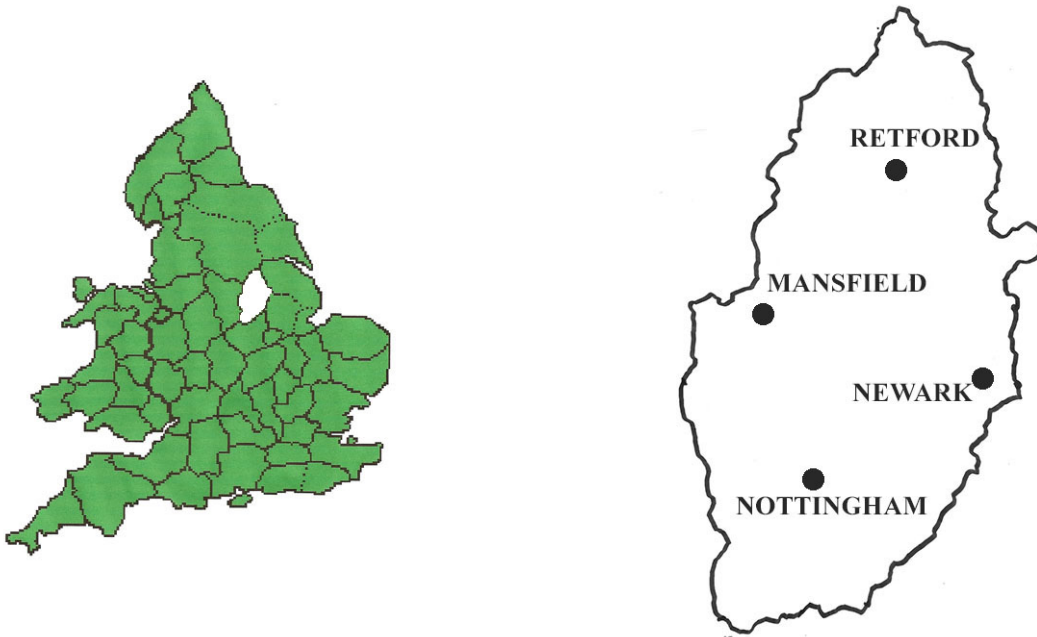


NOTTINGHAMSHIRE





Nottinghamshire is a county in the east Midlands of England. It is bordered by Lincolnshire to the east, Leicestershire to the south, Derbyshire to the west, and the West Riding of Yorkshire to the north. Traditionally the inhabitants were mainly employed in agriculture, but around the middle of the 19th century coal-mining became a major occupation.

The county authorities acquired a set of the new Imperial Standards in 1826, and in 1835 the county was divided into five districts for the purposes of weights and measures. From 1842 onwards the police force gradually took over the task of inspection, and in 1878 it was decided to employ two full-time civilian inspectors.

The borough of Nottingham was the major centre of the region, and was officially a county in itself. It acquired Imperial Standards in 1826. There were two other ancient boroughs, Newark and Retford (East), both of which appointed inspectors in the 1834/5. Retford acquired standards in 1835, but handed over jurisdiction to the county in 1852. Newark did not have its own standards until 1847, and continued as a separate authority until 1974. Mansfield became a municipal borough in 1876, but always operated under the authority of the county. The ancient Liberty of Southwell with Scrooby also claimed to have appointed inspectors in 1834, but its existence as a separate authority soon ceased and no firm evidence of activity has been found.

There are a few references to makers of scales in Nottingham in the early Victorian period, although no large firms emerged. It was not until the end of the 19th century that the trade began to expand, with the establishment of branches of large firms based elsewhere, and several small local firms of scale makers and repairers.

