

C DBJ **W&H Johnson Ltd, Paint Manufacturer** **1891-1968**

Historical Background:

Messrs W & H Johnson, Oil Boilers and Refiners, Paint and Colour Manufacturers were established in 1887 by Walter Johnson (c.1861-1931) and Hubert Johnson (c.1857-1931).

Hubert was Sheriff of Hull in 1912 and Lord Mayor of Hull in 1917.

Gradually between the years 1891 & 1926 the brothers purchased property at 199-203 High Street and 1-4 North Walls where they built what became known as 'The National Oil and Paint Works, Hull.' This is now the site of Hull College car park.

Their business was the manufacture of Lubricating Oils and Lubricants of every description. They specialised in Marine Engine Oils, Cylinder Oils, Refined Rape Oil, Boiled Linseed Oil, &c.; also Paints, Enamels, Ship's Compositions and Copper Paint for Wooden Vessels. By 1927 the firm had been established for over 40 years. They had an extensive foreign trade. They became known for the manufacture of 'National' and 'Visco' Lubricating Oils and 'Triton' and 'Aurora' Paints, Enamels and Ships' Composition. W & H Johnsons exercised much attention and skill to refining and blending these lubricants and provided oils of the very highest quality.

Other products which had similar success were the 'National' Lubricating Oils, manufactured for Electric Installations, Gas Engines, Dynamos, Electric motors, Motor Cars, Stationary Engines and Shafting. The 'Triton' and 'Aurora' brands of Paints became well known for their high class qualities and durability in general use.

Their Head Office was at 202 High Street but they also had branches and / or stores in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Aberdeen, Cardiff and London:

In April 1932, after the death of both Walter and Hubert in 1931, the company became Limited by shares. The shareholders, each owning a whole share, consisted of Julia Johnson (widow of Walter), Dorothy Voase Johnson, (spinster and daughter of Walter), W.E. Nicholson (Commercial Manager), Mary J. Johnson (widow of Hubert) and Bernard Barker (seed crusher).

On 1st Jan 1970 W & H Johnson Ltd moved to the premises of Blyth Heald and Langdale Ltd., Oak Road, Hull. Production of Paints and Lubricating Oils continued, under the Johnson brand names. Their Executive Director joined Blyth Heald and Langdale Ltd as a one of their Directors.

Extent: 16 boxes

Arrangement:

C DBJ/1 Legal and Financial records relating to the Company and the family of its
Directors **1891-1939**

C DBJ/2 Private material relating to the company and the family of its Directors
c. **1917-1950**

C DBJ/3 Material relating to company production and sales **20th century**

Related material: For the 1932 Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as purchase deeds for the High Street and North Walls sites please see C TLA/33387. Also for a description of these sites see C DBHT/9/308.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DBJ/1	Legal and financial records relating to the company and the family of its directors 14 volumes, 10 items	1891-1949
C DBJ/1/1- C DBJ/1/2	Partnership Agreements Please see C TLA/33387 for the 1932 Memorandum and Articles of Association which saw the company become Limited by shares 2 items	1900-1908
C DBJ/1/1	Partnership Agreement between W. Johnson and H. Johnson 1 item	11 Apr 1900
C DBJ/1/2	Supplemental Terms of Partnership between W. Johnson and H. Johnson 1 item	18 Jul 1908
C DBJ/1/3- C DBJ/1/8	Private ledgers 6 volumes	1903-1949
C DBJ/1/3	Indexed ledger showing investments and expenditure. Please note that this volume does not include annual balance sheets Formerly labelled DBJ/1/1 1 volume	1903-1911
C DBJ/1/4	Indexed ledger showing investments and expenditure. Please note that this volume does not include annual balance sheets Formerly labelled C DBJ/1/2 1 volume	1910-1913
C DBJ/1/5	Indexed ledger showing investments and expenditure. Please note that this volume does not include annual balance sheets Formerly labelled DBJ/1/3 1 volume	1913-1922
C DBJ/1/6	Indexed ledger showing investments and expenditure. Please note that this volume includes annual balance sheets Formerly labelled as DBJ/1/4 1 volume	1917-1930

