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"The General Cemetery opened in 1836 'at some distance in the countryside' in a 'remote and undisturbed' location. It became established as the principal burial ground in Victorian Sheffield containing the graves of 87,000 people."

from the Sheffield General Cemetery Trust website.

The cemetery is quite close to Hunter's Bar up a hill along Sharrow Vale Rd. There are memorials to the three John Nicholsons who worked in the steel industry in the nineteenth century. A rather grand monument to the sons of John senior who carried on the Mowbray Steel Works is situated near the central crossroads next to the very grand monument to Mark Firth founder of Firth Browns (one of the large munition businesses). The Nicholson monument is close to the Dissenter's wall.

"The Dissenters' wall was built between 1848 and 1850. It divided the older Nonconformist part of the cemetery from the consecrated Anglican ground. The wall runs, almost uninterrupted, from the perimeter wall on Cemetery Road to the path beside the Porter Brook at the bottom of the cemetery. It is a low stone wall - only three feet in height - and capped with coping stones. It did not intrude but nevertheless it also acted as an important symbolic marker: it was a subtle statement of the division between Nonconformist and Anglican beliefs."

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The grave of John Nicholson senior d 1861 aged 70 who founded the Mowbray Steel Works. He out lived his son John who died in 1839 aged 26.



John Nicholson	70 years d 12th June 1861 - Of the firm John Nicholson and Sons, Mowbray Street Works
Martha Nicholson	85 years d 7th March 1873 - Wife of John
Samuel Nicholson	39 years d 12th August 1870 - Youngest son of John and Martha
Emma	73 years d 1st April 1924 - Daughter of Samuel Nicholson and granddaughter of John and Martha

The grave of John Nicholson d 1871 is the tall stone on the left and the white cross below it is the memorial to John Nicholson d 1839 aged 26 and grave of his son John Nicholson junior d 1871 aged 35.



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Looking up the path, the cross is the memorial to John Nicholson d 1839 which is also the grave of his son John Nicholson junior d 1871 aged 35.



John Nicholson 26 years d 26th June 1839
 Elizabeth Nicholson 45 years d 25th November 1857 - After 18 years of widowhood
 Samuel Charles age 3 months d 19th May 1838 - Second son of John and Elizabeth
 Martha Jane age 9 months d 23 April 1840 - Only daughter of John and Elizabeth
 These two children were buried with their father at St. Mary's

John Nicholson junior 35 years d 5th January 1871
 Sarah Nicholson 68 years d 27th December 1903 - Wife of John
 Walter Jonathan age 9 months d 18th August 1868 - infant son of John and Sarah
 Mary Nicholson 83 years d December 1948 - daughter of John and Sarah
 Edmund Nicholson 85 years d 21st May 1956 - son of John and Sarah

And in memory of
 Elizabeth Peace, John Nicholson, Herbert Nicholson - children of the above John and Sarah



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The Nicholson Monument - below are pictures of the view past it looking down the hill on the left and up the hill on the right. The newly painted cast iron railings are around the Firth Monument.



James Nicholson 86 years d 26th December 1909
Harriet Nicholson 47years d 15th November 1872 - Wife of James
Katherine Sarah Nicholson 80 years d 21st February 1923 - Wife of James
William Henry 19 years d 15th July 1868 - Son
Annie Maria 71 years d 21st October 1925 - Daughter

Richard Nicholson 71 years d 28th June 1924
Susie E Nicholson 81years d 24th April 1947
Mamie Nicholson age 5 months d 5th March 1882
Richard Nicholson junior age 3 months d 15th June 1891
Infant children of Richard and Susie

In memory of Lieutenant Maurice Nicholson, son of Richard and Susie died in aerial combat 18th August 1917 Douai, France, 24 years old

Eleanor Gertrude Joy Nicholson age 1 month d 26th April 1908 - Infant daughter of James and Gertrude Nicholson, Johannesburg, S.A.



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James Nicholson (1824-1909), the Nicholson Monument

Obituary

James Nicholson of Broomfield Road after an illness of 10 weeks duration. Head of Messrs. John Nicholson and Sons, Steel manufacturers, Mowbray Street. A Wesleyan Methodist he attended Fulwood Road Chapel. He was a conservative. He enjoyed walking.