A: Inspection by the County of Nottingham

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1826	3 sets of standards verified: [102] Newark District; [117] 'the county'; [291] the hundred of Bassetlaw.		Six hundreds: Bassetlaw, Bingham, Broxtow, Newark, Rushcliffe, Thurgarton.
1834	Standards reassigned. [102] (Newark): for use in Newark Hundred and North Thurgarton; [117] (Nottingham): for S. Broxtowe, S. Thurgarton, Rushcliffe and Bingham; [291] (East Retford): for Bassetlaw. A new cast iron set to be kept at Mansfield for use in North Broxtowe.		<p>1826: B. Daniel is mentioned as superintendent of WM for the Newark district [Sbk];</p> <p>1830: Edward Daniels sworn in as IWM for Newark and Thurgarton Divisions [NR 27/8/30]; active inspection in Broxtowe, Thurgarton, Bingham and Rushcliffe [NJ 5/4/28 & 18/4/28; NR 6/11/30 & 20/12/33].</p> <p>Inspection 1834-53</p> <p><i>District No 1:</i> Broxtowe, town of Warsop and Thurgarton (S): William Cooke (1834-51) and John Wright (1834-39) *William Picker (1851- 53)</p> <p><i>District No 2:</i> Rushcliffe: John Wright (1834-39) George Wragg (1839-54) John Pilgrim (1834-44-) * William Burrows (1851-53)</p> <p><i>District No 3:</i> Bingham: John Pilgrim (1834-44-) Edward Dean (1834-39) Samuel White (1840-)</p> <p><i>District No 4:</i> Newark and Thurgarton (N): Thomas Spencer (1834-36-) * Frederick Wills (1843-49) *James Caldwell (1849-53)</p> <p><i>District No 5:</i> Bassetlaw: John Manwaring (1834-35) Robert Corringham (1835-48) * Thomas Kinder (-52)</p> <p>*Denotes police supt.</p>
1835	Two more sets of standards [592, 646] issued. Inspectors to be issued with stamps showing the district number.		
1836	Standards [826] issued for District No 3.		
1840	Police force set up.		
1842	Police superintendents or sergeants should take over inspection, as vacancies occur.		
1853	Districts rearranged, as the Petty Sessional Divisions. 4 more sets of standards issued: [1093] to F. Poole (No 3: Bingham); [1098] to T. Palethorpe (Mansfield); [1099] to I. Martin (Bassetlaw); [1103] to Burrows (No 2: Nottingham) for reference [NJ 1/7/53].		






¶ The early form of the verification mark, on a bronze 4oz weight.
The only marks on the weight are two identical stampings, as above.



¶ Details of three weights, showing the numbers for the Bingham (3) and Bassetlaw (5) districts..
The first bronze weight carries a WR mark, the second a GIV one, and the third a GR one.

Police officers as inspectors 1853-1878 [1853 Sbk, 1855 PO]	
<p><i>District No 1 Mansfield</i> Thomas Palethorpe (1853-57) Thomas Leaper (1857-60) William Wimant (1860-64) John Isaac Horne (1864-68) Joseph Bexon (1868-78)</p> <p><i>District No 2 Nottingham</i> Willam Burrows (1853-54) Isaac Martin (1855-57) Thomas Palethorpe (1857-78)</p> <p><i>District No 3 Bingham</i> Francis Poole (1853-60) Thomas Leaper (1860-2) John Isaac Horne (1862-64) William Wimant (1864-66) George Cheatle (1866-68) Thomas Fisher (1868-78)</p>	<p><i>District No 4 Newark (and Southwell)</i> William Wimant (1853-54) John Gosling (1854) Thomas Leaper (1855-57) William Wimant (1857-60) Joseph Bexon (1860-68) John Osborne (1868-77) Thomas Hallam (1877-78)</p> <p><i>District No 5 Bassetlaw/5E Retford (after 1857)</i> Isaac Martin (1853-55) Robert Sandford (1855-78)</p> <p><i>District No 5W Worksop (created 1857)</i> George Cheatle (1857-66) William Wimant (1866-71) John Blandall (1871-76) Joseph Holland (1876-78)</p>

