

Samuel Smith.

Like their father, Samuel Smith (and his brother John) were scissor manufacturers. Samuel traded from Carver Street in 1817. The address in 1822 was No. 82 Carver Street, where Samuel was a scissor manufacturer, ornamenteer (etcher) of polished steel, and dealer in cutlery. At various times, he sold scissor knives, table knives, and razors.

Little is known of Smith's career as a cutler, though he became Master Cutler in 1839. In 1841, he described himself as razor manufacturer to HRH Prince Albert. Leader (1905-6) depicted a "lively and gentlemanly man, much given to dancing and Freemasonry". However, Smith only agreed to give an address at the marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert 1840 on condition that the customary knighthood was not offered to him (believing that his status as a small manufacturer did not warrant the honour). Leader commented that he was well advised, as misfortune (either illness or bankruptcy) overtook him. In 1842, the Company of Cutlers gave £5 distress money to Samuel Smith, who died on 20 July 1843, aged 61. St Peter's burial register described him as a "razor manufacturer", residing in Glossop Road (Potland Place). In the same year, the Company of Cutlers helped his widow's admission to Shrewsbury Hospital.

