



### **Edward Barnes & Sons.**

Edward Barnes was first listed in 1833 as a pen knife and table cutlery maker in Meadow Street. At the beginning of the 1840s, Barnes moved to Hammond Street, then in 1845 he was joined by his sons (Isaac and Edward Jun.) and they moved to Solly Street and Wheeldon Street. By 1868, Barnes' address was Wheeldon Works. By 1871, Isaac (aged 48) was managing the business, which employed 20 men and four girls.

Barnes was a prolific maker of knives for the American market before the Civil War, especially Bowies. Appropriately, his trademark was two letters: "U\*S". The Sheffield press reported that Edward Barnes died, aged 80, on 16 October 1876, at Broad Lane, where his son Isaac lived. "New York and San Francisco papers please copy", was the only other information in his obituary. In the early 1880s, Barnes's business was still operating, though it was now based at Columbia Works, West Street. Products included razors, desk knives, erasers, and buttonhooks. The U\*S mark was registered by Isaac Barnes, but the firm had ceased business by 1888.

*According to the Tweedale's Directory of Sheffield Cutlery Manufacturers.*