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments		
1857	Standards [1211] for G. Cheatle, 5W district (Worksop)	 N No5	Full-time inspectors (1878-90) <i>No 1 District (Nottingham)</i> <i>(Mansfield, Bingham)</i> Capt William F. Stor(e)y (1878-90) <i>No 2 District Northern</i> <i>(Retford) (Worksop, Newark)</i> Arthur J. Lane (1878-80) Robert John Sanford (1880-87) (son of police supt for Retford) Albert D. Hensley (1888) Frederick W. Holden (1888-90)		
1867	All six inspectors were police superintendents.				
1878	The number of districts was reduced to two, each with a full-time inspector, a police officer				
1882	The non-uniform marks were still in use [AR 1882], for the two districts..			Chief inspectors 1890-1974 William F. Story (1890-1905) unqualified [MR 05:50; 23:95] William Crabtree (1906-23) [MR 23:95]	
1889	Nottinghamshire CC set up.			Ernest Templeman (1923-47) [MR 23:159; 51:35]	
1890	The Chief Constable (Capt Holden) was honorary Chief Inspector, with a Chief and an inspector, based in: Nottingham (No.493) East Retford (No.494). To comply with the Act (?), an additional inspector (William Crabtree) was appointed for one year.		 VR 494 1892	Thomas Gregory (1947-69-) [MR 47:111]	
1914	A third division was set up in Mansfield.			 ER 494	Divisional Inspectors <i>Nottingham division (493)</i> William F. Story (1890) William Crabtree (1891-98) F. Stevenson (q1903-09) E. Templeman (q1909-14) B.H. Jarvis (1923-34) A. Young (1934-69) [MR 69:20]
1941	Nos. 482 and 579 issued.				<i>Retford division (494)</i> Frederick W. Holden (1890, unqualified) William Crabtree (q1890) George Garforth (q1890/1-98) William Crabtree (1898-1905) A.E. Crabtree (q1905-46) [MR 46:131] B.H. Jarvis (1947-58) [MR 46:131; 58:96]
1950	Numbers in use: 482, 494, 579.				
1974	New Nottinghamshire CC takes over WM authority from Nottingham and Newark.			<i>Mansfield division</i> E. Templeman (1914-23) S. Strugnell (1923-34) B.H. Jarvis (1934-46) L.W. Simpson (1946-72-) [MR 46:131]	

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

I, ALSO GIVE NOTICE, that Persons wishing to have their *Weights and Measures* Adjusted and Stamped by the Imperial Standard, may do so on applying to me at the POLICE STATION, Mansfield, on the second Monday in every month.

I, ALSO FURTHER GIVE NOTICE, that Persons missing any description of PROPERTY, are requested to give immediate information to me at the POLICE OFFICE, Mansfield.

THOMAS LEAPER,
Superintendent Nottinghamshire Constabulary.
Mansfield, 12th October, 1859.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Constabulary.—Wanted immediately, Two active, well-educated Young Men to perform the duties of Inspector under the Weights and Measures, Adulteration of Food, and Explosive Substances Acts of Parliament. Must be between the ages of 24 and 43, and less than 5ft. 8in. in height, strong, active, with good health and constitutions, and be able to produce unexceptionable testimonials as to character and antecedents. Salary, £120 per annum, increasing for length of service, with allowance for a horse.—Apply, in the first instance, in writing to Captain H. Holden, Chief Constable of the County, Bramcote, near Nottingham. 1878

¶ Two advertisements, one from the *Mansfield Reporter*, 21 October 1859, when the police were acting as inspectors, the other from the *Nottingham Journal*, 30 January 1878 when full-time inspectors were being appointed.




¶ Detail from a 1 lb brass weight, illustrating the progression of the Nottinghamshire marks. Below the 1 lb mark is the simple crowned N, above it the crowned N, with the No 5 denoting Bassetlaw district. In the middle of this latter mark is the No 5W, denoting the Worksop district, created in 1857. To the right of the central 1 lb mark is the uniform verification number VR494, together with the date 1892 in full. Below this are the abbreviated forms of the year stamp /94 and /95, denoting 1894 and 1895 respectively.



