

C DBLS Lofthouse and Saltmer Ltd, Kingston-upon-Hull 1910-1962
of Church lane, Wholesale Druggists

Historical Background: In 1802, John Lofthouse established a druggists business at 12 Market Place, Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire. He was joined in partnership by James Saltmer in 1863, and the business was styled Lofthouse & Saltmer. In 1873, warehouses were acquired at Church Lane, Kingston-upon-Hull. In 1910, the business was incorporated as a limited liability company, Lofthouse & Saltmer Ltd, and expanded into the wholesale distribution of drugs and galenicals, in particular, halibut liver oil. In 1941, the company's premises at Church Lane were destroyed during enemy action, causing a move to new buildings within the city. In 1962, the company was acquired by Evans Medical Ltd of Speke, Liverpool, Merseyside, and in 1965, relocated again to Stoneferry Road, Kingston-upon-Hull. In 1966 the wholesale distribution interests of Glaxo Group Ltd and British Drug Houses Group Ltd, London merged to form a limited liability company, Vestric Ltd. This combined interest created a company with 36 trading branches, amongst which were many long-established companies including Woolley Sons & Co Ltd, Duncan Flockhart Ltd and Bradley & Bliss Ltd. Lofthouse and Saltmer Ltd became a branch of Vestric Ltd at this point, ceasing to operate under its established name. In 1984, the Kingston-upon-Hull branch of Vestric Ltd was closed, and amalgamated with Vestric Ltd, Leeds.

Description: Directors' meetings minute book 1910-60; register of members and transfers 1910-50; share ledger 1910-20; summary of share capital and shares 1911-17; dividend statements 1933-61; annual returns 1940-58 (w); receipts for annual returns 1942-58 (w); letter from Board of Trade re annual returns 1948; private ledgers 1910-62; private journals 1910-62.

Extent: 31 Files

Related material: The North of England, Vestric Hull', P M Worling, Vestric: The First Twenty Years 1966-86 (Vestric, Runcorn, 1986)
See also: Vestric Ltd

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C DBLS/1	Forms of annual return of a company having a share capital Includes list of directors and shareholders	Apr 1940
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C DBLS/5	Forms of annual return of a company having a share capital Includes list of directors and shareholders	Jul 1944
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C DBLS/18	Forms of annual return of a company having a share capital Includes list of directors and shareholders	May 1957
C DBLS/19	Forms of annual return of a company having a share capital Includes list of directors and shareholders	Jun 1958
C DBLS/20	2 copies Receipts for forms of annual returns issued by the Companies Registration Office, Llandudno With gaps	1942-1958
C DBLS/21	Letter from the Board of Trade regarding annual returns	17 Dec 1948
C DBLS/22	Director's minute book	11th May 1910- 7th Apr 1960
C DBLS/23	Private Journal No. 1	1 Jan 1910- 31 Dec 1934
C DBLS/24	Private Journal No.2 Missing - May 20009	1 Jan 1935- 31 Mar 1962
C DBLS/25	General Journal No. 1	30 Sep 1910- 31 Dec 1962
C DBLS/26	Private Ledger No. 1 includes balance sheets and profit and loss accounts	1910-1934
C DBLS/27	Private Ledger No. 2 includes balance sheets and profit and loss accounts. Missing - May 2009	1935-1957
C DBLS/28	Private Ledger No.3 includes profit and loss accounts	1958-1960
C DBLS/29	Register of members and transfers Volume containing: Register of members and transfers, 1910-50 Companies Act form E, summary of share capital and shares, 1911-17	1910-1950
C DBLS/30	Dividend statements	1933-1957
C DBLS/31	Dividend statements	1957-1961