

Mrs Dorothy Hammett : Breed Historian

An Appreciation by Richard Haynes *(written in 1990)*

The English Toy Terrier is most fortunate to have its loyal supporters who year in year out do what they can to help the breed in different ways. One of this loyal band is our breed Historian , Mrs Dorothy Hammett, who has as near a complete history as possible at her finger tips.

It was my pleasure to visit Mrs Hammett at her home in picturesque North Yorkshire this autumn and see for myself the many records she has amassed over the years. These comprise all the breed registrations, all the stud book entries, and a record of all the Champion English Toy Terriers

All Champions right back to the days when the breed was known as the Miniature Black And Tan are recorded separately with a four generation pedigree and in most cases a photograph of the champion concerned. Mrs Hammett also has a 'scrap book' of photographs and memorabilia of ETTs at home and abroad. The whole collection has now extended to ten volumes and is being added to all the time. If you have any items, photographs etc of interest I am quite sure Mrs Hammett would be pleased to receive any new additions to the collections.

I could have spent a week looking at all these fascinating records, instead of the few hours which were available. Mrs Hammett has welcomed many other English Toy Terrier enthusiasts during the year including Ruth and Petronelle Kitson (Quinoa) and John Richardson (Reeberrich).

Mrs Hammett has left provision in her will form all her records to go to the Kennel Club library which at present has very little on the breed. We hope this will not be for many years and I am sure you will all join me in offering thanks to Dorothy Hammett - a true friend of the English Toy Terrier and wish hr many more years of healthy research