

WILLIAM TRICKETT, (?-?) Cutler

Given to the company by J B Thompson in 1938.

William Trickett was a local cutler in the late eighteenth century, who became a Freeman in 1774. His father was called William, a cutler from Sheffield, but there is no record of the son's apprenticeship. This could have been the case if his father had trained him.

William became Master Cutler in 1771. During his year, a new ruling was introduced stating that any man refusing to take up office was to be fined £30. This followed several occasions in the previous decade when men refused to serve in the Company, having been elected. The earlier fine had been £5. This £30 fine continued throughout the 19th century.

The surname Trickett is common among cutlers and it is not always possible to distinguish between the several William Tricketts who were taking apprentices in the late 18th century. One William Trickett was listed in the Company accounts for 1760, as being paid to clean the Cutlers' Company knives before the annual Feast. A William Trickett was listed as cutler in Arundel Street in the 1787 directory, who might have been related to the Master Cutler.

Artist - unknown