

THOMAS WILLIAM WARD, (1853-1926) Steel manufacturer  
Given to the Company by T W Ward Ltd in 1982

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In 1878, with his brother Joseph, he founded the company, bearing his name, as a coal and coke business in Norfolk Street. The firm expanded into the scrap steel business and food machinery. In 1902, it became a limited company with a capital of £350,000.

By 1914, it had 1,235 employees and locally known as 'Tommy Ward's'. The firm 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.

The firm saw an expansion in 20th century 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 RMS Olympic (sister ship to the RMS Titanic) and the wood panelling and electroliers in the Vestibules at the Cutlers' Hall, come from this ship.

He was Master Cutler in 1913 and continued on the Company until 1925. He died in 1926.

**Public Positions**

In 1912-13, he was President of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce.

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**Artist - unknown**