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C DBJ/1/7	Indexed ledger with numbered folios 151-502. Please note that this volume does include annual balance sheets Formerly labelled DBJ/1/5 1 volume	1933-1949
C DBJ/1/8	Partnership ledger Indexed partnership ledger with numbered folios 1-150. Please note that this volume does include annual balance sheets Formerly labelled DBJ/1/6 1 volume	1930-1949
C DBJ/1/9- C DBJ/1/15	Wages books Includes staff surnames, pay rates, deductions etc for both the oil and paint works 7 volumes	1907-1938
C DBJ/1/9	Wages book-Oil and Paint Works Formerly labelled DBJ/1/37 1 volume	1926-1930
C DBJ/1/10	Wages book-Oil and Paint Works Formerly labelled DBJ/1/38 1 volume	1930-1933
C DBJ/1/11	Wages book-Oil and Paint Works Formerly labelled DBJ/1/39 1 volume	1933-1935
C DBJ/1/12	Wages book-Oil and Paint Works Formerly labelled DBJ/1/40 1 volume	1936-1938
C DBJ/1/13	Wages book-Oil and Paint Works Records initial and surname of employer, hours lost, hours gained and overtime. This book is divided into employees from the oil or paints division from May 1908. 1 volume	10 May 1907-25 Feb 1910
C DBJ/1/14	Wages book-Office Records initial and surname of employer and weekly amount paid 1 volume	29 Jan 1910-13 Jul 1912
C DBJ/1/15	Wages book-Office Records initial and surname of employer and weekly amount paid 1 volume	13 Jul 1912-29 Apr 1916

C DBJ/1/16-	Miscellaneous legal and financial records	1891-1947
C DBJ/1/22	relating to the company 1 volume, 6 items	
C DBJ/1/16	Bills of exchange receivable book Includes bill of exchange no, place where drawn, date, amount, terms, bank where payable at, company name of whom drawn by, company name of whom drawn on, paid to and when as well as date due. 1 volume	Jun 1897-Nov 1947
C DBJ/1/17	Rent Agreement for warehouse no. 28 at Newcastle Agreement made between the Executors of the late William Hedley of Holmside Collieries, Durham (Landlord) and W.H. Johnson of National Oil Works, Hull at a yearly rent of £35.00 payable quarterly. 1 item	30 Nov 1900
C DBJ/1/18	Patent and Trademark Registration-Notice of advertisement of renewal Registration of Trade Mark No. 83964 in class 47 renewal notice. As advertised in No. 1280 of the Trade Marks Journal 1 item	8 Oct 1902
C DBJ/1/19	Patent and Trademark Registration-Notice of advertisement of renewal Registration of Trade Mark No. 83965 in class 47 renewal notice. As advertised in No. 1280 of the Trade Marks Journal 1 item	8 Oct 1902
C DBJ/1/20	Memorandum of the Deposit of Documents to secure the account of W & H Johnson This document refers to the deposit of documents with the York City and County Banking Company Ltd conveyances and the abstract of title of property adjoining Fleece & Sun, High Street and Stable Yard, Salthouse Lane as well as 198 High Street 1 item	31 Jan 1891
C DBJ/1/21	Memorandum of the Deposit of Documents to secure the account of W & H Johnson This document refers to the deposit of documents with the York City and County Banking Company Ltd tenancy agreement for 1 & 2 North Walls and 203 High Street, agreement for the sale of freehold premises at 1 & 2 North Walls and 203	31 Jan 1891

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 High Street as well as conveyances for properties
 in High Street and North Walls.
 1 item

