

## **C DBSS Records relating to Sissons Brothers & Co. Ltd. 1770-2014**

**Accession numbers:** 15/33 & 15/26

**Historical Background:** A company with a world wide reputation, Sissons Plants was founded in 1803. In the Hull Directory of 1805, the business of Sissons, Weddel & Co. is listed as Oil and Colourmen, Manufacturers of Paint, Mustard, French and Pearl Barley, 10 Pryme Street, Counting House, Groves. In Battles Directory of 1806/7 they are shown as Whitening Makers of Lime Street, Groves. Lime Street is north of North Bridge on the east bank of the River Hull. Later the company is again described in a directory as oil and colourmen, manufacturers of paint, mustard, French and pearl barley, now with premises also at 1 Mason Street in Hull. In 1827 the name of the business was changed to Sissons Brothers & Company and premises were moved to Bankside in Sculcoates. The following statistics give an idea of the growth of the company; in 1851 there were just 30 employees and by 1911 there were 350. During this time, the company also grew from occupying a 1 acre site to one of 16 acres. Sissons Brothers became a limited company in 1887 with a capital of £100,000 sterling. A great event, both in the history of Sissons Brothers and in the history of decorating, was the introduction, in 1894, of a world-famous oil-bound, sanitary washable water paint; 'Sanitary Washable Hall's Distemper'. Produced in 70 colours, Hall's Distemper was shipped worldwide in large quantities and had a profound effect on the company's fortunes.

Towards the end of the 19th century the business of the Company was expanding southwards and it was decided to open a depot for distributing the Company's products in London. Soon a chain of fourteen distributive depots ensured distribution of the company's products to all parts of the UK and the company bought a number of subsidiaries. Their products were eventually exported to around 50 countries worldwide.

One of the original pioneers of paint advertising, Sissons has been recognised for many years by the well-known trade mark of the 'Men and Plank'-a particularly familiar sign to railway travellers which was designed by a firm called T. B. Browne of London around 1910.

A testament to the owners of the Company was the fact that their employees never went on strike. A Works Social Committee was set up around 1918 to coordinate the activities of various clubs that had established themselves at the Company, including a cricket club, a silver band, an angling club, an excursion club, a shooting club, a football club, a ladies swimming team and a tug-of-war team. Workers were given annual outings. The company purchased a holiday home in Withensea in 1906 and their Provident and Sick Club was one of the first to be established in Hull. The Managing Director's door was always open to employees. The family spirit engendered over the years resulted in many long service records, including several spanning two or three generations.

During the First World War the Company became controlled by the Government and devoted much of its energies to the production of important war materials. Equally, during the Second World War, production was soon turned over to the needs of the war effort, for example war-time camouflage paint, blackout paint and paint for munitions production. Sissons Brothers premises suffered enormous damage during the Second World War when the factory was hit no less than six times during the raids on Hull. However, production never stopped and, fortunately, no loss of life was involved.

In 1956, following confidential negotiations, the directors of the company received an offer of £1.5 million from the Reckitt & Colman Group of Hull for the whole business. The directors decided it was in the best interests of the shareholders to accept the offer. Shares in the

company at this time were all held by a small number of elderly family members and a few outsiders. Death duties for the elderly would be based on the last time that shares had changed hands. As the business was prospering, these were likely to be substantial. However the business was a private company, not quoted on the stock exchange, so the market for shares would be limited and a situation could arise where other members of the family were unable to raise sufficient cash to buy the shares on the demise of a family member. The solution was either to float the company on the London stock exchange or to take this opportunity to sell the company to Reckitts. In 1968 the Macpherson Group acquired the whole of the paint interests of Reckitt & Colman Ltd., The last accounts of Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd. in the UK were lodged on 31 October 1989. The Malaysia and West Indies companies continued business as Sissons Paints under their new owners.

**Custodial history:** Deposited by Christiana Moore, on behalf of her father, Anthony Sissons, in March and June 2015

**Description:** Includes several items relating to the creation of the company, photographs, product details, published material, private papers of the Sisson's family, material relating to staff and material relating to subsidiary companies as well as company playing cards and long service badge and several outsized items such as portraits, paintings and photographs of the Sissons factory and workers.

**Arrangement : 1770-2014**

- C DBSS/1 Legal and Financial records relating to the company and the family of its directors
- C DBSS/2 The Private Papers of the company and the family of its directors
- C DBSS/3 Material relating to company production
- C DBSS/4 Photographs and illustrations relating to the company and the family of its directors
- C DBSS/5 Published material relating to the company

**Extent:** 2 linear metres

**Related material:** L.667.6 SIS includes Sissons Paints brochures, Employees Handbook, 1946, Summer Show Programmes for 1965 & 1968, Annual Report, 1911 and various leaflets describing Sisson's products

C DBHL: The Records of the Hull and Liverpool Red Oxide Company who appear to have had links with Sissons Bros, having also been situated on Bankside, Hull

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<b>C DBSS/1</b>	<b>Legal and Financial records relating to the Company and the family of its Directors</b> 8 vols, 9 bundles, 21 items	<b>1827-1970s</b>
C DBSS/1/1	<b>Accounts</b> 6 volumes, 1 item	<b>1827-1932</b>
C DBSS/1/1/1	Account Book Includes private accounts for Thomas Sissons Snr; Richard Jennison Sissons; Thomas Sissons Jnr; Jonathan Dove Sissons; Pease & Liddle; John Waddington, Manchester; Robert Sissons, London; Thomas Weddell, Scarbro; David Waddington, Manchester & Samuel Lightfoot, Hull and account of machinery and buildings 1 volume	1828-1846
C DBSS/1/1/2	Account Book (indexed) Includes accounts for Thos Sissons Snr; Thos. Sissons Jnr; Jonathan Dove. Sissons; Robert Sissons; Thos Mason Atherley; Robert Barron; James Brooke; William Acklam Kirby; Uppleby Sutton; The Rev. Bailey; Robert Banon; Thos Hall Sissons; Enoch Haller; Fenwick Lloyd Buckton; Mary Ann Hall; George Thomas Sissons; Denton Gardam & Henry Cumberland (includes lock and key) 1 volume	1848-1861
C DBSS/1/1/3	Account Book Messrs. Sissons Brothers & Co. in account with Pease & Liddell, Hull 1 volume	22 Sep 1827- 31 Dec 1835
C DBSS/1/1/4	Account Book (indexed) Lists the following: Thomas Sissons Snr; Thomas Sissons Jnr; Jonathan Dove Sissons; Richard Jennison Sissons; Buildings & Machinery; Untensils & Co; Exors. Thomas Sissons; T.H. Sissons; D.W Sissons; Building & Capital; Barton Mill; Hester Sword; Barton Construction, Joseph Mason & Co., Derby; Edward Robinson. Sissons; Barton Quarry; Humphries & Pearson Limited; Hester Brown, Hull 1 volume	Jan 1846-Jan 1880
C DBSS/1/1/5	Account Book Arranged by area., includes West Yorkshire, Cumbria and East Yorkshire and probably represents travelling sales results	Apr 1827-Sep 1827

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1 volume

C DBSS/1/1/6	Copy of Miss J.B. Sisson's housekeeping accounts This document also mentions T. Hall Sissons. Show money received and payments include wages, Christmas expenses and washing 1 item (3 pieces)	23 Dec 1920- 10 Jan 1921
C DBSS/1/1/7	Petty cash book Marked G C & S on the spine. Please note that most of this volume is empty 1 volume	6 May 1932- 1 Jul 1932
<b>C DBSS/1/2</b>	<b>Annual Reports and accounts</b> 1 item	<b>1929</b>
C DBSS/1/2/1	Annual Report and accounts of the Directors of Sissons Brothers & Co, Ltd 1 item	31 Dec 1929
<b>C DBSS/1/3</b>	<b>Receipts</b> 1 bundle	<b>1843-c. 1890s</b>
C DBSS/1/3/1	Bundle of miscellaneous receipts for purchases from Sissons Brothers and Co as well as for purchases made by the company from elsewhere 1 bundle	1843-c. 1890s
<b>C DBSS/1/4</b>	<b>Documents relating to shares and investments</b> 2 volumes, 1 item	<b>1905-1970s</b>
C DBSS/1/4/1	Investment register for Wild Settlements and the Harold Helmsing Sissons Trust (indexed) This Trust was closed and distributed on 6 Jul 1966 1 volume	1960s
C DBSS/1/4/2	Investment register for David C. Sissons (indexed) David C. Sissons lived at 'The White House', Brandsby, York 1 volume	c. 1960-1970s
C DBSS/1/4/3	Document relating to the Thomas Sissons Trust Indemnity to hold preface shares signed by the beneficiaries, under the will of Thomas Sissons. In this document they agree to the investment of part of the Trust's funds in the debenture stocks and preference shares of public companies. Signatures include surnames Hall, Sissons,	1 Dec 1905

Stephenson, Galloway and Ayre.

