

Elizabeth Anna Hodgson, Kenneth Hodgson and his collection of Robert (Mouseman) Thompson furniture, available from the author, Mouse Cottage, 11B Leadhall Way, Harrogate, Yorkshire HG2 9PG (£30).

Primarily, this book is a family memoir, densely packed with personal history and anecdote, but it is of interest to 20th century furniture specialists for the light it throws on the products of Robert Thompson's workshops at Kilburn in Yorkshire. Kenneth Hodgson (1916-2004), the subject of the memoir, was the keenest of Mouseman collectors for nearly 50 years, buying both directly from the workshops and at auction. Indeed, he must have been the sort of client every furniture craftsman dreams of having!

Stories behind the purchases are recorded in the main text of the book, but the appendices, with their careful chronologies and records of prices, as well as descriptions of individual items, will be of particular fascination for Mouseman *aficionados*. Hodgson's collection, which amounts to more than 100 items, is looking for a permanent home (see RFS Newsletter 49, Autumn 2008). This book gives it an intensely human context.

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