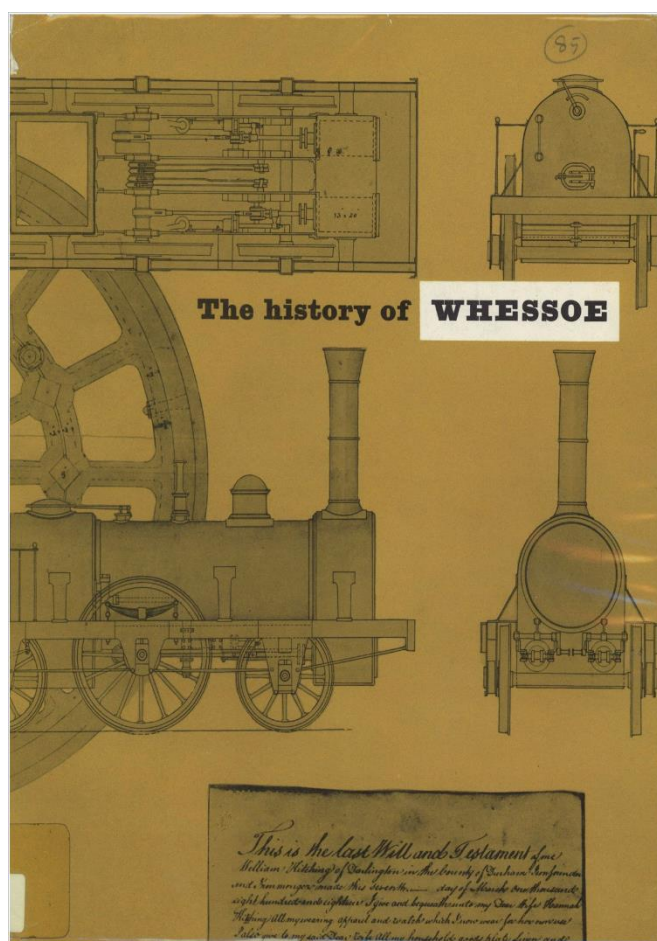


The history of Whessoe



This book takes you through the early history of Whessoe beginning with its origins as an ironmonger shop in Tubwell Row in 1790, by the Quaker, William Kitching.

The book chronicles all the early major developments in the history of Whessoe such as the opening of the new foundry in 1839. It also explores the different customers of Whessoe Foundry at different times such as the railway and the chemical industry. The various managers and directors of the company are also discussed including R.B.Hodgson who realised that changes needed to be made due to the market being so competitive.

There are some lovely illustrations in the book too. For example, the opening of the Stockton and Darlington railway, the Raby Castle steam engine and Darlington market place in 1843.

This book is a good introduction to the history of a major employer in the town and an informative easy read for those interested in Darlington and the growth of industry in the town.

If readers are wanting more detailed and more modern information about the company there are other books and materials available in the Centre for Local Studies, please ask staff for further details or search our online catalogue.