1 item

<b>C DBSS/1/5</b>	<b>Partnership agreements and related material</b> 5 items	<b>1845-1880</b>
C DBSS/1/5/1	Copy agreement for settlement of the co-partnership of Messrs Sissons Brothers and Co at the expiration of the partnership term This copy agreement was made between Thomas Sissons the elder, Richard Jennison Sissons, Thomas Sissons, the younger and Jonathan Dove Sissons all of the Parish of Sculcoates, Paint and Colour Manufacturers. The agreement was dissolved, by mutual consent, so far as concerns the said Richard Jennison Sissons as from 1 Jan 1846. All debts due owing by the said co-partnership will be received and paid by Thomas Sissons, the elder, Thomas Sissons, the younger and Jonathan Dove Sissons, by whom the business will in future be carried by their separate account, under the present firm. This followed an earlier agreement made between all four men on 9 Apr 1836 to establish a co-partnership for the duration of 10 years. Witnessed by John Earnshaw, Solicitor, Hull and William Frankish, his Clerk. 1 item	26 Aug 1845
C DBSS/1/5/2	Appraisalment of the land, buildings, fixtures, steam engines, machinery and business utensils belonging to Messrs Sissons Bros and Co at Bankside in the Parish of Sculcoates This valuation was conducted by Thomas Witty and George Wilkinson assisted by James Oldham and Thomas Brown as approved engineers and Mechanists at the time of the re-negotiation of co-partnership in 1845-1846 and is mentioned in the agreement described at C DBSS/1/5/1 1 item	5-6 Jan 1846
C DBSS/1/5/3	Appraisalment of the land, buildings, fixtures, steam engines, machinery and business utensils belonging to Messrs Sissons Bros and Co at Bankside in the Parish of Sculcoates copy of C DBSS/1/5/2 1 item	5-6 Jan 1846
C DBSS/1/5/4	Notice of dissolution of the partnership between Thomas Sissons, the elder, and Thomas Sissons,	22 Sep 1857

the younger by mutual consent

This notice was issued on 22 Sep 1857 but took place 1 Sep 1857. All debts due owing by the said co-partnership will be received and paid by Thomas Sissons, the younger, by whom the business will in future be carried on his own separate account in the firm. Also includes a letter from Thomas Sissons, the elder, announcing his retirement and giving thanks and assurances about the firm's future. Signed by both men  
1 item

C DBSS/1/5/5	Articles of co-partnership of Messrs Sissons Bros & Co This agreement was made between Thomas Sissons, Thomas Hall Sissons and David Waddington Sissons, all of the Borough of Kingston upon Hull, Oil Paint Colour and Varnish Manufacturers, Oil Merchants and Boilers and Refiners of Oil. 1 item	30 Dec 1880
<b>C DBSS/1/6</b>	<b>Sales statistics</b> These are a summary of monthly sales from mid Dec-mid-Dec and they give figures for home and export sales as well as increases and decreases as compared to the previous year's figures 7 items	<b>1890-1913</b>
C DBSS/1/6/1	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1890-1893
C DBSS/1/6/2	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1893-1896
C DBSS/1/6/3	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1896-1899
C DBSS/1/6/4	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1902-1905
C DBSS/1/6/5	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1905-1908
C DBSS/1/6/6	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1908-1911
C DBSS/1/6/7	Summary of sales (home and export) 1 item	1911-1913

<b>C DBSS/1/7</b>	<b>Wills and associated documents relating to the Sissons family</b> 4 bundles, 2 items	<b>1855-1946</b>
C DBSS/1/7/1	Will of John Sissons of Market Weighton This is a photocopy of the original will that is held at the Bortwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York. John Sissons died 23 Oct 1854. The will is witnessed by William Franklin Solicitor, Hull and William Wood, his Clerk 1 item	1 Mar 1855
C DBSS/1/7/2	Bundle containing the will of John Lea Baxter This bundle contains a copy of John Lea Baxter's original will, a memorial of which was registered at Beverley 12 Jul 1895 vol 75, page 169 No. 167. The bundle also includes correspondence between family members and Iveson, West and Wilkinson Solicitors, Hedon and North Cave, with Mr H. H. Sissons dated Mar 1925 regarding the terms and meanings within John Lea Sissons' will concerning his heirs 1 bundle	1 Apr 1895- 17 Mar 1925
C DBSS/1/7/3	Bundle containing the will of Miss Margaret Baxter, Spinster This bundle contains a copy of Miss Margaret Baxter's original will compiled by Iveson, West and Wilkinson Solicitors, Hedon and North Cave. Margaret resided in Eastbourne. The will is witnessed by Mr. H.H. Sissons and Elizabeth Woodford, Housemaid. The bundle also includes letters from the Public Trustee Office to Miss Barbara Sissons, regarding the settlement of accounts after the death of Margaret Baxter and a statement of accounts showing the administration of the estate to 20 May 1925 1 bundle (4 pieces)	24 Feb 1917- 3 Nov 1925
C DBSS/1/7/4	Bundle containing the will and codicils of Harold H. Sissons Esq, JP This bundle contains a copy of Mr Harold Helmsing Sissons' original will and codicils dated 12 Mar 1924 & 5 Jan 1926. Mr Harold Helmsing Sissons resided at Morven-on-the-Hill, North Ferriby but died in Hampstead, London 16 Nov 1926. He was married to Ethel (nee Baxter). As well as his will and codicils, this bundle contains a list of securities held and a schedule of properties owned by Mr Harold Helmsing Sissons' upon his death as well as inland revenue forms and	4 Apr 1921- 12 Jan 1927

valuations relating to his property. See also  
C DBSS/1/8/1  
1 bundle

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| C DBSS/1/7/5      | <p>Bundle containing the will of Ethel Sissons (nee Baxter)</p> <p>This bundle contains a copy of Mrs Ethel Sissons' original will dated 3 Sep 1946. Mrs Ethel Sissons, widow of Harold Helmsing Sissons, resided at Morven-on-the-Hill, North Ferriby. She died 25 Jan 1947. As well as her will, this bundle contains correspondence with Gale and Hutchinson Accountants, Hull and Mr. G. Freer Buckton Esq relating to the death of Mrs A.M. Baxter 15 Sep 1927 and the monies left to Ethel and her siblings. See also C DBSS/1/8/1</p> <p>1 bundle</p>  | 15 Sep 1927-<br>3 Sep 1946 |
| C DBSS/1/7/6      | <p>Document relating to the sum of £8,000 mentioned in Thomas Sissons' will</p> <p>This document is signed by Mary Sissons, Edward Hall and William Harling Sissons all of Barton on Humber, Trustees under the will of Thomas Sissons the elder of the Parish of Sculcoates, Hull which bears the date 12 Dec 1864 and was proved on 5 Mar 1867</p> <p>1 item</p>  | 24 Jan 1877                |
| <b>C DBSS/1/8</b> | <b>Other miscellaneous legal and financial documents relating to the Sissons family</b><br>4 bundles, 4 items   | <b>1900-1972</b>           |
| C DBSS/1/8/1      | <p>Bundle of Deeds relating to Ethel Sissons and her late husband Harold Helmsing Sissons</p> <p>This bundle was collected by Mr E. B Burstall, Solicitor, Hull and it relates to the estate of Ethel Sissons deceased. Ethel Sissons died 25 Jan 1947. The bundle includes a deed of appointment of new Trustee under the will of Harold Helmsing Sissons deceased dated 15 Aug 1954, Settlement of shares dated 11 May 1903, documents relating to H.H. Sissons' children's trust, detailed inventory and valuation of the household furniture, silver, electro plate, pewter, jewellery and personal and outdoor effects of Mrs H.H. Sissons of Morven-on-the-Hill, North Ferriby, share certificates, correspondence with the inland revenue, double probate of the will and two codicils of Harold H. Sissons ( see C DBSS/1/7/4), probate of the will of Mrs Ethel Sissons (see C DBSS/1/7/5) as well as funeral receipts and testamentary expenses and</p> | c. 1900-1954               |



debts, duties, legacies, legal and accountancy expenses.