C DBJ/1/22	<p>Memorandum of the Deposit of Documents to secure the account of W & H Johnson This document refers to the deposit of documents with the York City and County Banking Company Ltd the abstract of title of 202 High Street. 1 item</p>	13 Jul 1908
C DBJ/2	<p>Private material relating to the company and the family of its directors 1 bundle, 4 items</p>	c. 1917-1950
C DBJ/2/1	<p>Bundle of photographs Includes a large sepia photograph of Hubert Johnson, Lord Mayor, wearing ceremonial robes and chain and another large photograph of an unknown lady with other loose photographs of various unknown family members 1 bundle, 16 items</p>	c.1917-1950
C DBJ/2/2	<p>Booklet to accompany the Officers' Supper held at the Humber Lodge of Freemasons to commemorate the election of Brother Councillor Hubert Johnson JP as Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull and the appointment of Brother John L. Richardson as Sheriff Includes a photograph of both Hubert Johnson and John L. Richardson in their Freemasons ceremonial wear, menu, toast and list of officers of the Humber Lodge. Brother Thomas Thackeray Field was the Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge at the time. 1 item</p>	27 Nov 1917
C DBJ/2/3	<p>Commemorative booklet produced to accompany a supper held at the Humber Lodge of Freemasons to commemorate the election of Brother Councillor Hubert Johnson (Humber Lodge No. 57) as Sheriff of Kingston upon Hull 1912-1913 Includes a photograph of Hubert Johnson his Freemason ceremonial wear, menu, toast and list of autographs of those present. 1 item</p>	1912
C DBJ/2/4	<p>Commemorative booklet produced to accompany the granting of an Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) to Mrs Mary Johnson by George V</p>	1 Jan 1919

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 Signed by George V and the Grand Master,
 Edward P. (Mrs Mary Johnson was the wife of Mr.
 Hubert Johnson)
 1 item

C DBJ/2/5	Pocket Diary Diary produced and printed for W & H Johnson Ltd. Partly filled in with appointments etc but original owner remains unidentified 1 item	1938
C DBJ/3	Material relating to company production and sales 10 bundles, 7 volumes	20th century
C DBJ/3/1	Customer Sales Ledgers These are just a sample from a number of sales ledgers and sheets which give an idea of the types of customers ordering from the paint company and what products they ordered in the 1930s, 1950s & 1960s 2 bundles	1935
C DBJ/3/1/1	Customer Sales Ledger No. 1 Customers A - L Formerly labelled DBJ/1/41 1 bundle	1935
C DBJ/3/1/2	Customer Sales Ledger No. 1 Customers M-Z Formerly labelled DBJ/1/42 1 bundle	1935
C DBJ/3/2	Creditors Ledgers Please note that there is a page for each company they had dealings with 2 volumes, 1 bundle	1920-1939
C DBJ/3/2/1	Creditors Ledger Indexed (damaged by mould) Formerly labelled DBJ/1/72 1 volume	1920-1928
C DBJ/3/2/2	Creditors Ledger Indexed Formerly labelled DBJ/1/73 1 volume	1929-1938
C DBJ/3/2/3	Creditors Ledger, discarded sheets Loose sheets, no index Formerly labelled DBJ/1/74 1 bundle	1939

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C DBJ/3/3	Paint Credit Journals 3 volumes	1939-1950
C DBJ/3/3/1	Paint Credit Journal No index Formerly labelled DBJ/1/67 1 volume	1939-1942
C DBJ/3/3/2	Paint Credit Journal No index Formerly labelled DBJ/1/68 1 volume	1942-1946
C DBJ/3/3/3	Paint Credit Journal Formerly labelled DBJ/1/69 1 volume	1946-1950
C DBJ/3/4	Oil Credit Journals 2 volumes	1933-1950
C DBJ/3/4/1	Oil Credit Journal No index Formerly labelled DBJ/1/70 1 volume	1933-1940
C DBJ/3/4/2	Oil Credit Journal No index Formerly labelled DBJ/1/71 1 volume	1940-1950
C DBJ/3/5	Company purchases These loose sheets record company purchases. Interestingly they give the full details of the Company that they purchased goods from, the date and the prices paid. 4 bundles	1938-1968
C DBJ/3/5/1	Purchase Ledger (loose sheets) Arranged by the company name that the purchase was made from (A-Z) 1 bundle	1938-1949
C DBJ/3/5/2	Purchase Ledger (loose sheets) Arranged chronologically by purchase (pages 1-392) 1 bundle	31 Mar 1952- 13 Jan 1961
C DBJ/3/5/3	Purchase Ledger (loose sheets) Arranged chronologically by purchase (pages 393-694) 1 bundle	31 Jan 1961- 30 Sep 1968

