The Melbourne Street Steam Flour Mill

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The Melbourne Steam Flour Mill was situated on the corner of Melbourne Street and Princess Street, Southampton, adjacent to "The Chapel Tramway" and the Gas works. It was shown on the large scale Ordnance Survey map surveyed in 1868.

The first reference to Melbourne steam mill is in the ''Southampton Street Directory'' published by Forbes in 1859, showing the owners to be the Hague Brothers. Then, in the 1871 Cox's directory, the listing shows Hague's Steam Flour Mill situated at 36 Melbourne Street. After extensive searches, no definitive schedule of the machinery in the mill has been found. In the Street Directories published between 1884 and 1904, the mill is shown as vacant. However, the building is shown on the Goad Insurance
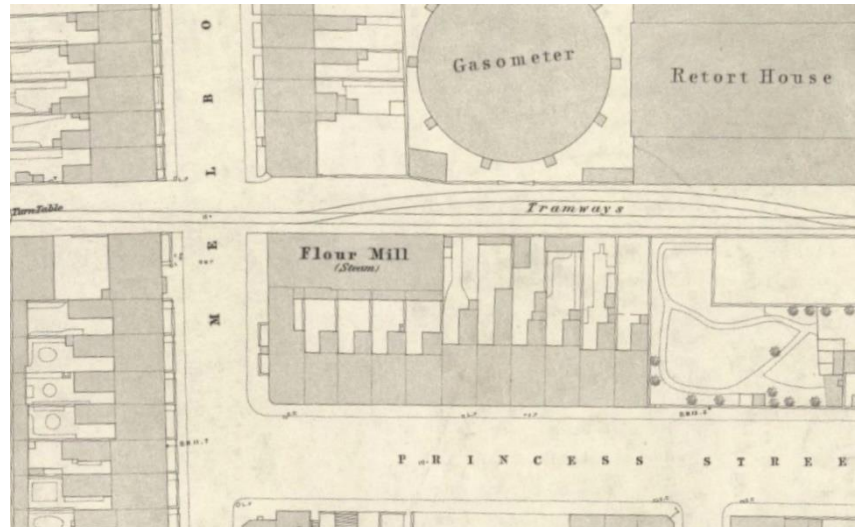

Figure 41. The location of the Melbourne Street Steam Flour Mill shown on an O.S. map surveyed in 1868.
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Figure 42. A photograph of the mill in 1907, when in use as a warehouse. Behind the mill can be seen part of the frame of a gasholder and one of the chimneys of the gasworks. The shop on the corner is branch No. 1 of the Southampton Co-op, with its bakery alongside.
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