1 bundle

C DBSS/1/8/2	<p>Contract for the erection of a gardener's cottage at North Ferriby</p> <p>This contract was made between Harold H. Sissons of North Ferriby of the one part, and Messrs George Pape and Sons of Butcher Row, Beverley, contractors</p> <p>1 item</p>	22 Jan 1906
C DBSS/1/8/3	<p>Bundle of papers relating to the estate of David Waddington Sissons (Deceased)</p> <p>This bundle includes executors' accounts of final distribution, proposed distribution account and a letter from Oswald H. Sissons to Richard C. Sissons regarding claims on the estate. David Waddington Sissons died in 1925. He was the son of Mr Thomas Sissons Jnr and the brother of Thomas Hall Sissons. Both became partners in Sissons Brothers &amp; Co in 1876</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	Aug 1929
C DBSS/1/8/4	<p>Bundle of papers relating to the Frederick Helmsing Trust and Mrs Alide H. Sissons deceased</p> <p>This bundle includes correspondence with Harold H. Sissons regarding stocks and shares and the Frederick Helmsing Trust as well as bills of costs</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	Mar 1917- Sep 1917
C DBSS/1/8/5	<p>Letters of administration regarding the estate of Norman Lea Sissons (deceased)</p> <p>On the day after the declaration of the First World War, Harold Helmsing Sissons' eldest son, Norman Sissons, joined up as a trooper and three months later received a commission in the 11th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. In Nov 1915, he went with his battalion to Egypt, and in Mar 1916 to France. Lieutenant Sissons was shot dead by a sniper while doing observation work near Bethune on 9 Sep 1916, aged 21</p> <p>1 item</p>	16 Feb 1917
C DBSS/1/8/6	<p>License granted by North Ferriby Church to Harold Helmsing Sissons</p> <p>This license granted Harold Helmsing Sissons the right to erect a marble memorial tablet on the north wall of North Ferriby Parish Church bearing the inscription, 'In thankfulness to God and to the</p>	8 Apr 1919

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dear memory of Norman Lea Sissons, Lieutenant 11th battalion: East Yorkshire Regiment. who was killed in action near Bethune September 9th 1917. Aged 21. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St John. 3.16.'

1 item

C DBSS/1/8/7	Valuation (Insurer's Copy) for R.C. Sissons Inventory and Valuation prepared for purposes of insurance 1 item	Feb 1972
C DBSS/1/8/8	Bundle containing minutes of meetings with family shareholders, directors and auditors regarding producing paint for the sole retail requirement of 'The Great Universal Stores Ltd.' and suggesting that 'The Great Universal Stores Ltd' take a financial interest in the company to the extent of approx 40% of the capital. Later documents chart the proposal for Reckitt and Coleman Holdings Ltd to acquire the entire holding of stocks in Sissons Brothers Co., Ltd. The documents in this bundle include references to the immediate post-war period and the effect of these changes on shareholders. There is a statement from 1944 showing family holdings and suggested shares to dispose of as well as a comparison of present and future yield from shares. There are also references to the David Waddington Sissons' Trust, Mrs E. Sissons and Reckitt and Colemans Holdings Ltd (1956). 1 bundle	Nov 1929- Apr 1956
C DBSS/1/8/9	Plan and Report of Property on George Drant Esq Estate, Bankside, Sculcoates, Hull This document describes the estate of pasture and garden land situated at Bankside, Sculcoates, Hull bounded on the East and North by the River Hull-on the Wesr by an open drain adjoining the high road to Stoneferry and on the South by property of Mr. Lowe and others. A plot in the central portion abutting on the River Hull averaging about 283ft from East to West and 138ft from North to South was sold by the Drant family to Messrs Sissons Bros and was held by them as freehold. On this plot they erected brick and tile workshops, warehouses and offices for the production and manufacture of oils and colours. Attached to this document is a plan of George	24 May 1872

Drant's estate which shows the proportion of property occupied by Messrs Sissons Bros  
1 item

<b>C DBSS/2</b>	<b>The Private Papers of the Company and the family of its Directors</b> 1 volume, 8 bundles, 139 items	<b>1770-1994</b>
<b>C DBSS/2/1</b>	<b>Framed Portraits</b> Access to the originals is prohibited but copies are available to view at the front of this catalogue 9 items	<b>c. 1810-1926</b>
C DBSS/2/1/1	Framed photograph of Thomas Sissons Thomas Sissons (1808-1892) first son of Thomas senior, joined Sissons, Weddle & Co. in Hull in 1821 (aged 13). He travelled for the company in his early years, based in Gainsborough, where he was a member of the Masonic Lodge All Saints Chapter. In pre-railway days he used to drive three thousand miles a year in his open horse-drawn gig. He became a co-partner of Sissons Brothers from 1836 until he died in 1892 (aged 84). 1 item	c. 1821-1892
C DBSS/2/1/2	Framed photograph of Thomas Sissons (1808-1892) portrayed with a stick in hand 1 item	c. 1821-1892
C DBSS/2/1/3	Framed oil painted portrait of Thomas Sissons (1808-1892) holding a tin For a photograph of this portrait please see C DBSS/4/2/75 1 item	c. 1821-1892
C DBSS/2/1/4	Framed watercolour portrait of Richard Jennison Sissons in an oval frame Richard Jennison Sissons (1795-1879) joined his elder brother, Thomas senior at Sissons, Weddle & Co in 1810, at the age of 15. He became a co-partner of the company from 1836 until he retired in 1846 (aged 51). 1 item	c. 1810-1840
C DBSS/2/1/5	Framed portrait of Richard Jennison Sissons standing holding a book 1 item	c. 1810-1840

C DBSS/2/1/6	<p>Framed oil painted portrait of Richard Jennison Sissons by Pickersgill Henry William Pickersgill RA (1782 – 1875) was an English painter specialising in portraits. He was a Royal Academician for almost fifty years, and painted many of the most notable figures of his time. 1 item</p>	c. 1810-1840
C DBSS/2/1/7	<p>Framed portrait of Harold Helmsing Sissons Harold Helmsing Sissons JP (1869-1926), son of David Waddington Sissons, joined Sissons Brothers in 1886 (aged 17) following schooling at Dresden in Germany. A man of quiet tastes and likable personality, he was the founder President of the National Federation of Associated Paint, Colour &amp; Varnish Manufacturers of the United Kingdom from January 1912 to November 1913. He was also chairman of the Hull Paint and Colour Manufacturers Association, a member of the Hull Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Hull Royal Infirmary Committee. He retired to Hampstead due to ill health and died aged 56 in Nov 1926 1 item</p>	c. 1886-1926
C DBSS/2/1/8	<p>Framed watercolour portrait of Elizabeth Sissons aged 23 Elizabeth Sissons (1823-1864) was the youngest daughter of paint and colour manufacturer Thomas Sissons and his wife, Elizabeth (nee Dove) and sister to Thomas Jonathan Dove, Mary, Robert, Christiana and Richard-all born in Sculcoates. In 1860 her eldest brother, Thomas (b. 1808) inherited the family business. Her son, Allan Twistleton Hall (1862-1916), invented and patented Hall's Distemper There are some typewritten family history details stuck to the back of the frame. 1 item</p>	1846
C DBSS/2/1/9	<p>Framed portrait of David Waddington Sissons (1843-1925) In Aug 1859, aged 16, David entered the counting house of his father, Mr Thomas Sissons Jnr, then the sole proprietor of the firm, his grandfather Mr Thomas Sissons senior being still alive though retired from the business. David was the brother of Thomas Hall Sissons and both became partners in Sissons Brothers &amp; Co in 1876. This was formalized from 1 Jan 1880 in an agreement dated 30 Dec 1880, and applied to the</p>	Mar 1924

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businesses in both Hull and Barton-on-Humber.  
This partnership continued until David Waddington  
Sissons retired in 1920.

