

**GEORGE HOWSON, (1851-1930) Cutlery manufacturer**  
Given to the Company by Mrs Sandeman in 1967.

George Howson was a senior partner in the cutlery firm of Harrison Brothers & Howson. He was educated at the Sheffield Collegiate School and in France and married the daughter of David Ward, who was Master Cutler in 1877.

The company started on Norfolk Street in Sheffield at the end of the eighteenth century when it was known as Thomas Sansom & Sons. However, by the middle of the nineteenth century, the company was owned by William Howson, George's grandfather, and James and Henry Harrison who changed its name to Harrison Bros & Howson..

By 1887, they also had works on Shoreham Street and employed 300 people. Their goods were exported all over the world and the firm had offices in London, New York and San Francisco In 1900, when their workforce had increased to over 700, they opened another works on Carver Street. Like many other companies, they went into decline between the two World Wars and were eventually bought by Viners in 1959.

He was Master Cutler in 1893, one a declining number of cutlers to hold the office.

#### **Other public positions**

George Howson was President of both the Cutlery Manufacturers' Association and the Silversmiths' Association. He was on the Board of Management of the Royal Hospital and a Trustee of the Hallamshire Savings Bank. He was also a director of Truswell's Brewery Company.

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