¶ A token used by the county inspectors for checking penny-in-the slot personal weighing machines, c1950.

B: Localities with separate WM jurisdiction in the county of NOTTINGHAM

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Nottingham	CCorp MB:1835 CB:1888		7	s:1826 [329] s: 1857 [1196] s: 1880 [1690] n:1879-1974

The mark represents the city's arms, a ragged cross with three open crowns. A mark comprising a single crown, almost identical to the largest crown shown above, occurs on small weights.

William Barnes and Samuel Kilbourn were appointed under the 1826 Act. Barnes was appointed 31 May 1833 [NG 11/12/51], and again under the 1834 Act. He was Chief Constable 1833-51 and held the appointment until his death at the age of 49. Thomas Wakefield was appointed in his stead. In 1853, the Town Council decided to appoint a full-time assistant, initially on a temporary basis [NG 17/2/53] but the decision had to be ratified by the Court of Quarter Sessions. William P. Meldrum, Jnr was duly appointed [NG 26/5/53], and remained in post until 1863, when a charge of using abusive language led to his resignation [NG 21/8/63; 18/9/63]. Joseph Radford was appointed as the new deputy inspector [NG 18/9/63], and later in the year he was made Collector of Tolls, so that he could operate at the Fairs [NG 20/11/63].


On Thomas Wakefield's death in 1871, Radford was appointed, with the caveat that no assistant should be appointed [NG 17/11/71]. Two years later, the responsibilities were re-allocated and Radford was also appointed Clerk to the Markets. His duties as Inspector under the Petroleum Act were transferred to the police, and an assistant was to be appointed to assist in both roles [NJ 20, 22/2/73]. William Henry Cliff was duly appointed [NJ 13/9/73]. He continued to be active until an order was filed against him, alleging fraudulent preferential payments, in 1887 [NEP 9/8/87]. (However, Cliff was cited again as an inspector in 1893 [NEP 26/7/93] and 1895 [NEP 23/4/95].) G.F. Allwood was mentioned as assistant in 1890 [NJ 15/2/90] but two months later he was appointed to the Inspector's post in Wolverhampton [NEP 23/4/90]. Joseph Radford continued to serve in both roles until his death in 1907, although unqualified.

The first qualified inspectors were Gordon J. Holroyd (q1894/5), who was cited as Deputy Clerk of the market and IWM in 1895 [NG 27/7/95], and again in 1898 [W], and G.C.A. Austin (q1901/2). The latter, who had been taking responsibility as Radford retired from some of the more active duties [NJ 21/8/07] succeeded Radford as market superintendent and chief IWM in 1907 and retired in 1944 [MR 59:259].

Subsequently the chief inspectors were Frank Richardson (1949-61) and G.C. Cartwright (1961-72-) [MR 61:23,159].



¶ Details from two weights stamped in Nottingham in the period 1834-78. The first is from a bronze 2oz weight, the second from a brass 1oz one.


TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM.
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the Statute 4 and 5 William IV. c. 49,
MR. WILLIAM BARNES
 AND
MR. SAMUEL KILBOURN
 are appointed **INSPECTORS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES** within the Town of Nottingham; and that they will attend on **TUESDAY NEXT**, and on **EVERY FOLLOWING DAY** (*Sundays and Christmas-day* excepted), from **NINE O'CLOCK** in the **FORENOON** until **THREE O'CLOCK** in the **AFTERNOON**, at Premises situate in **SWANN'S-YARD, LONG-ROW** (opposite to the **Police Office**), with the Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, in order to examine, compare, and Stamp such Weights and Measures as shall be produced to them, and found correct.

