

JOSEPH WARD, (1864-1941) Steel manufacturer  
Given to the Company by T W Ward Ltd in 1982.

As a boy, Joseph joined his elder brother, T.W. Ward, founder of the family firm TW Ward. The firm expanded into the scrap steel business and food machinery. In 1902, it became a limited company with a capital of £350,000, and Joseph was joint Managing Director

By 1914, the firm had 1,235 employees. Ward's expanded into ship dismantling and had breaking yards in Glasgow and Swansea. The firm supplied an average of 1,000 tons of scrap per day to steelworks.

Joseph Ward was Chairman from 1919 until his death in 1941, during which time the firm saw an expansion into being a wide-ranging scrap, road materials, engineering group. By 1953 11,500 were employed (1,206 at the Albion Works, Savile Street in Sheffield).

The firm dismantled the SS Olympic (sister ship to the SS Titanic) and the wood panelling and electroliers in the Vestibules at the Cutlers' Hall are from this ship.

He joined the Cutlers' Company as Searcher in 1927 and was Master Cutler in 1931. He stayed on the Company until 1940. He was Methodist and supporter of temperance and had a keen interest in technical education.

He died in 1941 at Endcliffe Grange, Sheffield.

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