

STOTHERT & PITT'S NEWARK STREET FOUNDRY

NEAR THIS SPOT STOOD THE ORIGINAL PHILIP STREET/NEWARK STREET FOUNDRY, ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 1841 AND 1842 BY GEORGE STOTHERT AND ROBERT PITT. IT WASN'T UNTIL 1844 THAT PITT PARTNERED STOTHERT, TOGETHER WITH GEORGE RAYNO, TO BECOME STOTHERT, RAYNO & PITT BUT THE COMPANY WAS GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS 'STOTHERT'S'. IN 1855, THE COMPANY BECAME STOTHERT & PITT AND WAS INITIALLY ESTABLISHED AS AN IRONWORKS. THE COMPANY'S FOUNDRY GRADUALLY EXPANDED TO BUILD IRON BRIDGES BUT AS EARLY AS 1840 IT HAD DEVELOPED CRANES AND THESE WOULD LATER INCLUDE ELECTRIC DECK-CARGO CRANES FOR R.M.S. TITANIC AND OTHER GREAT OCEAN LINERS OF THE PERIOD.

IN 1857, THE COMPANY MOVED TO THE NEWLY BUILT NEWARK WORKS ON LOWER BRISTOL ROAD, DESIGNED BY RENOWNED ARCHITECT THOMAS FULLER. STOTHERT & PITT BECAME THE THE CITY OF BATH'S BIGGEST EMPLOYER AND BY THIS TIME THEY WERE FAMED AS 'CRANE MAKERS TO THE WORLD'.

THE COMPANY FINALLY CEASED BUSINESS IN 1989.