And Notice is further Given,

That the following **FEES** are directed by the Act of Parliament to be paid to the Inspectors:—


For examining, comparing, and stamping all BRASS Weights:.....	s. d.
For each Half Hundred Weight	1 6
For each Quarter of a Hundred	0 9
For each Stone	0 6
For each Weight under a Stone	0 1½
For examining, comparing, and stamping all IRON Weights, or Weights of other descriptions, not made of Brass:.....	s. d.
Each Half Hundred Weight.....	0 6
Each Quarter of a Hundred Weight.....	0 3
For each Stone, and all Weights under a Stone.....	0 2
For examining, comparing, and stamping all WOODEN MEASURES :.....	s. d.
Each Bushel	0 6
Each Half Bushel.....	0 3
Each Peck, and all under	0 2
Each Yard	0 6
For examining, comparing, and stamping all MEASURES OF CAPACITY OF LIQUIDS made of COPPER or OTHER METAL :.....	s. d.
Each Five Gallon.....	1 8
Each Four Gallon	1 4
Each Three Gallon	1 0
Each Two Gallon	0 8
Each Gallon	0 4
Each Half Gallon.....	0 2
Each Quart.....	0 1
Each Pint, and under	0 0½

H. ENFIELD,
 Nottingham, Dec. 11th, 1834. Town Clerk.

¶ Left: from the *Nottingham Review and General Advertiser for the Midland Counties*, 12 December 1834.



¶ Above: detail from a 2oz brass weight showing the verification number 7 for Nottingham, 1879-1901.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Newark	AncBo MB:1835 qsb		235	s:1847 [969] r:1868 s:1891 [2239] n:1879-1974

The mark represents a cormorant with an eel in its beak, which is the crest of the borough.

There are reports of inspection in the borough before 1832 [NR 9/2/27, 30/3/32]. At this time the borough did not have its own standards, but it may have had access to the 'Newark district' standards [102] issued in 1826. Five inspectors were appointed in 1834: Richard Bell (head constable 1835-53), John Armstrong, Joseph Cropper, John Etches, and John Uffindale. Richard Bell still held office in 1843, with Robert Dale and William Baker also serving. In 1846, Thomas Wat(t)erton, William Baker and Charles Street were appointed to serve, and in 1847 standards [969] for the borough were issued to Watterton. He was also head constable (1853-57) and was listed as inspector of weights and measures in 1855 [PO]. Edward Liddell succeeded Watterton as chief constable in 1857, but Watterton continued to act as inspector [NG 6/8/57]. Although he was initially appointed by the county justices, he became an officer of the borough in 1860 [NG 5/1/60]. He continued in post until his sudden death in 1870 [NG 30/9/70], when Liddell took over as inspector [NJ 11/11/70], He finally resigned this responsibility (at an annual salary of £5 per annum) in 1890 [NJ 25/2/90]. He was replaced by a qualified inspector, Harry Pink, who was still in office in 1913 [NEP 7/8/13]. In 1915 Pink was succeeded by his deputy, Herbert Stanshall, who retired in 1950 [MR 50:193, 73:30]. He was followed by Geoffrey Roberts [MR 51:64, 58:41], and then by R. Baggaley [MR 58:278] who was still in post in 1972.

Under the terms of the Weights and Measures Act of 1963 Newark should have been disqualified as a Weights and Measures Authority, because the population was less than 60,000. However, the borough was allowed to appeal, and the decision was deferred annually. Eventually, in the great reorganisation of local government in 1974, authority passed to the county council.



¶ Detail from a ½ oz brass weight, showing the cormorant mark, used in Newark in the period 1834-78, together with the uniform verification mark 235

(East) Retford An ancient borough which became a municipal borough in 1835, but had no commission of the peace. William Pearson, who had received the county standards [291] for the Bassetlaw hundred in 1826, was appointed inspector at Retford in 1834/5, along with Joseph Hudson. When the borough acquired its own standards [647] in 1835, they were issued to Hudson [SBk]. The sheriff's officer and auctioneer, Francis Rippingale, was the inspector in 1844 [W], although he was declared bankrupt in 1847 [LES 5/5/47]. In 1852 Supt Thomas Kinder, of the Nottinghamshire Police, asked for advice regarding the duties of an inspector of weights and measures [NJ 11/6/52], and at the end of that year the Town Clerk was told to prepare a warrant authorising him to make the inspection [NG 16/12/52].

