



Robert (**Mouseman**) Thompson (7 May 1876 - 8 December 1955) was a British furniture maker. He lived in Kilburn, North Yorkshire, where he set up a business manufacturing oak furniture, which featured a carved mouse on almost every piece. He was part of the 1920s revival of craftsmanship, inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement led by William Morris, John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle. The workshop, now being run by his descendants, includes a showroom and visitors' centre. The company is now known as 'Robert Thompson's Craftsmen Ltd' - The **Mouseman** of Kilburn.

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