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## Fr HENRY SEED

23 March 1884 – 16 July 1960



Born and educated in Preston, Henry Seed entered the Society in 1901. He did his regency at Stamford Hill, North London, and his 'meticulous, rather fussy, habit of mind' soon became apparent. 'He would seize on a point and pursue it to the end.'

In 1920 he came to Africa and served in Kutama, Chishawasha, Bulawayo, Empanjeni, Umtali (Mutare) and Driefontein, travelling everywhere by bicycle. He became fluent in Shona and wrote a study in NADA on family relationships which, as one would expect, was exhaustive.

It was probably Eleanor Cleveland who wrote in *The Shield* in August 1960: 'He had been stationed in Salisbury for a short time in 1925-6 ... it was a bigger town when he came back in 1941. But as each new suburb was planned and developed, he would visit it, make a round map of it, mark the changes as they occurred and then add the final version to his collection of hand drawn maps of Sby that he was never without. The result was that no sick call at night, even for the most outlying district of Sby, ever found him unprepared, and he was as indefatigable in answering them as he was in visiting the various hospitals during the day.'

He also made lists and maps of the graves of all the Jesuits who had died on the mission.