

C DFL

**The Business and Private
Financial Records of Samuel Lightfoot**

1800 - 1867

Historical Background: Samuel Lightfoot was born Samuel Scholefield around 1785 at Colne Bridge near Saddleworth in the West Riding of Yorkshire. On 11 April 1796 he was apprenticed to Christopher Briggs, insurance broker, of Hull, for the usual term of seven years. He was described as being son of John Scholefield, yeoman of Hull. He was made free of the Borough on 27 January 1806.

Scholefield is next recorded in White's 1826 directory of Hull as practicing as an attorney in the Land of Green Ginger. It is known from the Roll of Freemen that he changed his name to Lightfoot, and the evidence of the bank book (C DFL/5/2) suggests that this occurred in mid 1829. By 1837 he had a partner and the firm was known as Lightfoot and Earnshaw, of 12 Bowlalley Lane. The firm is recorded at this address, known as Lightfoot, Earnshaw and Frankish, from 1848. It continued to operate in Bowlalley Lane until 1876, but a successor practice appears to have existed at the address until relatively recently.

As well as being a solicitor, the account books show that Lightfoot acted as a money lender, and had substantial investments in local undertakings such as the Hull Dock Company, the Hull Botanic Gardens, and as they developed, local and regional railways. In 1846 he published two pamphlets criticising the accounting practices of the Dock Company (see C DMX/297/2).

He married his second wife, Marianne Kirkby of Sheffield, in 1828. They are known to have had one daughter, Augusta Ann, who died aged 8 in 1838. From 1838 Lightfoot is recorded as living at Spring Head House in Cottingham parish, where he died on 13 August 1870 and was buried in the General Cemetery.

Custodial history:

This collection was acquired by purchase from a bookseller in Sheffield. It is believed to have been part of a collection dispersed from premises in Bowlalley Lane (Presumably No.12) when they were being redeveloped. A collection of published accounts of the Hull Dock Company 1786-1866 and copies of Lightfoot's pamphlets, now C DMX 297, is believed to have had the same origins but was acquired separately.

This material was purchased with the help of the Alderman Rupert Alec-Smith Fund for Kingston upon Hull.

Arrangement:

C DFL/1	General Ledgers	1800-1867
C DFL/2	Debtors and Creditors Ledgers	1813-1865
C DFL/3	Cash Books	1849-1864
C DFL/4	Memorandum Books	1825-1853
C DFL/5	Passbooks with Pease and Harrison, subsequently Harrison Watson & Co, Bankers of Hull	1812-1846

Related material: A collection of Lightfoot's personal papers which appear to have originated from the same source as C DFL and C DMX/297 has been acquired by a Mr. Martin Craven.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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C DFL/1	General Ledgers Previous RefNo C DFL/1/1 4 volumes	Feb 1800- Jan 1867
C DFL/1/1	General Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/1/1 1 volume	19 Feb 1800- 31 Dec 1826
C DFL/1/2	General Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/1/2 1 volume	1 Jan 1827- 31 Dec 1840
C DFL/1/3	General Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/1/3 1 volume	1 Jan 1841- 30 Dec 1856
C DFL/1/4	General Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/1/4 1 volume	6 Jan 1857- 1 Jan 1867
C DFL/2	Debtors and Creditors Ledgers Previous RefNo C DFL/1/2 3 volumes	Jan 1813- Aug 1865
C DFL/2/1	Debtors and Creditors Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/2/1 1 volume	1 Jan 1813- 17 Dec 1823
C DFL/2/2	Debtors and Creditors Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/2/2 1 volume	23 Feb 1829- 28 Dec 1844
C DFL/2/3	Debtors and Creditors Ledger Previous RefNo C DFL/1/2/3 1 volume	1 Mar 1848- 27 Aug 1865
C DFL/3	Cash Books Previous RefNo C DFL/1/3 4 volumes	Feb 1849- Dec 1864
C DFL/3/1	Cash Book Previous RefNo C DFL/1/3/1 1 volume	1 Feb 1849- 31 Dec 1852
C DFL/3/2	Cash Book Previous RefNo C DFL/1/3/2 1 volume	1 Jan 1853- 31 Dec 1856

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C DFL/3/4	Cash Book Previous RefNo C DFL/1/3/4 1 volume	1 Jan 1861- 31 Dec 1864
C DFL/4	Memorandum Books Previous RefNo C DFL/1/4 3 volumes	Jan 1825- Dec 1853
C DFL/4/1	Memorandum Book Previous RefNo C DFL/1/4/1 1 volume	3 Jan 1825- 31 Dec 1833
C DFL/4/2	Memorandum Book Previous RefNo C DFL/1/4/2 1 volume	2 Jan 1841- 31 Dec 1846
C DFL/4/3	Memorandum Book Previous RefNo C DFL/1/4/3 1 volume	2 Jan 1847- 31 Dec 1853
C DFL/5	Passbooks with Pease and Harrison, subsequently Harrison Watson & Co, bankers of Hull Previous RefNo C DFL/1/5 3 volumes	Jun 1812- Dec 1846
C DFL/5/1	Passbook with Pease and Harrison, subsequently Harrison Watson & Co, bankers of Hull Previous RefNo C DFL/1/5/1 1 volume	6 Jun 1812- 31 Dec 1826
C DFL/5/2	Passbook with Pease and Harrison, subsequently Harrison Watson & Co, bankers of Hull Previous RefNo C DFL/1/5/2 1 volume	1 Jan 1827- 31 Dec 1838
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