.

In 1975 I wrote to the chairman of the CBSO suggesting that the orchestra should present a concert to commemorate the centenary of Albert Kettleby's birth.

The reply I received was that the matter would be "borne in mind".

As I expected nothing was done so I wrote to you and you published my letter in which I stated that a hall of fame ought to be set up to honour the memory of such natives of the Second City.

So many letters were published by you that finally Fred Norris unearthed a copy of Kettleby's birth certificate which established the composer's name, date of birth and his mother's maiden name.

In 1979 I wrote to the then Lord Mayor (Councillor E F Hanson) who expressed interest in the idea of a Hall of Fame and I along with many others, submitted names of Brummies (either by birth or adoption) worthy of honouring.

The NEC has well and truly put Birmingham on the map. Let us not forget those who made such contributions to establish our great city.

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