

# Memories of Brother Luke McDermott C.Ss.R

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Brother Luke McDermott who died in Sunderland in 1975

Brother Luke joined the congregation and made his first profession in 1925, which was the year before Hawkstone was bought by the Province. One of his early appointments was to Hawkstone once we had acquired it, as a student, because Luke before he joined us was a carpenter though one that worked not so much in building, but he worked in shipyards more a ships carpenter rather than an ordinary house carpenter. But his skills were needed at Hawkstone because he was asked to make a wooden connection, passageway between the old North wing and the camellia house. The camellia house after a certain amount of changes, after the installation of a boiler for heating became the students' common room. But the passageway that Luke built became known very quickly as Luke's alley. Far from being a temporary link between the North wing and the camellia house it was so solid that in 1962 the builders had to pull it down, physically, and replace it as it was part of the new building replace it with the present brick structure.