1 item

<b>C DBSS/2/2</b>	<b>Items relating to membership of various Masonic Lodges</b>	<b>1839-1874</b>
	12 items	
C DBSS/2/2/1	Masonic Apron (36cm x 34 cm) Turquoise and cream in colour in a moc-leather case with the text 'BRO.T. Sissons P.M. 422 Kingston Lodge No.1010'. This represents membership of the Kingston Lodge founded in Hull in 1864 Thomas Sisson's Freemason's Apron 1 item	c. 1864
C DBSS/2/2/2	Masonic Apron (39cm x 34 cm) red and cream in colour in a moc-leather case. This represents membership of a Freemason's Lodge unknown Sisson's family Freemason's apron 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/2/2/3	Masonic Apron (38cm x 34 cm) blue and cream in colour with the text 'North & East Ridings Yorkshire' This apron is thought to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. It isn't known which of the Sisson's family it belonged to. However there is a badge attached that says 'S' presumably for 'Sissons' and a second one attached but now missing 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/2/2/4	By-Laws of the Kingston Lodge No.1010 Hull Book containing the By-Laws of the Kingston Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons held in the Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull. Includes a list of First Officers of the Kingston Lodge, Aug 1864 (including Thomas Sissons Jnr as Treasurer) & First Officers of the Kingston Chapter, Nov 1870 listed inside (15 pages). 1 item	1874
C DBSS/2/2/5	By-Laws of the Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters No.12, Hull Book containing the By-Laws of the Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters No. 12, held in the Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull. Includes a list of Grand Masters, First Officers 1862 (including Bro. Thomas Sissons , P.M. as the First Worshipful	1874

Master on its Legal Constitution in 1862) & a list of all Worshipful Masters of the Lodge from 1853-1874 (19 pages).

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| C DBSS/2/2/6 | <p>Printed booklet titled 'The Great American Masonic Poem: King Solomons Temple' Printed by Bros. Tweddell &amp; Sons, Cleveland Printing and Publishing Offices, Middlesbrough and Stokesley, Yorkshire.</p> <p>Rituals in Freemasonry refer to King Solomon and the building of his Temple. Masonic buildings, where Lodge members meet, are sometimes called 'temples'; an allegoric reference to King Solomon's Temple. Bro.George Markham Tweddell used this publication to ask his fellow brothers for any information relating to the History of Freemasonry in the North of England. This booklet contains the poem 'King Solomons Temple', Parts I &amp; II. (12 pages)</p> <p>1 item</p> | Sep 1870    |
| C DBSS/2/2/7 | <p>Document entitled ITNOTGAOTU [In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe] and the Free Masons Hall, London</p> <p>ITNOTGAOTU is an acronym used in Freemasonry referring to the Deity. This document shows the admission and registration of Bro.Thomas Sissons as a Royal Arch Mason by the All Saints Chapter at Gainsborough. The wording of the document is in English with a Latin translation.</p> <p>1 item</p>   | 22 Apr 1841 |
| C DBSS/2/2/8 | <p>Document entitled 'United Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, His Royal Highness The Duke of Sussex, Grand Master</p> <p>This document shows the admission and registration of Bro.Thomas Sissons Jnr to the third degree of the Trent Lodge No. 611, Gainsborough 24 Apr 1839. The wording of the document is in English with a Latin translation.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | 23 Oct 1839 |
| C DBSS/2/2/9 | <p>Document entitled 'United Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, The Most Honourable The Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master'</p> <p>This document shows the registration and admission of George Hadfield who was admitted</p>   | 30 Mar 1871 |

to Free Masonry on 12 Oct 1870 and is now admitted to the third degree in the Honeleigh Lodge No. 725, Kenilworth. The wording of the document is in English with a Latin translation.  
1 item

C DBSS/2/2/10	<p>Document entitled 'United Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, The Right Honourable The Earl of Zetland, Grand Master'</p> <p>This document shows the registration and admission of Thomas Hall Sissons who was admitted to Free Masonry on 28 Dec 1859 and is now admitted to the third degree in the Minerva Lodge, No. 311, Hull. The wording of the document is in English with a Latin translation. 1 item</p>	11 Jul 1860
C DBSS/2/2/11	<p>Document entitled 'Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown, William Wither Bramston Beach, Esq., Grand Master'</p> <p>This document shows the registration and admission of Thomas Hall Sissons as a Mark Master of the Minerva Lodge, No. 12, Hull. The wording of the document is in English. 1 item</p>	2 Mar 1868
C DBSS/2/2/12	<p>Document entitled 'Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown, The Right Honourable The Earl of Carnarvon, Grand Master.</p> <p>This document shows the registration and admission of Bro Thomas Sissons who was admitted to Free Masonry on 31 Mar 1858 and is now admitted as a Mark Master in the Minerva Lodge, No. 12, Hull. The wording of the document is in English. 1 item</p>	14 Feb 1862
<b>C DBSS/2/3</b>	<b>Family Pedigrees</b> 6 bundles	<b>c. 1970-1994</b>
C DBSS/2/3/1	<p>Research file compiled by Anthony Chamberlen Sissons (1935-2015). In this research he clearly uses Parish records and directories of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.</p> <p>Son of Richard Sissons, Anthony joined Sissons Brothers in Hull on 1 Jan 1956 as a management trainee, after service in the Royal Navy, in which he remained as a reservist. Anthony worked for a</p>	c. 1980-1990

full year on the shop-floor, in the office, laboratories and on the road. In 1960, as Director and General Manager, he commissioned and brought the Federation of Malaya paint factory into production. Returning to the UK, he left the company in 1964. Also in this bundle is information about Jonathan Dove. Jonathan Dove was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy. He was also the father of Elizabeth Dove who married Thomas Sissons Snr (1783-1867) in Feb 1808. More information about Jonathan Dove can be found at C DBSS/2/6/12  
1 bundle

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| C DBSS/2/3/2 | Bundle of papers and notes relating to the Sissons family<br>Includes typed extracts taken from the family bible once owned by Thomas Sissons Jnr dated 16 May 1832. Includes information about the family coat of arms and a letter from Tony Sissons to his Father, Richard, about his research into the family business dated Mar 1981<br>1 bundle  | c. 1980   |
| C DBSS/2/3/3 | Bundle of papers relating to the Sissons family<br>Includes typed mini-biographies about members of the Sissons family since the 17th century thought to have been compiled by Anthony (Tony) Chamberlen Sissons (1935-2015).<br>1 bundle  | 1994      |
| C DBSS/2/3/4 | Document relating to Sissons family history compiled from the records of deeds of 103 York Road (formerly Northgate), Market Weighton<br>Handwritten by a Mr R. Briggs details every mention of 'Sissons' name in the deeds of this property. The property was subsequently bought by Mr R.W. Layton in 1915 (Layton & Sons). Mr Layton died in 1940 and the business was subsequently owned by his son and daughter by the name 'Briggs' hence the author of this document, Mr R. Briggs.<br>1 bundle | Feb 1969  |
| C DBSS/2/3/5 | Bundle of Sissons family history notes primarily concerning Jonathan Dove, R.N.<br>These notes were compiled by Anthony Sissons and were both typed and handwritten. They relate primarily to the links between the Sissons family and Jonathan Dove, R.N. On 14 Feb 1808 Thomas Sissons (1783-1867) married Elizabeth   | c. 1990's |



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Dove (1783-1854). Elizabeth was the daughter of Jonathan Dove, an experienced Naval Officer who served his contry during the 7 years war, the war of American Independence and the Napoleonic Wars. The company, Sissons Brothers, was founded by Thomas and his bother, Richard Jennison both of Market Weighton. Jonathan Dove lived in Market Weighton by 1807 and it was there that Thomas no doubt met his future bride, Elizabeth  
1 bundle

C DBSS/2/3/6

Family history notes on the 'Chamberlin', 'Chamberlain', 'Chambellan', 'Chamberlen' and 'Eaton' families

c. 1970's-1990's

These include the will (in French) of Guillaume Chambellan together with a translation dated Feb 1582. Ethel Baxter married Harold H. Sissons. Her Mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Eleanor Eaton of Stamford and the Grandaughter of John and Sarah Chamberlen. Ethel and Harold named their 3rd child, Richard Chamberlen Sissons (1906). Included in this bundle is a picture of Mrs Baxter (nee Eaton), the Will of William Eaton, Doctor of Medicine, dated 1876 and 12 photographs (taken in the 1970's of the various houses and graves) and correspondence relating to Dr William Chamberlen, Great Uncle to Ethel Sissons, who lived at Adderbury House near Banbury and Dr Peter Chamberlain or 'Chamberlen' who lived at Woodham Mortimer Hall, Maldon, Essex from 1601-1683. It has been said that one of the Chamberlain family invented the obstetrical forceps. The instument was found under the floorboards in the house that Peter Chamberlain lived in several years after his death. Also included in this bundle is an article from 'The Pulse' dated 8 Sep 1973 about Hugh and Peter Chamberlain (both Doctors of Medicine), a plan of the Adderbury House Estate dated 22 Jul 1891 and an inventory of Isreal Chamberlin's household goods dated 22 Jun 1758 and a transcription of the will of Hugh Chamberlin dated 20 Jun 1709. Please note that it is not certain who compiled these notes on behalf of the Sisson's family, possibly Richard Chamberlain Sissons  
1 bundle