It is possible that a local verification mark was used from 1835 until 1852, but no example has yet been identified.

Southwell and Scrooby The Liberty of Southwell and Scrooby comprised a number of parishes scattered around the county, originally under the rule of the Archbishop of York. The inspectors appointed under the 1834 Act were John and Samuel Sandaver, but the Liberty ceased to function in October 1837, so it appears that its jurisdiction over weights and measures was short-lived, if it ever existed in practice. A mark comprising the letters SS has been noted, but there is no supporting evidence for it. The jurisdiction was taken over by the Southwell Division of the county, which was combined with the Newark division for weights and measures purposes [Wh].

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT.

RICHARD BELL, John Armstrong, Joseph Cropper, John Etches and John Uffindall have been appointed inspectors of weights and measures in this borough, under the Act of last Session. No other persons who have been appointed to hold the office of inspectors of weights and measures in this borough, under the provisions of any former Acts, still continue to hold such office.

7 March 1835.

T. F. A. Burneby.

EAST RETFORD.

WILLIAM PEARSON and Joseph Hudson, the serjeants at mace of this borough, have been appointed inspectors of weights and measures for the said borough, under the Act of last sessions. Pearson has been an inspector for many years; the other inspector, originally appointed with him, died about three years since, and the vacancy was not supplied until after the passing of the late Act.

7 March 1835.

W. Newton.

SOUTHWELL AND SCROOBY.

JOHN and SAMUEL SANDAVER, of Southwell, inspectors of weights and measures, acting for the liberty of Southwell and Scrooby, in the county of Nottingham, appointed under and by virtue of 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 49, 27 December 1834.

26 March 1835.

George M. Burrows.

¶ Reports of appointments under the Act of 1834, in the Parliamentary Papers.

C: The trade in the County of Nottingham

NOTTINGHAM	
Simpson & Leak	<p>Simpson & Leak were listed in 1835 [P], selling weighing, dressing, winnowing and agricultural machines. W.B. Simpson was listed as a weighing machine maker in 1840 [NA], and Bryan Wilkinson Simpson appeared as a weighing and agricultural machine maker in 1844 [Wh1].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shenton St <1835> • Canal St <1840-44>.
Shipley	<p>George Shipley was listed in 1848 [L] as a saw maker and ‘adjuster of scales, weights and tryers’. In 1854 he advertised ‘troys, scales and measures’ and thanked the public for its support over twenty years [NG 19/1/54]. A year later, described as a sawcutter and adjuster of weights, he was charged with selling weights with forged or counterfeit stamps [NG 22/11/55]. But he remained in business as a scale maker in 1858 [Wr].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27, Greyhound St, Long Row <1848-58>.
Hignett (Midland Scale Works) (Nottingham Scale Co.)	<p>William Hignett was said to have started his business in June 1892 [NJ 13/5/99]. He began a series of advertisements in 1893, advertising variously in the <i>Nottingham Evening Post</i> and <i>Nottingham Journal</i>; the wording was regularly changed to feature different parts of his business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neale’s Yard, Wheeler Gate 1892-99> • Peck Lane 1895-98 • Wheeler Gate 1898-99 (Midland Scale Works). <p>In 1899, Hignett was declared insolvent and the Midland Scale Works was acquired by Avery that year for £170.</p> <p>By 1904, the Midland Scale Works re-emerged with W.R. Hignett as its Manager [NJ 16/5/04].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal Passage <1904. • 12 St James’s St 1905-1906. <p>At the end of 1906, Hignett was advertising under the name, of Hignett & Co., having moved to Shepperson St, Derby Road [NEP 18/12/06]. The stream of advertising continued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Shepperson St, Derby Rd 1906-1913> • Milton’s Head Yard, (Lower) Parliament St <1915-28 • 26 Broad St 1928> • 3 Mount St <1929-30. <p>A year later [NEP 10/10/30], the business of W.R. Hignett and Sons Ltd transferred to Leicester whilst W.R. and C.R. Hignett, trading as the Nottingham Scale Company, opened premises at 20, St James St, for making and repairing “every kind of weighing apparatus”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 St James’s St 1930-33>. <p>And finally, the Nottingham Scale Co. was acquired by Avery in July 1937, for £190, from C.R. Hignett.</p>

