



THOMAS FORMAN & SONS LTD

1848 – 2000

INTRODUCTION

This history of the Company concentrates upon the general printing side of the business after the newspaper publishing business was separated following the dissolution of the partnership in 1919.

The Company existed for 152 years and produced a great deal of the print work for many major national companies, examples of which are illustrated on the following pages.

During the last 52 years of the Company's existence, many changes and developments took place at the factory in Hucknall Road until its eventual closure. At its peak Forman's employed over 1,000 people.

There were several divisions of the Company which produced general print, labels, cartons, calendars, stationery and security print. Each division had its own sales force and at the height of the Company's success, there were area sales offices in London, Liverpool and Birmingham.

The factory at Hucknall Road consisted of a number of departments printing by letterpress, litho, gravure and die-stamping processes. The Company also had its own Design Studio, Composing, Reproduction, Finishing, Laboratory, Engineering and Personnel departments.

The Forman Social & Athletic Club gave employees the opportunity to play hard as well as work hard, providing many outdoor and indoor activities.

The impressive facade of the building on Hucknall Road, which still remains, is now occupied by a Tesco Express, private apartments and the Indian Community Centre Association, known as the ICCA. The factory at the rear was demolished during 2001 to make way for housing built by Persimmon Homes.

We hope you will enjoy viewing this history of the Company and would welcome your comments.

Yesterday & Today



THE FORMAN BUILDING IN THE EARLY YEARS -
with Royal Mail vans waiting to take away calendars



THE FORMAN BUILDING TODAY -
showing Tesco Express and the ICCA on the left