C DBSS/2/4

**Notebooks and Diaries**  
2 items

**1891-1959**

C DBSS/2/4/1	Diary of Ethel Baxter, Harrogate, Yorkshire Ethel Baxter married Harold H. Sissons. Please note that this diary is written sporadically, not daily. 1 item	28 Sep 1891- 19 Mar 1897
C DBSS/2/4/2	Anthony Sissons' note book These are Anthony Sisson's notes written during a visit to Malaya prior to Sisson's establishment there. Also included are subsequent notes of a policy nature made before meetings with UK directors 1 item	1959
<b>C DBSS/2/5</b>	<b>Lectures, sermons and speeches</b> 29 items	<b>c.1830-1960</b>
C DBSS/2/5/1	Handwritten sermons These are handwritten but the author is unknown. One sermon says that it was conducted at Sculcoates on 3 Jan 1830 and is from the book of Job Chap 22, v.29, the others are from Isiah chap 40, v.3, Genesis Chap 39, v.9 and Psalm 102, v.26-27 4 items	c. 1830
C DBSS/2/5/2	A bundle of 22 speeches by Richard C. Sissons These are typewritten and are by Richard C. Sissons, whose father, Mr. Harold H. Sissons, was co-founder and first president of the National Paint Federation. Richard was also a member of a number of Federation Committees in the 1930's representing his firm on the Federation Council from 1950-1962 and subsequently became a member of the first Council of the Paintmakers Association. He was also Chairman of the Hull and Yorkshire Paint Manufacturers Association in 1954/1955 and President of the National Paint Federation in 1955/6. These speeches include those he delivered at National Paint Federation and regional paint federation events and other events, such as the Scottish Master Painters, on behalf of the National Paint Federation 22 items	1955-1956
C DBSS/2/5/3	Extract from an Address by Mr. Harold H. Sissons Harold Helmsing Sissons was co-founder and first president of the National Federation of Associated Paint, Colour and Varnish Manufacturers of the United Kingdom 1 item	17 Nov 1913

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| C DBSS/2/5/4      | <p>Address by Mr R.C. Sissons on the occasion of the Companies 150th Jubilee Carnival<br/>In this speech, Mr Richard C. Sissons mentions the presentation of long service awards and badges. The badges were of three different colours denoting 25, 30 and 40 years employment with the firm<br/>Please see C DBSS/2/8/4 for an example of a 30 year button hole pin badge<br/>1 item</p>  | 17 Nov 1913                 |
| C DBSS/2/5/5      | <p>Speech written and delivered by Anthony Sissons on the occasion of the opening of the new Sissons Paints (East) Ltd Factory, Malaya<br/>The factory was opened by the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari. For press articles about this event please see C DBSS/5/2/18-21 and for photographs please see C DBSS/4/2/43<br/>1 item</p>  | 5 Nov 1960                  |
| <b>C DBSS/2/6</b> | <b>Correspondence</b><br>See also C DBSS/2/8/1<br>6 bundles & 54 items  | <b>1770-1988</b>            |
| C DBSS/2/6/1      | <p>Bundle of 15 letters from Clarissa Pratt (Dobbs), Birmingham and Sophia Wyatt, Bellefield<br/>This bundle of letters are written variously to Miss Rebecca Robinson, Robinsons Hosiers, Butchery, Hull (later Black Wall, Halifax) and Mr Thomas Hall and sons), Nile Street, Hull. Thomas Sissons (1808-1892) married Rebecca Hall in May 1832. She was the daughter of Rebecca Robinson, the fifth daughter of Rev. Robinson, vicar of St Marys, Hull 1809. These letters are likely to relate to this branch of the Sissons family<br/>1 bundle</p> | 12 Apr 1802-<br>28 Oct 1809 |
| C DBSS/2/6/2      | <p>Bundle of 10 letters to Rebecca Hall and Mrs Thomas Sissons<br/>This bundle of ten letters are written variously to Miss Rebecca Hall, Dock Side, Hull and Mrs Thomas Sissons, Sculcoates from Mary Ann Mayfield of Birmingham and others. Two of the letters are addressed to 'our dear friend' and are signed from Elizabeth Susan Woolley of North Collingham in Newark, Nottinghamshire<br/>1 bundle</p>   | 8 Aug 1820-<br>27 Oct 1844  |
| C DBSS/2/6/3      | <p>Letter from Thomas Robinson Sissons (1753-1825) to his sister, Mary (1744-?) written in</p>  | 28 Jun 1819                 |

Calcutta

This letter relates to the death of their brother, John on 22 Jun 1819. John was born in 1746 and was the son of John and Esther Sissons and grandson of John Sissons and Elizabeth Leeming who married at Market Weighton in May 1714  
1 item (2 pieces)

C DBSS/2/6/4	Letters from Edward Hall to his sister, Rebecca Hall (1807-1891) Rebecca Hall married Thomas Sissons (1808-1892). Her brother, Edward Hall, attended school in Winteringham and later, St John's College, Cambridge. He married and had a family. He was posted in the 1840's as a chaplain to the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands at an English Chapel in Corfu 1 bundle	23 Nov 1820- 20 Sep 1842
C DBSS/2/6/5	Letters to Rebecca from Thomas Sissons Rebecca Hall married Thomas Sissons (1808-1892). One of these letters is written from Huddersfield (1839) and the other from Manchester (1846) 2 items	Dec 1839- Jul 1846
C DBSS/2/6/6	Letters to Mrs John Hall, Charlotte Street, Hull from Sarah Carlill of Kensington Square, London One of these letters discusses the suitability of Miss Hall to teach young children and the second talks of the inability to keep Miss Hall on with suggestions for her improvement in order to secure a vacancy elsewhere 2 items	26 Jan 1835- 15 May 1835
C DBSS/2/6/7	Letter to Mr Robert Wing from Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd This letter discusses the price that certain stock can be sold for. Robert Wing was probably a travelling salesman for Sissons on the southbank as the letter mentions both Caistor and Epworth 1 item	15 Nov 1839
C DBSS/2/6/8	Letter to Messrs Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd from a number of Sissons factory employees This letter says: 'Gentlemen, we the undersigned employed of your firm should feel greatly obliged by your closing your works at 2pm on Saturdays. Same as Blundell Spence and Co., and many other large firms in Hull and we trust that this will meet with your kind approbation' (the signatures	15 Jun 1871

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of the employees are written in a circle on the bottom half of this letter)

1 item

C DBSS/2/6/9	Two letters relating to Richard Chamberlain Sissons' pension and life assurance arrangements Both of these letters are from the Chairman and Directors of Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd 2 items	1 Jul 1952- 12 Oct 1956
C DBSS/2/6/10	Letter to Rebecca Hall from her sister Eliza 1 item	22 Dec 1842
C DBSS/2/6/11	Letter to Edward Hall from Thomas Sissons Jnr Edward Hall's sister, Rebecca, married Thomas Sissons (1808-1892). This letter was written to Edward during his time as a chaplain to the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands at an English Chapel in Corfu 1 item	19 Dec 1845
C DBSS/2/6/12	Letters and documents relating to Jonathan Dove's commissions, orders and certificates from 1751 onwards Jonathan Dove was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy. He was also the father of Elizabeth Dove who married Thomas Sissons Snr (1783-1867) in Feb 1808. Jonathan Dove served his country during the Seven Years War, the War of American Independence and the Napoleonic Wars. Included in this bundle is a letter dated 11 May 1807 to the Navy Board written by Dove from Market Weighton, Yorkshire giving a detailed account of his career. Also included is a letter from H. Wardle Hall (The Vicarage, Melton-by-Lincoln) to 'Jack' concerning Commodore Doves' reminiscences dated 15 Oct 1828; Letter from Geo. French, Lieut. Commander, certifying John Dove, served as Surgeon on board the Basilisk dated 10 Nov 1815, a letter Certifying Mr. John Dove served as a midshipman onboard his Majesty's ship Sterling Castle, a letter to the Surgeon concerning the ordering of medicines for the ship Basilisk from Charles V. Penrose, (Commodore and Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in Gibraltar Bay) dated 16 Sep 1812. More information about Jonathan Dove is available at C DBSS/2/3/1 6 items	1770-1828

