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Last in a series —

Sudlow has lived in interesting times

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Anna Sudlow's life has seen many changes.

She's moved from the beginning of automobiles, the Great Depression, World War II, man on the moon and on through the computer age in her lifetime. She has been blessed with a wonderful family, many friends and having lived in interesting times. She also has done quite a bit of traveling both in the United States and abroad.

She and husband, John, were privileged to visit England and see the Sudlow family pottery there. John had researched the connection to one of the famous potteries of Staffordshire, England, an area noted for its artisans in this field. The company existed from about 1884 until it was bought by Howard Pottery in the 1964. It was located in Burslem.

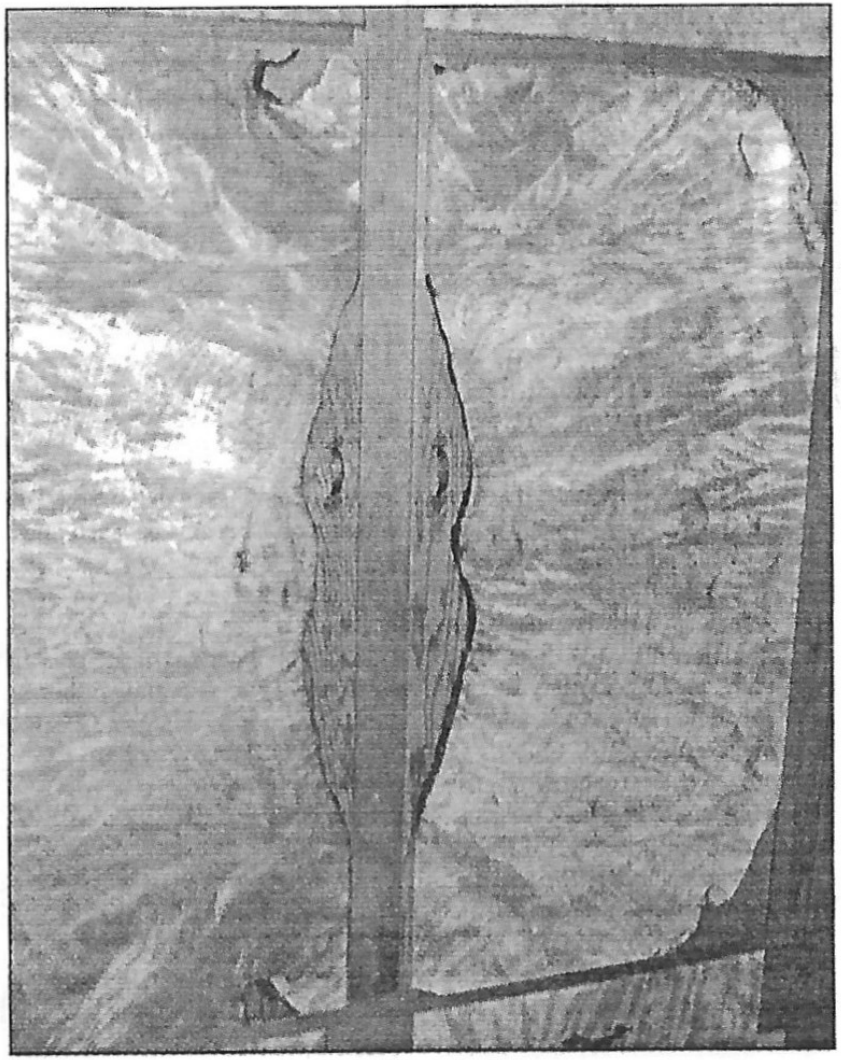
The founder of the business was Robert Sudlow and the family carried on after his death in 1916. He was a member of the Burslem Town Council and served as its mayor. Sudlow said visiting that area was a real joy.

Sudlow is a remarkable person. Of course, she doesn't think so. Having lived more than nine and one-half decades, she retains curiosity about the world around her and independence coupled with the knowledge she has gained. It's all topped off by a healthy dose of optimism and friendliness. All this makes for a potent combination and a delightful personality.

She was a wife, mother the bookkeeper and office manager for Sudlow's Pier Shop. Her daughter Connie Heckaman became a registered nurse, something Sudlow is most proud of her for doing. Her great-grandchildren see her often bringing her huge enjoyment. Plain and simple, she just gets a big kick out of life and her attitude is contagious.

As someone intimately connected with both the lake and the town, she is an invaluable resource. She even joked noted local historian Ron Sharp now calls her with questions. She has the innate gift of hospitality.

Her home is warm, welcoming and is full of wonderful objects each with a story to tell.



FINAL PRODUCT — Remember the burl oak John Sudlow was pictured beside in the second installment of this series? Here it is after he finished making it into doors for his den in the Sudlow Vawter Park home. (Photo by Martha Stoelting)