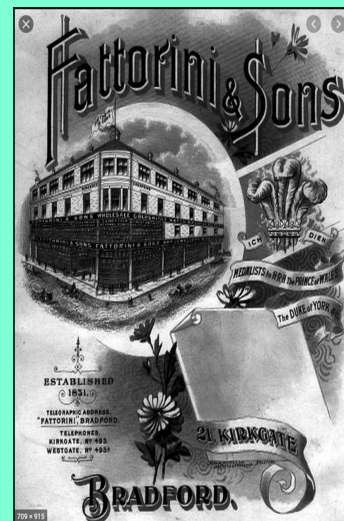


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Bradford jewellers shuts up shop after 160 years



We are going to find out more about this family and how Antonio Fattorini founded an important retail empire; jewellers and eventually catalogues in the city of Bradford.

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Antonio Fattorini

A 160-year history of retailing has ended in Bradford with the closure of the former Fattorini jewellery store.

The shutters have come down for the last time at the Tyrrel Street branch of Goldsmiths which took over the Fattorini's business in 1986.

The Leicester-based national group also owned the former Mappin & Webb store on the junction of Darley Street and Kirkgate, which was closed last year and is now to let.

The closure brought to an end an association between Fattorini and the city of Bradford which began in 1846 with the opening of the original shop by Antonio Fattorini, who came to England after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and initially made his living as a travelling salesman. He started his original jewellery business in 1831 in Harrogate.

Antonio's sons John and Edward settled in Bradford and built up the business which by 1870 had two branches in Kirkgate and Westgate.

Fattorini's is famous for designing the FA Cup trophy, first won in 1911 by Bradford City and still in use.

In 1852 a forerunner of the former Empire Stores mail order business emerged when a watch club offering customers 20 weeks of credit was set up and run through Fattorini shops in Bradford, Harrogate and Skipton. Empire Stores was closed in 2008 by French owners SA Redoute Catalogue of Roubaix - Bradford's twin town.

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