C DBSS/2/6/13	<p>Letters to Rebecca Sissons (nee Hall) from her sister, M.A. Hall</p> <p>These letters are written from various addresses including South Collingham in Newark; a residence for Governesses at Grays Inn Road, London; Twyford in Berkshire and Passy in Paris; 1 bundle</p>	1843-1844
C DBSS/2/6/14	<p>Letter to Thomas Sissons Jnr from M.A. Hall</p> <p>This letter was written by M.A. Hall from Twyford, Berkshire to Thomas Sissons Esq. It is a personal letter and asks that he passes her love on to Rebecca, her sister</p> <p>1 item</p>	5 Jul 1844
C DBSS/2/6/15	<p>Letter to Mr J.F. Cook from Thomas Hall Sissons</p> <p>This letter was written by Mr. J.F. Cook of Holbeach to Thomas Hall Sissons regarding relations between their respective firms</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/2/6/16	<p>Letter relating to David Waddington Sisson's career at Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd</p> <p>The letter is headed with the address: Rowbarns Grange, East Horsley, Near Leatherhead, Surrey. It states that David was born on 13 Dec 1843 and that he entered into the business of his father, Thomas Sissons Jnr in August 1859, aged 16. He then, together with his brother, Thomas Hall Sissons, became a partner in the year 1867. (Please note that Anthony Sissons' unpublished book gives the date of the co-partnership as 1876) being formalized from 1 Jan 1880 in an agreement dated 30 Dec 1880, and applied to the businesses in both Hull and Barton-on-Humber and until David retired in 1920</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/2/6/17	<p>Letter regarding Mr. Anderson's length of service from Oswald H. Sissons at Sissons, London to Messrs Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd, Hull</p> <p>The letter states that Mr Anderson commenced work with Sissons in Hull in 1872 until 1897 and went to London in 1897 until 1911. The letter is signed by Oswald. H. Sissons. See also C DBSS/2/6/18 regarding Mr Anderson's illness and subsequent death on 3 May 1912</p> <p>1 item</p>	11 Feb 1911
C DBSS/2/6/18	<p>Letter to Mr Harold Helmsing Sissons from James J. Anderson of Swanage regarding his present</p>	1 May 1912

state of health

Please note that this letter has a note on the bottom stating that Mr. Anderson died on 3 May 1912. See also C DBSS/2/6/17 regarding Mr. Anderson's length of service with Sissons  
1 item

- C DBSS/2/6/19 Letter from Catherine of South Kensington Square, London to ? c. 1946  
This letter relates to the invention of Forceps used in childbirth by Hugo Chamberlin. The instrument was found under the floorboards in the house that Peter Chamberlain lived in several years after his death. See also C DBSS/2/3/6 for more explanation of this. This letter also refers to other family stories and papers  
1 item
- C DBSS/2/6/20 Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at the Nautical College, Berks from his father, Richard Chamberlain Sissons written on Sissons Brothers headed paper 14 Nov 1950  
Richard sends his son 1/2 pint of yacht varnish with the letter for his son's models as well as a collection of colour cards and a description of some of the finishes (the colour cards mentioned are not included with this letter). Anthony was a Cadet in the Royal Naval Reserves at Pangbourne, Berks  
1 item
- C DBSS/2/6/21 Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at the Nautical College, Berks from his father, Richard Chamberlain Sissons 20 Nov 1952  
This letter encloses a booklet on the Blitz of Sissons Brothers (the brochure mentioned is not included with this letter see C DBSS/5/1/3 for a copy of Booklet entitled 'A Front-Line Factory' Sissons' War-Time Story). Richard also mentions that he will be happy to give him some Distemper to use on the scenery for his college play and suggests Tony orders it direct from Sissons Paints (Reading) Ltd., at Gun Street  
1 item
- C DBSS/2/6/22 Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at the Nautical College, Berks from Sissons Paints (Reading) Ltd., 22 Nov 1952  
This letter discusses the request from Tony Sissons for the supply of some Distemper to use on the scenery for his college play.

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C DBSS/2/6/23	<p>Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at the Nautical College, Berks from Sissons Paints (Reading) Ltd., This letter confirms to Tony Sissons the postage of 4 packets of Siscolin Powdered Distemper to use on the scenery for his college play</p> <p>1 item</p>	22 Nov 1952
C DBSS/2/6/24	<p>Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at Welton Manor, Brough from Ron Bedford, Hon. Secretary of the Cricket Section of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd This letter invites Anthony to join the work's Cricket Section. In the letter, Bedford states that the cricket section has no grounds of their own but they share one with the Hull &amp; District Boot Trades' Association on Lambwath Road next to the Earle's Pelican Ground. They play Saturday matches in the Work's League and also evening games. Home fixtures are played on a Monday and Thursday nights are practice nights. An annual match with Messrs Wilds at Sheffield takes place on 7 Jul 1956</p> <p>1 item</p>	2 Feb 1956
C DBSS/2/6/25	<p>Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at The White House, Brandsby, York from Hugh Fielding (Export Office Manager) for Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd This letter relates to Anthony Sissons' leave allowance. It gives the company's rates of leave allowances and the period that leave allowances will be paid</p> <p>1 item</p>	22 Jan 1964
C DBSS/2/6/26	<p>Letter to Anthony C. Sissons at Sissons Paints (East) Ltd., Malaya from Hugh Fielding (Export Office Manager) for Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd This letter relates to Tony Sissons' wedding present from the Directors and suggests that on his return to England he may wish to select something himself up to the value of £30.00</p> <p>1 item</p>	22 Jan 1964
C DBSS/2/6/27	<p>Letter to Richard C. Sissons at the White House, Bransby, York from Basil Reckitt on Reckitt &amp; Colman headed paper This letter relates to an offer from the Donald Macpherson Group to Reckitt &amp; Colman Holdings Ltd., for their paint interests in Sissons, Porters, Ascol and the overseas subsidiaries. Basil Reckitt</p>	7 Nov 1968



is clearly in favour of the changes and says that every section of Sissons (including Bankside) is doing well in sales and profits. He also reassures Richard that the changeover will be smooth and that the interests of all the employees will be safeguarded as far as possible and that Reckitt and Colman Holdings will continue to be responsible for the payment of all pensions already granted or accrued in respect of service with the Sissons Group up to the end of 1968. A note at the end of this letter mentions the recent death of Harold Bushby.

1 item

C DBSS/2/6/28	<p>Letter from Richard C. Sissons at the White House, Bransby, York to his son, Anthony C. Sissons</p> <p>This letter relates to the sale of Sissons to Macphersons. Richard expresses his belief that Reckitt &amp; Colman have done the right thing. The letter also speculates on the future of the Bankside site and mentions the death and funeral of Harold Bushby</p> <p>1 item</p>	7 Nov 1968
C DBSS/2/6/29	<p>Letter to Richard C. Sissons at Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd from Basil Reckitt on Reckitt &amp; Colman headed paper</p> <p>This letter relates to the retirement of Richard Sissons from the Reckitt &amp; Colman Executive Committee. Basil Reckitt thanks him and wishes him good wishes for the future</p> <p>1 item</p>	17 Jun 1963
C DBSS/2/6/30	<p>Open letter to business associates and colleagues from Richard C. Sissons of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd on headed paper</p> <p>This letter announces Richard Sissons' retirement from the Industry with effect from 30 Jun 1963. His cousin, Mr N.H.Sissons was asked by Reckitt &amp; Colman Holdings to continue as Managing Director and Richard was succeeded as Chairman by Mr. D.A. Cumming who is a member of the Reckitt &amp; Colman Holdings Board</p> <p>1 item</p>	27 May 1963
C DBSS/2/6/31	<p>Press notice announcing Richard C. Sissons' retirement as Chairman of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd</p> <p>This letter announces Richard Sissons' retirement from the Industry with effect from 30 Jun 1963.</p>	20 May 1963

