

**C DBDK                      Downs Kidsons, Chartered Accountants                      1912-1978**

**Accession numbers:** 157/78 and dbdk/6

**Historical background:** Alfred John Downs (1868-1955) was born in Hull and trained as a chartered accountant, becoming a partner with Hodgson, Harris and Co. before setting up his own company in 1913. He was initially based on Parliament Street but later moved to Beverley Road. Alfred was very active in the local territorial army brigade and at Beverley Golf Club. After his death, the company continued until the mid-1970s when it merged with Kidsons, which had been founded by Herbert Kidson in 1868. Known then as Downs Kidson and based on Percy Street in Hull, this became Kidson Impey in 1990 before various other changes and mergers in later years leading to the company today, HLB International.

Alfred's brother, James Downs would become a director of the Hull engineering firm, Rose, Downs and Thompson.

**Custodial history:** C DDDK/1-5 deposited by Ian Hewlett of Davis Kidson in 1978, with C DBDK/6 deposited in 1992.

**Arrangement:**

DBDK/1	Internal records of Downs Kidsons	1912-1967
DBDK/2	The General Cemetery Company	1951-1965
DBDK/3	Hull and Liverpool Red Oxide Co. Ltd.	1963
DBDK/4	Isabella Hern deceased	1865-1893
DBDK/5	An unidentified deceased client	1920-1959
DBDK/6	East Riding Yeomanry Old Comrades Association Mounted Wing	1960-1978

**Extent:** 12 boxes

**Related material:** There are copies of letters to A.J. Downs from Hebblethwaites, a local land agents, at C DBHT/2. See the name index in the searchroom for more details. The records of the Hull Exchange Co. deposited by Downs Kidsons in 1978 have been catalogued with the reference C DBHE. The records of the Hull General Cemetery records can be found at C DBC while those of the Hull and Liverpool Red Oxide Company can be located at C DBHL.

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C DBDK/1</b>	<b>Financial records of Downs Kidsons</b> 26 volumes	<b>1912-1967</b>
C DBDK/1/1	Private Ledger 1 volume	1912-1914
C DBDK/1/2	Private Ledger 1 volume	1914-1919
C DBDK/1/3	Private Ledger 1 volume	1919-1922

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C DBDK/1/4	Private Ledger 1 volume	1922-1925
C DBDK/1/5	Private Ledger (5) 1 volume	1925-1929
C DBDK/1/6	Private Ledger (6) 1 volume	1929-1934
C DBDK/1/7	Private Ledger (7) 1 volume	1935-1938
C DBDK/1/8	Private Ledger (8) 1 volume	1938-1941 ?
C DBDK/1/9	Private Ledger (9) 1 volume	1941-1944
C DBDK/1/10	Private Ledger (10) 1 volume	1944-1947
C DBDK/1/11	Private Ledger (11) 1 volume	1947-1948?
C DBDK/1/12	Private Ledger (12) 1 volume	1948-1950
C DBDK/1/13	Private Ledger 1 volume	1950-1952
C DBDK/1/14	Cash Book 1 volume	1912-1914
C DBDK/1/15	Cash Book 1 volume	1914-1919
C DBDK/1/16	Cash Book 1 volume	1919-1929
C DBDK/1/17	Cash Book 1 volume	1929-1941
C DBDK/1/18a	Private Cash Book 1 volume	1923-1926
C DBDK/1/18b	Private Cash Book 1 volume	1926-1929
C DBDK/1/19	Private Cash Book 1 volume	1929-1935
C DBDK/1/20	Private Cash Book Missing as of 21/12/2020	1935-1948 ?

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C DBDK/1/21	Private Cash Book 1 volume	1948-1950
C DBDK/1/22	Private Cash Book (5) 1 volume	1948-1959 ?
C DBDK/1/23	Private Cash Book 1 volume	1959-1963
C DBDK/1/24	Transfer Ledger 1 volume	1958-1963
C DBDK/1/25	Transfer Ledger 1 volume	1963-1967
<b>C DBDK/2</b>	<b>Records of Downs Kidsons relating to Hull General Cemetery</b> 1 volume	<b>1951-1965</b>
C DBDK/2/1	Cash Analysis Book 1 volume	1951-1965
<b>C DBDK/3</b>	<b>Records of Downs Kidsons relating to Hull and Liverpool Red Oxide Co. Ltd.</b> 1 item	<b>1903</b>
C DBDK/3/1	Annual accounts of Hull and Liverpool Red Oxide Co. Ltd. Missing as of 14/1/2021. 1 item	31 Dec 1963
<b>C DBDK/4</b>	<b>Records of Downs Kidsons relating to Isabella Hern, deceased</b> Formerly of Bridlington Quay 1 item and 1 bundle	<b>1865-1893</b>
C DBDK/4/1	Personal records of Isabella Hern, deceased Includes copies of birth and death certificates for Isabella and her husband, John Hern, also deceased, with a document in Italian attached. 1 bundle	1865-1893
C DBDK/4/2	Certificate of probate of John Hern, deceased husband of Isabella Hern Formerly of Keighley, who had died in Floriana in Malta 1 item	30 Sep 1893
C DBDK/5	<b>Records of Downs Kidsons relating to the estate of an unidentified client</b> Client died 30 January 1920	1920-1959

C DBDK/5/1	Cash Book 1 volume	Feb 1920– Jan 1959
<b>C DBDK/6</b>	<b>Records of Downs Kidsons relating to the East Riding Yeomanry Old Comrades Association, Mounted Wing</b> 18 items	<b>1960-1978</b>
C DBDK/6/1	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1960 1 item	1960
C DBDK/6/2	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1961 1 item	1961
C DBDK/6/3	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1962 1 item	1962
C DBDK/6/4	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1963 1 item	1963
C DBDK/6/5	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1965 1 item	1965
C DBDK/6/6	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1966 1 item	1966
C DBDK/6/7	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1967 1 item	1967
C DBDK/6/8	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1968 1 item	1968
C DBDK/6/9	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1969 1 item	1969
C DBDK/6/10	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1970 1 item	1970
C DBDK/6/11	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1971 1 item	1971

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C DBDK/6/12	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1972 1 item	1972
C DBDK/6/13	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1973 1 item	1973
C DBDK/6/14	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1974 1 item	1974
C DBDK/6/15	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1975 1 item	1975
C DBDK/6/16	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1976 Draft 1 item	1976
C DBDK/6/17	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1977 1 item	1977
C DBDK/6/18	Balance sheet and account of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 December 1978 1 item	1978