

HODTHORPE 1925.

map and information compiled by George Henry Flowers.
(I call him Harry).

Harry was at the street sale of the Tindall belongings in 1928. ; he was 7 years old at the time. He remembers that his Aunt bought the fender and five wons. I have asked, but they are no longer available to photograph.

Harry's father, Albert, was the Underground Engineer in charge at the Colliery from the mid 1920's through to 1959. Both Albert and Harry were "Victorian" engineers in the very best sense of the word. i.e. good design, make the equipment in a good sound, strong, substantial manner, instal the equipment correctly and it will last for ever.

And it did! Much of the work done in the 1930's & 1940's was installing rope haulages underground for drawing wagons (tubs) of coal to the Pit Bottom. The haulages were 150 hp. electrically driven geared down to drive a steel haulage rope, about one inch in diameter, at approximately 2 m.p.h. . say 1000 yards long.

Sadly, for some years now, Harry has been confined to a wheel chair ; his passion is to record all things to do with Whitwell Colliery, and, as you can see - Hodthorpe. He would welcome any memory that you may have of Hodthorpe.

Janet was born at 81 Queens Rd.

I was born at 89 Queens Rd.

By the way if you step out of the front door of No 39 King St and turn right - just keep on going and you are in Canada.

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