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# HONOUR THE MEMORY

REGISTRATION DISTRICT <i>Aston</i>										
1875 Birth in the Sub-district of <i>Edington</i> in the County of <i>Warwick</i>										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
1	<i>9th August 1875 41 Edington Street Aston Manor</i>	<i>Albert</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>George Henry Ketelbey</i>	<i>Abel Ann Ketelbey formerly Ketelbey</i>	<i>Engineer</i>	<i>G. H. Ketelbey Father Abel Street Aston Manor</i>	<i>19th September 1875</i>	<i>George Hill</i>	<i>Registrar</i>

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned. Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *4th* day of *January* 1976

Albert Ketelbey's birth certificate . . . showing that he was born on August 9, 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 Ketelbey'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 Ketelbey'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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