

## Peak Forest Canal Company

### Key Events

**Friday, 28 March 1794:** Act 34 George III cap 26 received the Royal Assent. This Act incorporated the Company of Proprietors of the Peak Forest Canal and authorized construction of the canal.

**Tuesday, 20 May 1794:** The Act became effective for cutting and building the canal.

**Friday, 5 May 1837:** The Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway Company was incorporated and their railway line opened on Wednesday, 17 November 1841.

**Thursday, 1 January 1846:** James Meadows Junior, the Joint Principal Agent of the Ashton and Peak Forest Canal Companies, became the Clerk of the Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway Company.

**Wednesday, 25 March 1846:** The Peak Forest Canal Company was leased to the Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway Company. This railway company was the forerunner of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company.

**Monday, 27 July 1846:** The Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company was incorporated.

**Friday, 1 January 1847:** The Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway Company amalgamated with other companies to form the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company.

Hence, the Peak Forest Canal Company was an independent company for 51 years 11 months and 27 days, from the 28 March 1794 until the 25 March 1846.



### The Company of Proprietors of the Peak Forest Canal

#### Company Organisation 1794-1846

Act of Parliament  
34 George III cap 26, 28th March 1794



General Assembly of the Company of Proprietors



General Committee



Committee



Sub-Committee & Special Sub-Committees

Law Clerks

Treasurer

Principal Agent

Engineer ← Surveyor & Resident Engineer

Wharfingers

Lockkeepers

Lengthmen

Other Employees