

About Loake

A Heritage to be proud of...

1880 A Tradition was born

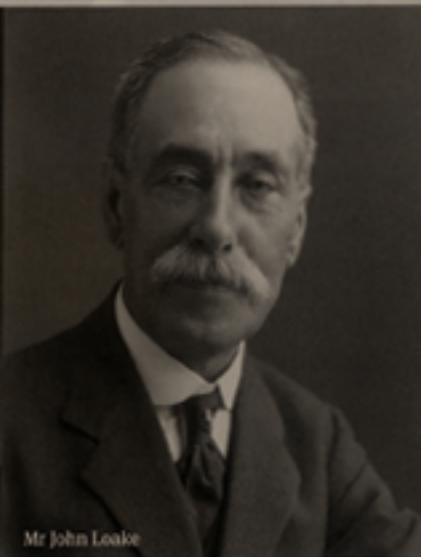
Loake was set up in Kettering, Northamptonshire, by three brothers, Thomas, John and William. The business was started in an outbuilding at Thomas Loake's house at 62 King Street.



Andrew Loake
Managing Director



Mr Thomas Loake



Mr John Loake



Mr William Loake

The Loake family has been producing fine, handmade footwear for longer than anyone can remember.

The tradition began in 1880, when three brothers - Thomas, John and William - opened a factory in Northamptonshire in the heart of the English shoemaking industry. The aim was to provide the most handsome, comfortable and durable shoes possible.

Today, more than 130 years and five generations later, Loake is still family owned and operating in the same town in Northamptonshire. Our shoes have become a favourite with discerning customers worldwide and are exported to over 30 countries.

Loake is most famous for its Goodyear Welted footwear, an intricate construction with origins that can be traced back over 300 years. We estimate we have now made over 50 million pairs.

Our premium Goodyear Welted shoes continue to be made in England and take eight weeks to produce. Some 130 skilled craftsmen, up to 75 shoe parts and approximately 200 different operations are involved. Only the very highest quality materials are used.

While we remain passionate about the quality that only time-honoured skills and a family heritage can achieve, in other respects Loake has a very modern approach.

The range of footwear on offer has been extended to include new constructions and a choice of both classic and contemporary designs. We also place special emphasis on fit and have developed our own unique comfort technology.

Loake was awarded a Royal Warrant of Appointment to the Queen in 2007.