

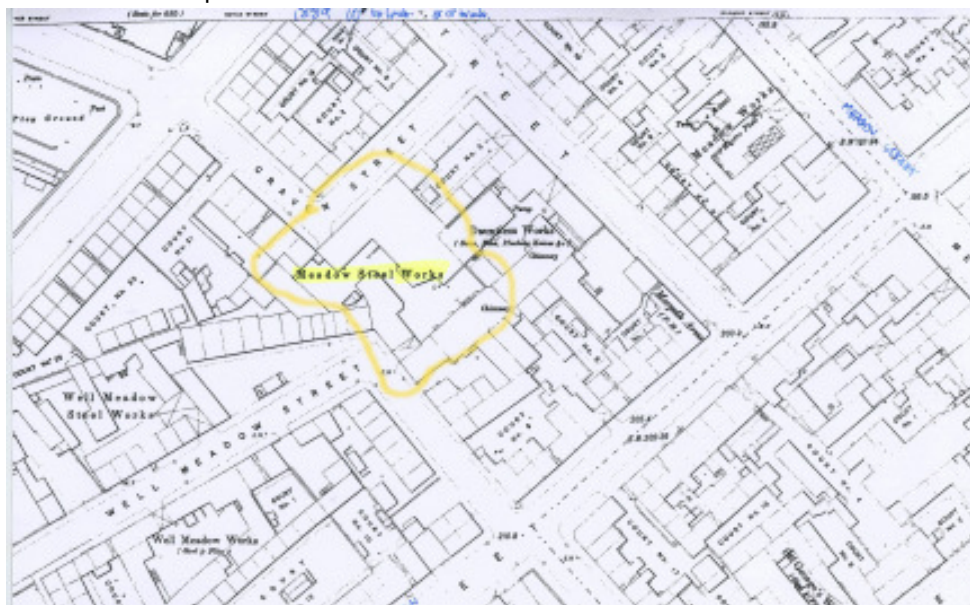
Well Meadow Street, Allen Street, Solly Street and Meadow Steel Works - 1

Going up the hill from Kelham Island there is a network of streets that used to be mixed housing and steel works. Some of it remains standing. One area is Well Meadow Street which is where John Nicholson Junior set up Meadow Steel Works in the 1850's. It is not on the 1851 map but is listed on the 1890 map. Nearby are the works belonging to Samuel Peace and David Flather, both families related to him by marriage. At the time there were about 120 steel businesses in Sheffield.



On the left is Trinity St, a typical line of works buildings winding up the hill on a narrow street. On the right is the view down Allen St to the Don Valley with the corner leading into Well Meadow St on the left.

Meadow Steel Works on the 1890 map.



Well Meadow St (with no Meadow Steel Works) on the 1851 map.



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Well Meadow St in photos from the Sheffield library probably taken in the 1930's. Meadow Steel works would have been down the street on the corner at the right. Samuel Peace and Sons are indicated by the roughly painted sign on the far wall.



Well Meadow St as it is in 2008, waiting for preservation or demolition. The new building nearest to the Meadow Steel Works site is actually in use (photo below). The surrounding area still has small factories and warehouses but the housing has been demolished and some luxurious city apartment blocks are being built.



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This advertisement is from White's Directory 1862 when John Nicholson (aged 26) was establishing himself. He had a works employing more than ten men and was living with his wife and two year old daughter Elizabeth and a servant in a comfortable house in Broomhill. He was on his way to becoming a councillor. His wife was a daughter of David Flather who was also a councillor.

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JOHN NICHOLSON, JUN.,
MANUFACTURER OF
CAST, SHEAR, AND BLISTER
STEEL
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION;
ALSO,
CRINOLINE STEEL
OF
WARRANTED SUPERIORITY,
In the Ingot, Sheet, or Tempered ready
for the Coverers.

General Dealer in Sheffield Goods,
FILES, SAWS, MACHINE KNIVES,
LOGWOOD RASPS, AND CHIP KNIVES;
ENGINEERS' TOOLS, HAMMERS,
&c., &c.,
MEADOW STEEL WORKS,
ALLEN STREET,
SHEFFIELD.

This is also from White's Directory 1862. John Nicholson's daughter Elizabeth would marry Frank Herbert Peace in 1882. The Peace family had several steel businesses in Sheffield. This one is a neighbour to John junior in Well Meadow St. Another one was in Garden St which is very close by and near to the Solly Works of David Flather.

SAMUEL PEACE & SONS,
(Late J. & C. PEACE)
STEEL REFINERS,
And Manufacturers of all descriptions of
FILES & RASPS,
FOR HOME TRADE AND EXPORT,
WELLMEADOW STEEL WORKS, ALLEN STREET, SHEFFIELD.

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Another works in Well Meadow St (mentioned on the map) had this advertisement in the 1879 White's Directory of Sheffield.



TRADE MARK.  TRADE MARK. 

GRANTED BY THE
Cottons'
Company,
A.D. 1733.

GRANTED BY THE
Cottons'
Company,
A.D. 1770.

EDGAR ALLEN & CO.

Well Meadow Steel Works,
SHEFFIELD,
AND
LIVERPOOL, TRAFFORD CHAMBERS (SHIPPING OFFICE)

MANUFACTURERS & SHIPPING MERCHANTS.