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C DBJ/3/5/4	Sales notes and contracts of sale made for company purchases arranged chronologically and relate to purchases from individual companies as well as 'The National Association of United Kingdom Oil and Oilseed Brokers Ltd' (Agents for the Ministry of Food (oil and fats division). Includes contract of sale number, terms, delivery date and order price. 1 bundle	7 Oct 1938- 23 Mar 1942
C DBJ/3/6	Company Advertising 3 bundles	20th century
C DBJ/3/6/1	Advertisement leaflets This bundle includes colour cards, prices and reproduced facsimile of oil and paint cans, Triton gloss paint, enamels, ships compositions, varnish, marine oils, motor oils and lubricant leaflets etc 1 bundle	20th century
C DBJ/3/6/2	This bundle includes various labels for many of W.H. Johnson products including those produced under the National, Visco, Triton and Aurora brand names. W.H. Johnson became known for the manufacture of 'National' and 'Visco' Lubricating Oils and 'Triton' and 'Aurora' Paints, Enamels and Ships' Composition. 1 bundle	20th century
C DBJ/3/6/3	Embossed Aurora paint tin lid embossed with 'W.H. Johnsons Hull, Paint Manufacturers Aurora Registered trade mark, enamels, compositions and paints' 1 item	20th century
C DBJ/3/6/4	Advertisement boards for 'Aurora Northern White', 'Triton Brand finest quality metallic copper paint', 'Triton Brand Ready Mixed Paint and 'National Brand Extra Boiled Oil' 1 bundle	20th century
C DBJ/3/7	Miscellaneous documents relating to production 10 items	c. 1940-1968
C DBJ/3/7/1	Plan relating to a proposed 4 ton rape oil refinery for Messrs W & H Johnson on High Street Scale=1/2 inch:1 foot. Stamped Harrison, Bilton & Sharp, Consulting Engineers, Technical Valuers and Arbitrators, Bank Chambers, Hull 1 item	n.d.

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C DBJ/3/7/2	<p>Glasgow, Hull, Liverpool, Newcastle and South Wales Port Agreements Minimum Prices Prices are for delivery to UK ports and this document gives price that must be added for delivery to continental ports. No paints were to be supplied at any less than these minimum prices. Relates to paste paints, ready mixed paints, divided by colour. 1 item</p>	c. 1940
C DBJ/3/7/3	<p>Documents relating to oil and motor lubricant prices including notebook containing barrel prices of various products, Shell Mex & BP Ltd motor lubricant prices and list of oil prices per cwt and per gallon 3 items</p>	c. 1940-1945
C DBJ/3/7/4	<p>File of correspondence from Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, Northern Region relating to the formulation of an air drying gloss paint and blue and black stoving finishes for use on Fordson Tractors including laboratory report No. RH.7869 giving a formulation based on Paralac 11W and Bedesol 33, also report No. RH.7853 1 item</p>	15 Dec 1954- 3 Jan 1955
C DBJ/3/7/5	<p>Memorandum by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise relating to Hydrocarbon Oils, exportation of 'free oils' and tied oils 1 item</p>	Jan 1967
C DBJ/3/7/6	<p>Memorandum by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise relating to Hydrocarbon Oils, marking of kerosene 1 item</p>	May 1967
C DBJ/3/7/7	<p>Memorandum to members from the National Lubricating Oil and Grease Federation relating to the relief from Hydrocarbon Oil Duties: Industrial Lubricants 1 item</p>	27 Feb 1968
C DBJ/3/7/8	<p>Letter to customers after the death of Mr. Wm. Purdie of the Newcastle Depot This letter serves to tell customers that Mr. Wm. Purdie died after a short illness on 21 Mar 1950 and that the W & H Johnson depot at 28 The Close, Newcastle on Tyne is still at their service and enquiries will still be dealt with promptly 1 item</p>	31 Mar 1950

