

JOHN HENFREY (?-?) Scissorsmith  
Given to the Company by Mrs W Tozer in 1936.

John Henfrey was a prominent local scissorsmith, whose family had been involved in the scissor trade since the early years of the Company. He became a Freeman in 1753 and was the fourth generation to be apprenticed by the Company. He went on to train his brother and his sons in the Brightside area, east of Sheffield's town centre. He is listed in the 1787 trade directory as having premises in Norfolk Street in the town centre.

Henfrey became Master Cutler in 1792.

He built a new home on the south-west side of Sheffield and the house later became the Charnwood Hotel (now closed) on Sharrow Lane. His family was involved in a scandal when in 1791/2, one of his daughters eloped to Gretna Green with Thomas Leader, a young colonel in the Sheffield Volunteers.

**Artist - unknown**