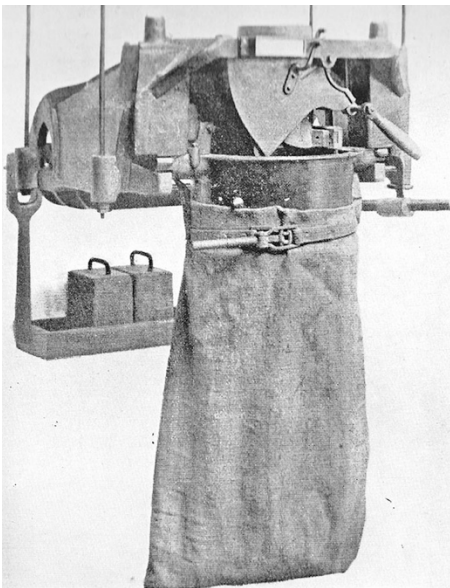
NOTTINGHAM (continued)	
Jones	Thomas Jones was listed in 1894 [W] as a bellhanger, gas fitter and scale repairer, working at 166, Kirk White Street.
Steer	William Steer was listed in 1894 [W] as a repairer of scales, working at 16, Drake Street.
Avery	W. & T. Avery were first listed in 1898 [W], as weighing apparatus manufacturers and repairers. Later they acquired other firms and premises. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14-16, Greyfriar Gate <1898-1916> • 82-84, Lower Parliament Street <1965>.
Marriott	Marriott Bros purchased the business of Hignett in Peck Lane in 1898, promptly reducing prices [<i>NJ 10/11/98</i>]. The stock was then moved to their St. Peter's Gate premises and sold from there [<i>NJ 12/98-12/99</i>]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Peter's Gate <1898-99>.
Pooley	Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd first appeared in the lists of 1898 [W], as weighing apparatus manufacturers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60, Greyfriar Gate <1898> • Fountain Buildings, 12, Greyfriar Gate <1904-15>.
Simon	Richard Simon was listed in 1898 [W], as a weighing machine maker. The firm's speciality was automatic weighing and bagging machines. The company was incorporated in 1908 and was trading as Richard Simon and Sons Ltd in 1910 [1]. It grew into a large enterprise and was acquired by W.E. and F. Dobson in the 1950s, and by Hardwick Industries in 1951. The name of Richard Simon was retained. In 2002 the business was acquired by Premier Tech, who continued to maintain their products, including weighing equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32, Duke St, Basford <1898> • Phoenix Works, Vernon Road, Old Basford <1900-1960>.
Holbrook	In 1904 [K], Holbrook's were listed in Wollaton St as weighing machine manufacturers.
Hodgson & Stead	Hodgson and Stead advertised in the <i>Inspectors Handbooks</i> of 1908 and 1910 that they had a Nottingham branch, at 38, Edgar Rise.
Baker	Baker & Co, mainly an ironmongery, advertised itself as a shopfitter, selling scales and weights around 1910 [<i>NEP 20/6/98-26/10/09</i>], [<i>NEP 11/16-28/4, 1911</i>]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldsmith St <1908-1911>
West	William West, of 22 Broad Street, was listed in 1910 [W] as a scale maker and repairer.

NOTTINGHAM BANKRUPTCY COURT.
THIS DAY.—(Before Mr. Registrar Speed.)