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Richard Sissons joined the Company in 1926 and was a director for 33 years. He took a keen interest in industry affairs and in particular the National Paint Federation. During the 1930's Richard was a member of a number of Federation Committees. After the war, on returning from service with the R.A.F, he represented his firm on the Federation Council from 1950-1962 and subsequently became a member of the first Council of the Paintmakers Association. He was Chairman of the Hull and Yorkshire Paint Manufacturers Association in 1954/55 and President of the National Paint Federation in 1955/56. Over the period of his service with the company he witnessed the development of the 160 year old business from a family concern into a world-wide organisation with overseas factories in Eire, the Far East, Africa and the Caribbean.  
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C DBSS/2/6/32	<p>Bundle taken from an original file marked Richard. C. Sissons-Confidential</p> <p>This bundle contains a number of letters to and from the various Directors of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd (mainly Richard and his son, Anthony), a report by R. C. Sissons marked 'confidential' about Singapore and Malaya (12 Dec 1960) and correspondence concerning a dispute between Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd and William Jacks and Co (Malaya) Ltd over the engagement of sales staff. These letters mostly cover the period when Anthony Sissons was representing the business in Kuala Lumpur. There was a problem with the firm's Chemist in Kuala Lumpur, Mr Jackson, and much discussion about a suitable replacement.</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	12 Dec 1960- 26 Jul 1963
C DBSS/2/6/33	<p>Letter to Richard C. Sissons from his son, Anthony C. Sissons</p> <p>In this letter, Anthony Sissons asks his Father for his date and place of birth as well as his Mother's date of birth and the address for his Aunt Bessie, Peter Slack and Penny and Ginia. This is in order for Anthony to fill out a form for the Admiralty. See C DBSS/2/6/34 for Richard's response.</p> <p>1 item</p>	19 Mar 1963
C DBSS/2/6/34	<p>Letter to Anthony C. Sissons (Kuala Lumpur) from his Father, Richard C. Sissons</p> <p>In this letter, Richard Sissons answers the</p>	26 Mar 1963

questions his son, Anthony raises in  
C DBSS/2/6/33.  
1 item

C DBSS/2/6/35

Letter to R.L. Sunderland Esq, Halifax from R.C. Sissons relating to the Hall's Distemper Field Signs

31 Jul 1974

Mr Sunderland had one of the Hall's Distemper Field signs and this letter outlines the history of them. The field signs were an early example of product branding and nationwide advertising. The advertising agents that first designed the 'Men and Plank' trade mark were a firm called T.B. Browne with offices in Piccadilly, London, just after the turn of the 20th century (c. 1910). 99 metal field signs were placed in the countryside at various spots in fields beside the railways. In order not to lose them out of sight too quickly from the window of the fast running trains, they had to be placed at quite a distance from the railroad track and the figures accordingly had to be given a conspicuous height of 3.65 m (12ft), twice the height of an average person. The actual field signs were maintained by a firm of Leeds advertising contractors by the name of Jowett. The proprietor was a keen musician and played the piano beautifully but, tragically, he damaged the tendons of his hands and became no longer able to play. He had tried to service and handle the field signs himself during the Second World War, when he could obtain no labour. The same firm handled Carters Little Liver Pills, whose signs nearly always appeared in the same fields as those of Hall's Distemper. On the main lines these showed the distance to London. The erection on new sites beside the railways became prohibited by post war Town & Country Planning legislation of 1947 though existing ones were allowed to remain. The field signs were complemented by enamelled metal advertisements, showing the men and plank in the foreground with a field and a large white house in the background. These were fixed on the platform walls or fencing of nearly all the main-line railway stations in the country. Enamel plates preceded the modern poster. Their use was discontinued by the company sometime between the wars in favour of expenditure on national press advertising in such magazines as Punch and Illustrated London News. As Hall's Distemper became an outdated product, the writing on the plank of the field signs was changed to 'Sissons

Paints' and eventually they were discontinued altogether.

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C DBSS/2/6/36	<p>Bundle of correspondence with Richard Sissons taken from an original file marked 'Barrow Haven, Humber Conservancy and the Lincolnshire River Board'</p> <p>Correspondence with accompanying some plans regarding Messrs Day's Shipyard Ltd., Dry Dock, Ship and Boat Repairers adjacent to the Humber Brick and Tile Company. Richard Sissons appears to have requested permission to construct a yacht harbour, slipway and jetty.</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	8 Nov 1961- 21 Jun 1972
C DBSS/2/6/37	<p>Letter from R.S. Blaycock, Managing Director of Sissons Paints (East) to Mr John House of Whangarei, New Zealand</p> <p>This letter relates to the New Zealand branch of the Sissons family.</p> <p>1 item</p>	3 Oct 1986
C DBSS/2/6/38	<p>Letter from Mr John House of Whangarei, New Zealand to Mr Richard Sissons</p> <p>This letter relates to the New Zealand branch of the Sissons family and the house in which Mr. House resides having been built by the Sissons family. The house was called 'Moehau' and was built by Richard Sissons' wife, Matilda. around 1895. Richard and Robert Sissons went to New Zealand in or around 1866. Richard died in 1893 and Matilda in 1927.</p> <p>1 item</p>	5 Nov 1986
C DBSS/2/6/39	<p>Letters from Peter Heywood of Rochdale, Lancs to Richard C. Sissons</p> <p>These letters relate to the oil painting by Crawford of the Sissons factory at C DBSS/4/2/79 and Heywood's desire for it to be returned to the Sissons family. They also discuss the difficulty arranging for couriers to get the painting back into the family's hands and the breaking of the glass frame whilst in transit. Heywood also mentions the Macphersons takeover and some of the remaining ex-Sissons staff.</p> <p>3 items</p>	27 May 1988- 23 Jun 1988
C DBSS/2/6/40	<p>Letter from Ray Blaylock, Managing Director of Sissons Paints (East) to Mr Richard Sissons</p> <p>This letter is sent from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>	25 Sep 1985

where Ray Blaylock was Managing Director of Sissons Paints (East). During this time the company was run by the DM Group. Enclosed is a photocopy of the members of the Board of Directors. By 1985 30% of Sissons Paints (East) was owned by the Malaysian Armed Forces Board. Mr Blaylock names the people in the photograph and their roles. He also mentions including other photographs with this to show their latest building and equipment for the bulk production of gloss and emulsion paints. The whereabouts of these photographs is unknown however.

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| C DBSS/2/6/41 | <p>Letter from Mr Richard Sissons to John Humber, the Hull Daily Mail</p> <p>This letter relates to the Sissons connection to the whaling ship 'Diana.' The Hull Daily Mail must have published an article on 5 Dec 1956 about the story of the ship's experiences in Baffin Bay. Richard Sissons is expressing his interest in the story in this letter.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | 6 Dec 1956  |
| C DBSS/2/6/42 | <p>Letter from Geoffrey Winter (Chief Feature Writer, the Yorkshire Post) to Mr Sissons (probably Richard)</p> <p>This letter relates to the company magazines that Mr Sissons kindly leant him in order to write an article and the widespread belief that Hall's Distemper was the product of Hall's, the Bristol firm.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | 16 Jul 1974 |
| C DBSS/2/6/43 | <p>Open letter from Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd announcing the death of Mr. Charles B. Sissons, Managing Director</p> <p>Mr Charles Beswick Sissons (1874-1912), eldest son of Mr Thomas Hall Sissons, joined Sissons Brothers in 1890 (aged 16) He built up the export trade of the company in South America, the West Indies, India, the Far East and the Mediterranean. He was Joint Managing Director when he died, on 11 Apr 1912, at Mentone, France at the age of 37. Enclosed with this letter are two prayers forming an extract from the memorial service held in his memory.</p> <p>2 items</p> | 11 Apr 1912 |

