

Histories of People and Landscape

University of **UH** Press

Essays on the Sheffield region in memory of David Hey

David Hey (1938–2016) was one of the leading local and regional historians of our age and the author of a number of highly regarded books on the practice of local history.

His work on surnames was pioneering and he was amongst the first to identify the potential of DNA in historical studies.

In this collection of essays in David's memory, friends and colleagues celebrate his commitment to the landscape, economy and society of south Yorkshire – especially Sheffield – and Derbyshire, which together make up 'Hey country', the area in which he grew up and to which he returned to work.

This lively volume will be of interest to anyone who shares David Hey's curiosity for the people, economies and landscapes of the part of England he made his focus.

At the same time the essays will prove to be of interest to all those concerned with the workings of English local society and economy.

Covering a wide range of subjects and periods, they include accounts of the early English steel industry, Sheffield cutlers, Lord William Cavendish's canny use of his stepson's wardship, the lost woodlands of the Peak District, First World War food production in Derbyshire, south Yorkshire deer parks and a brief history of Little London.

The contributors are some of the key researchers in academic local history: Melvyn Jones, Richard Hoyle, Peter Edwards, Dorian Gerhold, Ian D. Rotherham, John Beckett, Alan Crosby, Nicola Verdon, John Broad and George Radmonds. A tribute to David Hey by Charles Phytlian-Adams opens the volume.

Richard Hoyle is Visiting Professor of Economic History at Reading, having previously been Professor of History at the University of Central Lancashire (1989–2000), Professor of Rural History at the University of Reading (2000–2014), and Professor of Local and Regional History at the University of London (2014–16).

Buy your copy online at www.UHPress.co.uk or return the completed order form below

Please supply:

Histories of People and Landscape Essays on the Sheffield region in memory of David Hey

Edited by Richard Hoyle

Volume 20, Studies in Regional and Local History
UH Press

ISBN 978-1-912260-39-3, hardback, 218pp
Mar 2021 £36/US\$79.95

ISBN 978-1-912260-40-9, paperback, 215pp
Sep 2021 £16.99/US\$37.95

(*p&p UK £2.75, Europe £5.00, rest of world £8.00)

Payment method:

Cheque enclosed (payable to University of Hertfordshire)

To pay by credit card please call 01707 284654 or visit our online store at www.uhpress.co.uk

Please tick this box if you are happy to receive further information from UH Press.

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel. _____

Email _____

Send to:

Gill Cook,
University of Hertfordshire Press
College Lane, Hatfield
AL10 9AB, UK

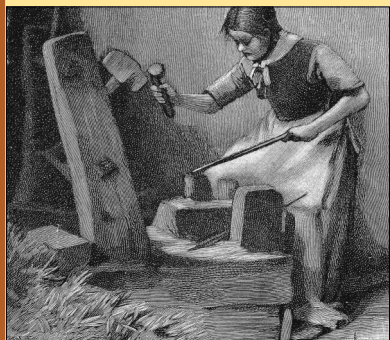
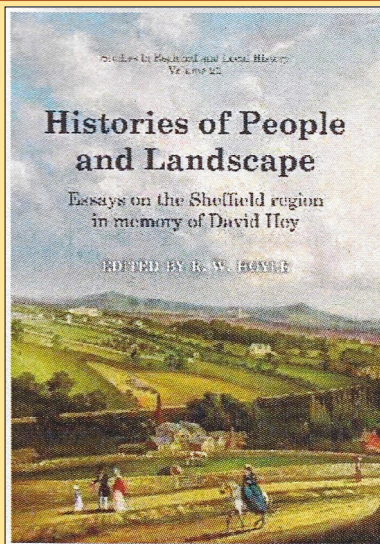
Tel: 01707 284654

Email: UHPress@herts.ac.uk

Web: <http://www.UHPress.co.uk>

Twitter: @UHPress

www.facebook.com/uhpress



THE INDUSTRIOUS CHILD WORKER

*Child Labour and Childhood in Birmingham
and the West Midlands, 1750–1900*

MARY NEJEDLY

Studies of child labour have examined the experiences of child workers in agriculture, mining and textile mills, yet surprisingly little research has focused on child labour in manufacturing towns.

This book investigates the extent and nature of child labour in Birmingham and the West Midlands, from the mid-eighteenth century to the end of the nineteenth century.

Child labour in the region was not a short-lived stage of the early Industrial Revolution but an integral part of industry throughout the nineteenth century. Parents regarded their children as potentially valuable contributors to the family economy, encouraging families to migrate from rural areas so that their children could work from an early age in the manufacture of pins, nails, buttons, glass, locks and guns as well as tin-plating, carpet-weaving, brass-casting and other industries.

The demand for young workers in Birmingham was greater than that for adults; in Mary Nejedly's detailed analysis the importance of children's earnings to the family economy becomes clear, as well as the role played by child workers in industrialisation itself.

In view of the economic benefit of children's labour to families as well as employers, both children's education and health could and did suffer. As well as working at harmful processes that produced dangerous fumes and dust or exposed them to poisonous substances, children also suffered injuries in the workplace, mainly to the head, eyes and fingers, and were often subjected to ill-treatment from adult workers.

Attitudes towards childhood changed over the course of the period, however, with a greater emphasis being placed on the role of education for all children as a means of reducing pauperism and dependence on the poor rate.

Mary Nejedly's clear-eyed research sheds fresh light on the life of working children and increases our knowledge of an important aspect of social and economic history.

Mary Nejedly is a research associate at the Centre for West Midlands History at the University of Birmingham and also has a PhD from the University of Birmingham.

Buy your copy online at www.UHPress.co.uk or return the completed order form below

Please supply:

The Industrious Child Worker

Child labour and childhood in Birmingham and the West Midlands, 1750–1900

by Mary Nejedly



West Midlands Publications - an imprint of UH Press

ISBN 978-1-912260-43-0, paperback, 224pp Sep 2021
£16.99 / US\$33.95

(*p&p UK £2.75, Europe £5.00, rest of world £8.00)

Payment method:

Cheque enclosed (payable to University of Hertfordshire)

To pay by credit card please call 01707 284654 or visit our online store at www.uhpress.co.uk

Please tick this box if you are happy to receive further information from UH Press.

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel. _____

Email _____

Send to:
Gill Cook, LCS
University of Hertfordshire Press
College Lane, Hatfield
AL10 9AB, UK

Tel: 01707 284654

Email: UHPress@herts.ac.uk

Web: <http://www.UHPress.co.uk>

Twitter: @UHPress

www.facebook.com/uhpress

Find the ebook
in Kindle, ePub
& PDF editions
in most major
online retailers