THE LEICESTER AND SWANNINGTON RAILWAY

In 1833 the Leicester and Swannington Railway arrived at Long Lane. Originally built for transporting coal from the local collieries to Leicester, its construction was supervised by Robert Stephenson, son of George Stephenson the famous engineer who was known as the ‘father of the railways’.

Looking down Whitwick Lane, now we call Mantle Lane, we see a blacksmith’s shop, a carpenter’s shop, saw-pits, and houses for the head carpenter and head blacksmith, which stood on the site of the late Snibston offices, now Messrs. Stablefords and Company.

Samuel Fisher reminiscing in the 1880s. His father worked at Snibston number 1 pit in 1832.