

C DILW Apprentice indenture for Leonard Worsnop of Hull 1922-c.1970s and technical information for Hall-Mark Ropes by Hall's Barton Ropery

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Biographical Background: Leonard Worsnop (1905-1999), was the son of Charles Herbert Worsnop, a prison officer. Leonard would be apprenticed as a blacksmith and farrier. The Statute of Apprentices in 1563 meant that everyone who entered a trade had to serve an apprenticeship. This statute was repealed in 1814, although they continued to exist, either formally or informally. Historically, in many boroughs serving an apprenticeship brought other benefits. For example in Hull it provided the opportunity to become a freeman, although by the 20th century, this practice had largely died out.

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 for many years, developing new products as the industry required. It was taken over by Bridport-Gundry in 1986.

Custodial history: Deposited by Sheila Worsnop, Leonard's daughter in October 2017

Description: Apprentice indenture and technical information

Extent: 2 items

Related material: The History Centre holds many records relating to apprenticeship created primarily to ensure appropriate regulation. Many of these can be accessed through the online catalogue with the reference C BRG. Later individual apprenticeship agreements may also be accessed through the online catalogue. The records of Hall's Barton Ropery Co.Ltd, Hull (1963-1998) can be found at reference C DBRO.

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