CAST STEEL OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
SPRING STEEL BLISTER STEEL, AND
SILVER STEEL.
STEEL AND IRON FORGINGS.
CARRIAGE & WAGON BEARING SPRINGS.
LOCOMOTIVE AND TENDER SPRINGS.
CONICAL AND VOLUTE SPRINGS.
STEEL TYRES, for ENGINES & TENDERS.
CAST STEEL FILES, RASPS, AND SAWS.
BOILED CAST STEEL HAMMERS.

SCREWING TACKLE, in COMPLETE SETS.
SOLID STAMPED EYE PICKS.
GRAVEL AND FOUNDRY SHOVELS.
ANVILS, VICES, AND PORTABLE FORGES.
LIFTING JACKS & TRAVELLING SCREW
JACKS.
PULLEY BLOCKS, SCREW KEYS, RATCHET
BLACERS.
DOILERS AND CONDENSER TUBES.
BOLTS, NUTS, AND RIVETS, &c., &c., &c.

ORDERS EXECUTED IN METRICAL OR ANY FOREIGN MEASURES AND WEIGHTS,
AND OF SHAPE AND FORM SUITED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Contractors to Foreign Governments & Railway Companies
FOR THE SUPPLY OF BRITISH MATERIAL.

Correspondants en Français, Allemand, Espagnol, Portugais, Italien et Hollandais.

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The Peace family business in Garden St had this advertisement in the 1862 White's Directory.

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PEACE BROTHERS, STEEL CONVERTERS & REFINERS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

IMPROVED CAST STEEL

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

ENGINEERING AND MACHINE FILES,

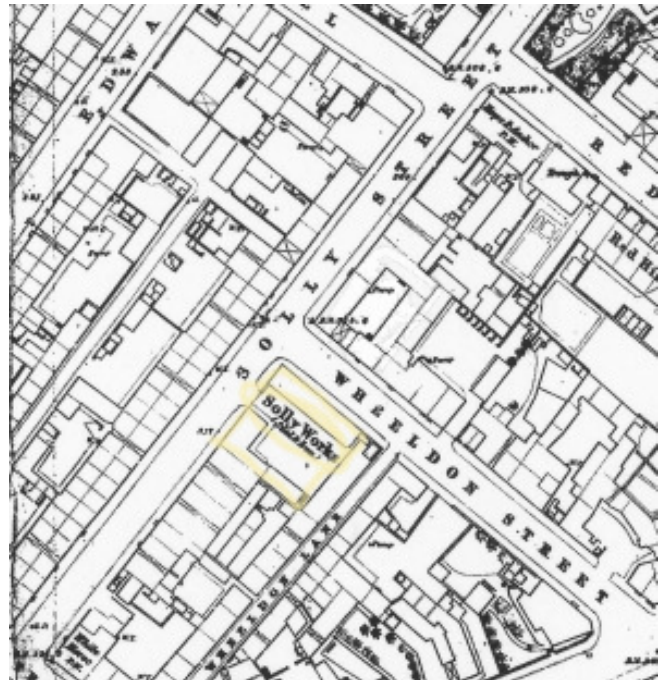
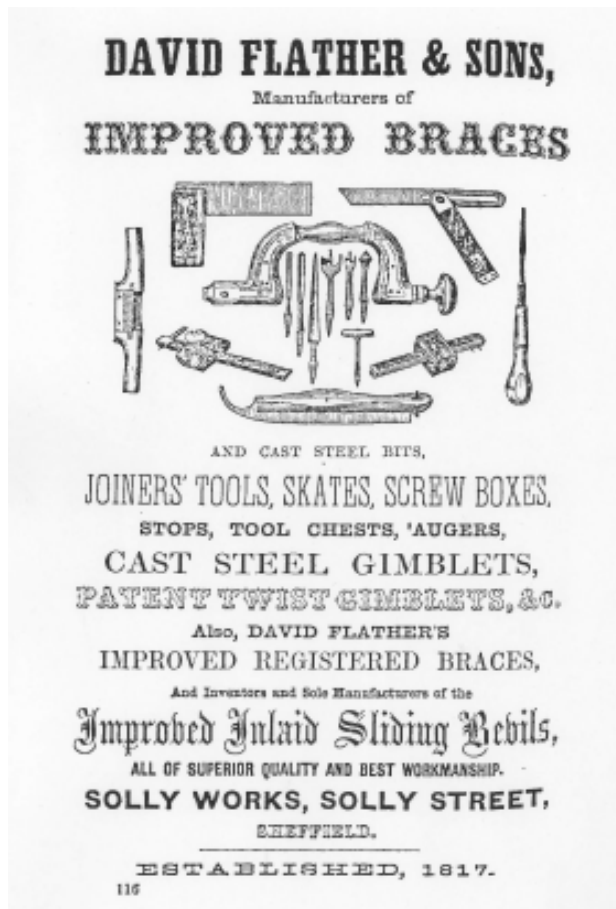
OF ALL KINDS,

SAWS, EDGE TOOLS, &c.,

GARDEN STREET WORKS, SHEFFIELD.

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Councillor David Flather, John junior's father in law had this advertisement in the 1856 edition of White's Directory. The location of the works amongst houses and shops is shown on the 1851 OS map.



On the left is a photo from the 1930's of the Solly Works. It has been demolished but there are buildings of the same period in Solly Street still standing and restored today (for example the photo on the right)

