

Those Troublesome Boys

UK : 1902 : dir. James Williamson : James Williamson
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Silent : 102 sec

[Alan Williamson; Colin Williamson](#)

Adult cast unknown

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Comedy. Boys play tricks with road-rammer."

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Williamson (1886-1952):

"James Williamson, a pioneer of British cinema, produced and directed films in Brighton between 1897 and 1909 (after which he devoted himself exclusively to the manufacture and merchandising of film and photographic materials and equipment). He soon began to evolve his own grammar of movie-making, and his "FIRE!" of 1901, for instance, depends largely on cross-cutting for its tension. In 1902 he sold his chemist's shop and started full-time production at the Wilbury studios.

His sons Alan, Tom, Stuart and Colin became Britain's first juvenile "household faces". In the "TWO NAUGHTY BOYS" films, Alan's co-

star was kid brother Colin – and it needs pointing out that the "spoons" in question were not items of cutlery but young people engaged in "spooning" or making love. The titles make exhaustingly clear the pranksomeness of this strand of early cinema."

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Troublesome boys must of course be **spanked!** Con gusto! This seems to have been the final entry in the **Two Naughty Boys** series – honest mischief does have its limits – but where the Williamson brothers left off, many another silent boy player took up the baton with two-reeler series in their own right before Hal Roach definitively cornered the market on childhood mayhem with his **Our Gang** series from 1922 onwards. Alan Williamson, here 15, made a later appearance for his father in "**OUR NEW ERRAND BOY**" (1905), from which we do have one grainy still. And yes, he's still getting up to pranks. What a tinker.

See also "**TWO NAUGHTY BOYS UPSETTING THE SPOONS**", "**TWO NAUGHTY BOYS SPRINKLING THE SPOONS**", "**TWO NAUGHTY BOYS TEASING THE COBBLER**", "**TEASING GRANDPA**", and see subject index under [ALL IN THE FAMILY](#), COMEDY, [RASCALS & SCALAWAGS](#) and [SILENT CINEMA](#).