## Masborough

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The station was opened in 1840 and designed by <u>Francis Thompson</u>, the <u>North</u> <u>Midland Railway</u> architect.

It was originally named 'Masbrough', renamed 'Masbrough and Rotherham' in 1896, 'Rotherham Masborough' in 1908, and 'Rotherham' in 1969.

Sheffield was linked with Chesterfield in 1870 and this new route became the main line, with the 1840 route via Rotherham being called the 'old road.' Some long-distance passenger trains continued to use the 'old road' until the 1940s.

"The village on the left. Pass the boundary into Yorkshire." The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

The station closed in 1988.



Lithograph of the North Midland Railway's 1840 Masborough Station, drawn by Samuel Russell from the plans of architect Francis Thompson. *Courtesy of the Midland Railway Study Centre*