

## OBITUARY

### Lindsay Oliver John Boynton

Lindsay Oliver John Boynton (1934-1995) who died in December made an important contribution to furniture history studies. He was the principal founder of the Furniture History Society in 1964 and remained as its Honorary Secretary until 1981. He will best be remembered, however, as the man who took on the huge undertaking of researching the Gillow archives. This began in 1967 when he initiated the saving of them from export to the U.S.A. It has culminated in the publication of **Gillow Furniture Designs 1760-1800** in 1995. Tragically he did not live to see his planned more detailed study of the history of the firm in print. This will be left to others to pick up the threads. In that the vast majority of the earlier Gillow records relate to the business in Lancaster, this work is of particular relevance to our Society.