

**C DBRO                      Hall's Barton Ropery Co.Ltd, Hull, records                      1963-1998**

**Accession number:** 14/66

**Historical Background:** The origin's of Hall's Barton Ropery go back to 1767 when William Hall began hemp spinning and rope making in Barton upon Humber, Lincolnshire. The family run business would go on to service the Hull and Grimsby fishing industries until the switch to steam and steel cables resulted in the business' near collapse. As a consequence it was reformed as a private limited company, in 1890. In 1891 the decision was made to move into the business of making wire rope and as a consequence Hall's acquired Overton's Wire Rope Works in Beverley. It also moved it's head office to Hull but this was destroyed during World War Two, resulting in the loss of most of the company's earliest records. After the war, the company would go on to develop new products and continue for many more years until changes within the industry resulted in severe economic difficulties. It was taken over by Bridport-Gundry in 1986.

**Custodial history:** Deposited by Rod Clapison in 2014

**Description:** Memorandum and Articles of Association, 1975; Petty cash book, 1963-1967; Journal, 1966-1967; Carriage day books 1971-1973; Correspondence files, 1963-1981; Files of company activities and processes, 1966-1981; Historical background material c.1990s.

**Arrangement:**

C DBRO/1	Memorandums and Articles of Association	1975
C DBRO/2	Financial Records	1963-1967
C DBRO/3	Correspondence	1952-1976
C DBRO/4	Company activities and processes	1966-1981
C DBRO/5	Historical material	c.1990s

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Related material:** Within the records of Rose, Down and Thompson, engineers (C DBR) are references to various items of machinery purchased by Hall's. Plans for buildings owned by the company in Hull can be found at C TAB. Correspondence between the company and the Master and Trustees of the Hull Charterhouse can be found at reference C WT/5. Please see the catalogues and card index within the History Centre searchroom. Additional records for Hall's Barton Ropery can be found at the East Riding Archives in Beverley, at reference DDX922.

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

<b>C DBRO/1</b>	<b>Memorandums and Articles of Association</b>	<b>1975</b>
	1 item	
C DBRO/1/1	Memorandum and Articles of Association	11 Dec 1975
	1 item	
<b>C DBRO/2</b>	<b>Financial Records</b>	<b>1963-1967</b>
	1 volume	

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C DBRO/2/1	Petty cash book 1 volume	Jul 1963- Nov 1967
<b>C DBRO/3</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> 4 bundles	<b>1952-1976</b>
C DBRO/3/1	Correspondence regarding Hallmark Wire Rope and Blue Strand 1 bundle	1 Mar 1952- 7 Jul 1976
C DBRO/3/2	Correspondence regarding Plasticisers 1 bundle	14 Nov 1969- 6 Dec 1971
C DBRO/3/3	Correspondence regarding imports 1 bundle	29 Mar 1975- 14 Jan 1976
C DBRO/3/4	Letters regarding the company trade mark 1 bundle	9 Jul 1975
<b>C DBRO/4</b>	<b>Records relating to company activities and processes</b> 3 volumes 5 bundles	<b>1966-1981</b>
C DBRO/4/1/1	Crown agents tenders 1 bundle	12 Dec 1978- 2 Nov 1979
C DBRO/4/1/2	Records regarding the wire rope exporters conference 1 bundle	1 Jan 1979- 1 Dec 1979
C DBRO/4/1/3	Records regarding the wire rope exporters conference 1 bundle	2 Jan 1980- Mar 1981
C DBRO/4/1/4	Certificates of test and examination of wire rope 1 bundle	1 May 1981- 28 Aug 1981
C DBRO/4/2/1	Transport Journal 1 volume	Oct 1966- Jan 1968
C DBRO/4/2/2	Carriage Day book 1 volume	Jan 1971- Jun 1972
C DBRO/4/2/3	Carriage Day book, London Office 1 volume	Mar 1971- Jun 1972
C DBRO/4/3	Accident returns Statistics sent to the Wire and Wire Rope Employers Association 1 bundle	9 Mar 1971- 5 Apr 1978

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<b>C DBRO/5</b>	<b>Historical material</b> Photocopies of advertisements, product information and notes on the company's historical origins 2 bundles	<b>c.1990s</b>
C DBRO/5/1	Historical material 1 bundle	c.1990s
C DBRO/5/2	Historical material In addition, includes photocopies of plans of various company branches 1 bundle	c.1990s