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**Builders in Bradwell**

From the 1920's the building firm run by Fred Evans with his brothers Cyril and Maurice was the most prolific in the village. They built at least 75 houses and shops in an area from Sheffield to Dove Holes. Their most prominent work in the village is the first council houses on Gore Lane completed in the 1920's. Other work from this period was Edgecot, later destroyed by fire and completely rebuilt removing all trace of the original. The local hauliers Firths had a house and garage built at Town End of concrete blocks the work of the Evans brothers in their builders' yard on the Lumb. Their workshop previously a butchers is now Brookside Cottage. Pennine Workshop opposite Town Lane, previously Fletcher's joiners shop, is built of the same material and is probably theirs. Fred built himself the bungalow Windy Ridge on Hungry Lane that is unique in the village. The flat roof is noticeable but was even more so when it had an ornate concrete balustrade. Tor Top built further up Hungry Lane in 1928 is another example of the Evans' work. In 1934 they built the Sheffield and Ecclesall Co-op Shop on Netherside. This has subsequently been changed so much that the original design is lost. It was a plain rectangular building with a flat roof and was glass fronted with Art Deco motifs. After WW II war the firm worked on Hill Rise on Hungry Lane and The Willows, Hugh Lane.

The Darneley family was responsible for the design of several houses at the end of nineteenth and into the beginning of the twentieth century. They had left Bradwell in the middle of the nineteenth century to establish a joinery business in Hull. Nevertheless they retained a close connection with Bradwell. Mr A.J. Darneley was the architect responsible for the Methodist Schoolroom, built in Town gate in 1879. The family were also involved in the construction of The Green, Corbiestones, Uplow, Cherry Tree, Westholme and Eastbourne all in the Hills.

The Bancroft family was also involved in building in the early part of the century, Ruthavon, Granby Rd. of 1928 is one of their houses.