

# Family History and the Cutlers' Company Records



The Cutlers' Company records relate only to the internal business of the Company. The main group of documents which contain family details are its apprenticeship records. The most information these give are the names of the apprentices, their fathers' (occasionally mothers') names and occupations, the parish they came from and the dates of their apprenticeships. The records also give the name of the master, his craft and location, and the length of the apprenticeship. The records having this amount of information only cover the period of 1624-1814.

There are no apprenticeship records for the 19th or 20th centuries, but some Freedom records for the earlier part of the 19th century may contain brief biographical details.

An alphabetical list of apprenticeships was published in 1906 by Robert Eadon Leader in '*The History of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, Volume II.*' There are copies at Sheffield Local Studies Library, at Sheffield Archives and online at [http://history.youle.info/index\\_cut.html](http://history.youle.info/index_cut.html)

## **Other sources of information about Sheffield can be found at :**

**The Local Studies Library**, Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield :

**Sheffield Archives**, 52 Shoreham Street, Sheffield S1 4SP  
<http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies>

**Sheffield Family History Society**  
<http://www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk/>

**Online resources**, such as Genuki  
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

## **For enquiries relating to silver items or silversmiths :**

Sheffield Assay Office, +44 (0)114 275 5111  
<http://www.assayoffice.com>

## **For enquiries relating to Sheffield cutlery and tool manufacturers :**

The Hawley Collection, University of Sheffield: +44 (0)114 222 7100  
<http://sheffield.ac.uk/hawley>