Obituary Telegraph 27th December 1909

James Nicholson of Broomfield Road died at the age of 86 years. He was head of John Nicholson and Sons set up by his father in 1840. It was largely due to Mr. Nicholson's instrumentality that steel for cutlery purposes was first made in Sheffield. Under the guidance of the late Mr. Nicholson the business in Mowbray Street grew until it became one of the leading houses in the city. He leaves two sons, Richard and Robert James. Mrs. Nicholson died several years ago.

Richard Nicholson (1853-1924), son of James Nicholson

Obituary Independent 3rd July 1924

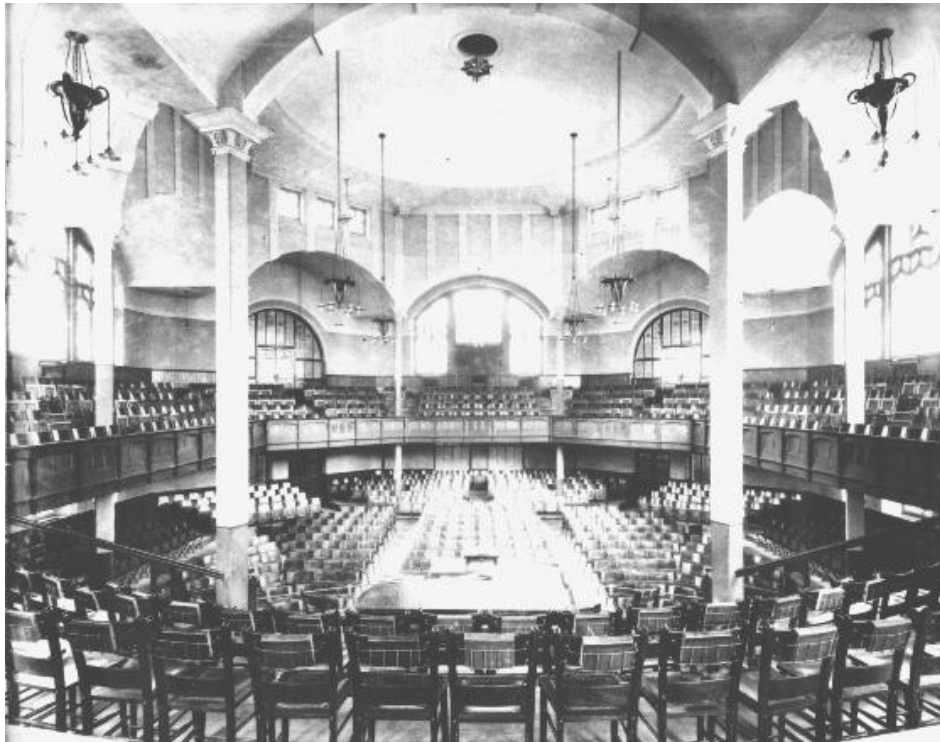
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Tribute to a Sheffield Stalwart

There was a large attendance of friends at the funeral at the Sheffield General Cemetery yesterday of the late Mr. Richard Nicholson, of Newbould Lane, Sheffield, head of the firm of John Nicholson and Sons, Mowbray Street.

A service was held at the house and was conducted by the Rev. G.Teale and the Rev. E.Walters. Apart from the family mourners, there were present the Rev. R.Martin Pope and the Rev. J.Talbot of the Carver Street circuit, and a number of representatives of denominations other than that of the Wesleyan. From his works in Mowbray Street there were present Messrs.T.E.Swift, S.S.Parker, W.H.Browne and H.Hobson. Others attending included Messrs. T.A.Calow (Sheffield Forge and Rolling Mills); S.H.Madin (Hubert Smith and Co.); C.H.Hurst (Daniel Doncaster and Sons); C.R.Hall (Steel, Peach and Tozer); H.Stenton (Hallamshire Steel and File Co.); A.G.Wilson (Henry Rossell and Co.) and Councillor J.G.Graves.

Many people from Wesley Hall, Crookes with which Mr. Nicholson was prominently identified and which he helped to build, attended. Mr. Walters who was formerly of Wesley Hall, but is now in London, paid an eloquent tribute to the late Mr. Nicholson, who, he said was an intense christian above all and a loyal member of the church to which he belonged. His memorial existed in Wesley Hall, which he helped to build and to which he had dedicated his life.



The old Wesley Hall, Crookes