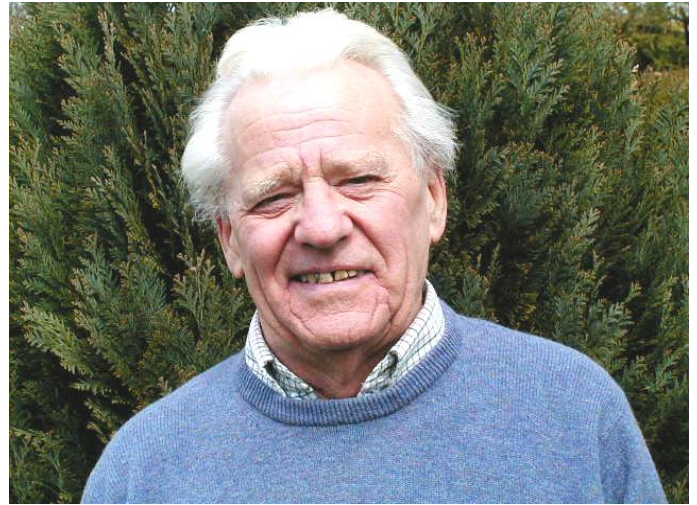
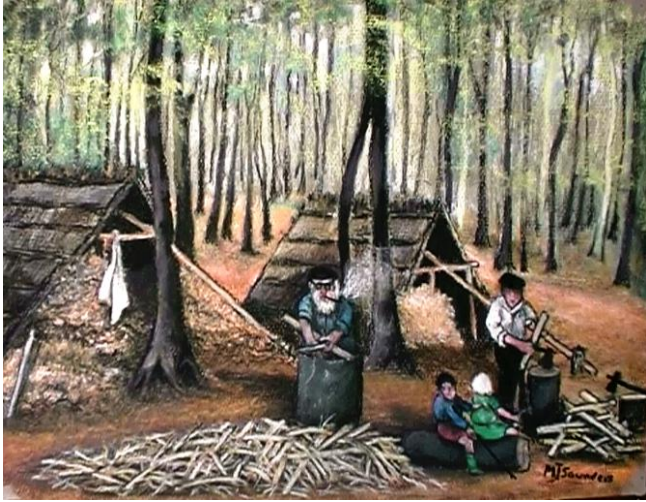


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## Children in a Bodgers' World

by Maurice James Saunders



My story is a history of my early years with my twin sister, Millicent, and the happy days we spent during our holidays with our Grandfather in the Hampden woods with the bodgers, men who produced turned chair legs in a primitive manner for the chair industry in High Wycombe.

The bodgers were a cheerful and kind body of men. The kindred spirit that prevailed within the vast Hampden woods at that time was a joy to behold, and many moments of sheer delight were witnessed by two very small children.



Bodgers working in the woods in Hampden

Maurice ("Mosh") James Saunders was born in 1923 in Lacey Green, a small village in the Chiltern Hills of England. He died in 2006.

He painted in oils and pastels, holding his own exhibitions. Some of his paintings have been used to illustrate this book.

He had been writing poetry and prose since his return from the armed forces in 1945.

This book records his early life with his twin sister, Millicent, in the world of the bodgers, craftsmen who made chair legs in beech woodlands by hand, using pole lathes. This craft continued until the early 1940s.

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