

Alfred Field began a hardware business in Birmingham in 1836. After was a branch office in New York City. In 1854, he returned to Birmingham. By 1876, he had opened a Sheffield office in Westfield Terrace. He styled the company as a manufacturer of cutlery, scissors and etc.

Alfred Field wasn't a manufacturer. He was a dealer. He sold English, French, and German hardware. He was the agent in the USA for Joseph Rodgers & Sons and Joseph Elliot.

He died on 28 May, 1884, aged 70. The business continued under his son Harry Field. Between 1889 and 1913, Alfred Field & Co's address was Continental Works, Westfield Terrace. In 1890, it also bought the Eyre Street business and trademarks of Edward Gem. During WWI, Field's was based at Ark Works, Trafalgar Street; by 1928 at Cambridge Street, and finally at Eyre Street in 1931. The company ceased trading in about 1933.

They used trademarks: "Continental Cutlery Co.", Alex Fraser & Co.", "Progress", "Citerion".