THE AFFAIRS OF A SCALE MANUFACTURER.

In the matter of William Rowland Hignett, scale manufacturer, lately carrying on business at Neil's-yard, Wheeler-gate, and residing at 37, Talbot-street, the liabilities were estimated at £395 15s. 3d., and the assets at £155.—Examined by the Official Receiver, the bankrupt said that he formerly carried on the business of a publican at Leicester, and in 1891 he paid a composition of 8s. 6½d. in the pound, which was accepted by the majority of the creditors. He commenced business as a scale manufacturer seven years ago in Wheeler-gate, Nottingham, and took a shop in Pock-lane two years afterwards, carrying it on until October of last year. On the 14th February last he sold the whole of his stock, plant, and effects for £150 to Avory, Limited, and two days later he executed a deed of assignment for the benefit of his creditors, and the £150 was handed over to the trustee. He first knew he was insolvent about this time last year, and although he had contracted debts since that time he had reasonable hope of being able to pay them out of money earned in the business.—A few questions were put to the debtor by Mr. Cranch, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, after which the examination was closed.

¶ Bankruptcy case of W.R. Hignett, in the *Nottingham Journal*, 13 May 1899.



Also Makers, of 40 years standing, of

AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES

FOR WEIGHING IN BULK AND INTO SACKS,
 Barley, Malt, Grist, Dry Grains, etc.

RICHARD SIMON & SONS, LTD.,
 Phoenix Works, Nottingham.

Telegrams:—'Balance, Nottingham.' Telephones:—7360 & 7361 Codes:—A.B.C. 5th Edition and Bentley's.

¶ Photograph of the Simon Automatic Weighing Machine, from Notice 69, issued by the Board of Trade in 1908, and an advertisement in the *Diary for the Brewing Room*, 1927.

NOTTINGHAM (continued)	
Johnson	<p>Thomas Johnson advertised that he had been many years with Avery, before establishing his own business selling and repairing scales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28, Goldsmith St <1913-14> • 51a, Wollaton St <1915-16> • 10, Shepperson St <1918-21>.
Sweetman	<p>Sweetman and Co were listed as scale makers in Wright's directory [W].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4a Wollaton St <1913-16>.
Whitehouse	<p>Leslie Whitehouse, a scale repairer, advertised 'All kinds of scales for sale' in newspapers throughout the 1920s. He remained in business until 1961 at least, and his name has been seen on brass weights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 St James's St <1920> • 13 Middle marsh <1932> • 49 Handel St <1949-61>
Ashworth	<p>Ashworth, Sons and Co, Ltd advertised scales and weighing machines in the <i>Nottingham Evening Post</i>, with maintenance contracts and repairs a speciality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 109 Arkwright St <1922-28>.
Boots	<p>John Boot opened a chemist's shop in Nottingham in 1849. His son, Jesse Boot, transformed the business into a large company, with many branches throughout the British Isles. In the 20th century the firm sold several kinds of scales, including simple domestic cooking scales,</p>



- ¶ Left: detail of a 2oz brass weight stamped with the name of Whitehouse.
 Right: domestic cookery scales sold by Boots the Chemists, probably made by Salter.

MANSFIELD	
Avery	In the <i>Inspectors Handbook</i> of 1910 W.T. Avery Ltd advertised a branch at 4, Walkden Buildings, Stockwell Gate, and they were also there in 1925. In 1965 their address was West Hill Way.
NEWARK	
Stephenson	George Stephenson & Son, Agricultural Engineers, were listed in the <i>Inspectors Handbooks</i> of 1908 and 1910, working at the Trent Bridge Iron Works.
Avery	In 1965, W. & T. Avery Ltd was located at 67 Victoria Street.
WORKSOP	
Forrest	Henry Philip Forrest, of 69 Bridge Street, advertised in 1885 [Wh2], as the maker and patentee of liquid measure apparatus.
Avery	In 1965, W. & T. Avery Ltd was based at 28 Castle Street.



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