

# VICTORIAN YORK

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The period between approximately 1820 and 1914 is called the Victorian era. It roughly represents the period of Queen Victoria's reign.

Concerning York, the Victorian age is associated with the age of the railway. The "iron horse" was introduced in York in 1839 and was brought to York by the Lord Mayor, George Hudson who was an entrepreneur with an eye for the main chance. The coming of the railroad allowed the expansion of numerous local businesses to national importance. The city became a railway transportation hub for the north due to its unique location halfway between London in the South and Edinburgh in the North.

The railway boom transformed York into a bustling, industrial city. The areas of South Bank, Leeman Road, and Holgate are still noticeable products of Victorian railway development.