C DBSS/2/6/44	<p>Open letter from Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd announcing the death of Mr. Thomas Hall Sissons, Chairman</p> <p>Mr Thomas Hall Sissons (1835-1920) joined the business aged 16 in 1851. He and his brother Mr David W. Sissons became partners in Sissons Brothers &amp; Co in 1876. He was President of Hull Chamber of Commerce 1906-7. He died at his home in Anlaby, near Hull, on 23 Dec 1920 aged 85.</p> <p>1 item</p>	23 Dec 1920
C DBSS/2/6/45	<p>Correspondence relating to the planned opening of the new Sissons Paints (East) Ltd Factory, Malaya</p> <p>The letters are written variously to and from William Jacks and Co., (Malaya) Ltd and relate to the capabilities of the new factory, the history of the company and information for the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari, who opened the factory on 5 Nov 1960. There is also a letter from William Jacks and Co., (Malaya) Ltd to the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari relaying information to him about the company ahead of his visit. For press articles about the opening of the factory please see C DBSS/5/2/18-21. For the speech made by Anthony Sissons at the opening please see C DBSS/2/5/5 and for photographs see C DBSS/4/2/43.</p> <p>4 items</p>	8-26 Oct 1960
<b>C DBSS/2/7</b>	<p><b>Miscellaneous Sissons family related documents</b></p> <p>29 items</p>	<b>1880-1969</b>
C DBSS/2/7/1	<p>Sale catalogue for the contents of the Mansion House, Anlaby, near Hull, The Residence of T.W. Flint, Esq</p> <p>Lists dates of sale and rooms with lot numbers. A note on the front of catalogue 'The Mansion House was bought by T. Hall Sissons' and inside the front cover are a list of lot numbers that T. Hall Sissons bought</p> <p>1 item</p>	Aug 1880
C DBSS/2/7/2	<p>Invitations to various Sissons family and company events</p> <p>Includes one undated Christmas card</p> <p>11 items</p>	1895-1914

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C DBSS/2/7/3	Dinner invitation from Mr.and Mrs.T. Hall Sissons to celebrate their Golden Wedding and the Sixtieth Anniversary of Mr T. Hall Sissons' association with the business now carried on by Messrs Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd at the Assembly Rooms, Jarratt St., Hull Includes a menu with a programme as well as the invitation which includes a picture of Mr and Mrs T. Hall Sissons 2 items	23 Sep 1911
C DBSS/2/7/4	Certificate accepting Norman Lea Sissons as an Officer in the Land Forces from 17 Oct 1914 in the Rank of 2nd Lieutenant See also C DBSS/1/8/5 for records relating to Norman Lea Sissons' estate 1 item	18 Nov 1914
C DBSS/2/7/5	War office notification of Norman Lea Sissons' death See also C DBSS/1/8/5 for records relating to Norman Lea Sissons' estate 1 item	15 Dec 1916
C DBSS/2/7/6	Book presented to Mr. & Mrs. Harold H. Sissons on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Includes a list signed by those (individuals and representatives of other companies) that wish to express their fervent hope that Mr. & Mrs. Sissons will be spared many years together 1 item	25 Jun 1919
C DBSS/2/7/7	Envelope containing letters giving information to Mrs E. Sissons about her Son, Norman Lea Sissons' War Grave The letters are mostly from the War Graves Wreath Company. See also C DBSS/2/6/4&5 7 items	Apr 1920- Mar 1936
C DBSS/2/7/8	Copy of a Hull Daily Mail article announcing the engagement of Miss Audrey Wild to R.C. Sissons 1 item	1 Sep 1933
C DBSS/2/7/9	Newspaper advert and photograph of property for sale: Summerhouse, Woodgate's lane, North Ferriby 2 items	Sep 1969
C DBSS/2/7/10	Postcard showing where Welton Manor is, home to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sissons This post card gives the couple's new address	n.d.

and telephone number  
1 item

C DBSS/2/7/11	<p>Painting on cloth of the Griffin (representing the Sisson's family) The Griffin logo became synonymous with the family and company 1 item</p>	n.d.
<b>C DBSS/2/8</b>	<p><b>Miscellaneous documents relating to the Company</b> 1 volume, 5 items</p>	<b>c. 1850-c. 1963</b>
C DBSS/2/8/1	<p>Scrap book entitled 'Mementos of a Past Century' Includes newscuttings, receipts photographs, memorial letters relating to the death of Charles B. Sissons and Mr. T. Hall Sissons, items relating to the Sissons employees annual flower show (1909), a list of names of those employees who attended a whist drive and Dance to celebrate the new offices and extension (1 May 1914), brass band annual concert programme (28 Jan 1909) and photographs, correspondence, samples of a certificate that the company sent its employees who served in the Great War 1914-1918, letters of thanks for Christmas bonuses received by employees at Christmas 1919. For related material, please see C DBSS/2/6 &amp; CDBSS/4 &amp; 5 1 volume</p>	c. 1850-c. 1920
C DBSS/2/8/2	<p>Set of Sissons bridge cards in a mock-leather case 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/2/8/3	<p>Set of Sissons playing cards in chromium wood inlaid tin The tin is engraved 'Sissons' 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/2/8/4	<p>Sissons button hole pin badge commemorating 30 years service with the company This badge is red and is engraved ' Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd 30 years service' and has on it the Griffin and three crown logo that became synonymous with the family and company. This is presented in a small jewellers box marked P.S. Phillips &amp; co., Ltd, Jewellers and Silversmiths, 1 &amp; 2 Anne Street, Hull (it is unknown whether this was the original presentation box). 1 item</p>	n.d.



C DBSS/2/8/5	<p>Plastic door plate 'Mr R.C. Sissons'                  Richard Chamberlin Sissons (1906-2001), youngest son of Harold Sissons, joined the company in 1926 at the age of 20. He had graduated at Cambridge University with a degree in economics and chemistry. He started as an apprentice in the company, serving in all departments of the factory, office and laboratories for four years. He then took on the responsibility for the manufacture of water paints and distempers when the previous department foreman Mr Fowler retired. He was appointed a director of the company from 1 Jan 1930. He was commissioned in the Royal Air Force during World War II, returned to the company after the war and retired in 1963.                  1 item</p>	c. 1930-1963
C DBSS/2/8/6	<p>Cricket bat presented to Mr &amp; Mrs R.C. Sissons to celebrate an unbroken partnership of 25 not out from the players and members of Sissons Brothers Cricket Club                  Richard Chamberlin Sissons and Audrey Wild married in 1934. This cricket bat has been retained because it contains on it the signatures of all the members of the Sissons Brothers Cricket Club.                  1 item</p>	1959
<b>C DBSS/3</b>	<p><b>Material relating to Company Production</b>                  1 bundle, 26 items</p>	<b>c. 1880-1964</b>
<b>C DBSS/3/1</b>	<p><b>Notebooks relating to production</b>                  5 items</p>	<b>c. 1880-1964</b>
C DBSS/3/1/1	<p>Handwritten colours, varnishes and paints formulae and costings book                  Indexed. This book also includes loose white lead making particulars and a letter from Messrs. Hoyland &amp; Co. to Messrs. Sissons Bros. &amp; Co., Hull relating to the manufacture of Damp Wall Paint dated 19 Dec 1888.                  3 items</p>	c. 1880's
C DBSS/3/1/2	<p>Handwritten notebook entitled 'Special notes re colours'                  This book has a contents page and index. It covers yellows, reds, blues, greens, browns, whites, blacks and aniline colours and is believed to be in the handwriting of Harold H. Sissons.</p>	c. 1890's

1 item

- C DBSS/3/1/3 Handwritten notebook by Anthony Chamberlain Sissons c. 1956-1964  
This book has the title 'Electrics Practical' [this has been crossed out]. It includes calculations and experiments relating to chemicals and metals as well as detailed procedures for the manufacture of certain Sissons products, such as Sisco Hard Gloss Medium, Yacht Varnish, Siscolin Powdered Washable Distemper, Texmura and different colours, such as red oxide, blacks, blues, chromes etc. The name A.C. Sissons is written on the outside of the notebook. Anthony Chamberlain Sissons, son of Richard Chamberlain Sissons, joined the company in 1956 and left in 1964.  
1 item
- C DBSS/3/2 Product publicity and marketing c.1900-1963**  
1 bundle, 22 items
- C DBSS/3/2/1 Sissons Paints Catalogue c. 1950  
This catalogue shows the main products of Sissons Brothers and Company Ltd. The colour ranges are shown at the front of each card with details of specifications on the reverse. Details are given on the last sheets of Sissons Primers and T'Soff Paint Remover. This catalogue is loose leaf to allow revised and additional cards to be added at a future date. Each sheet contains all the information normally shown on the shadecard.  
1 item
- C DBSS/3/2/2 Sissons Paints Cards c. 1950  
This compendium shows the full range of colours manufactured by Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd. Products in which they are available are detailed on the reverse of each colour pattern. Brief details of the products themselves are given on the first few pages with more details available by request.  
1 item
- C DBSS/3/2/3 Bundle of sales catalogues for various Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd products c. 1950  
These were once bound together and include information and paint sample cards about the following products: Siscomatte; Tungolac; Hall's Distemper; Siscolin; Jupitone; Portaflek, Tungcrete and Fanfair.  
1 bundle

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C DBSS/3/2/4	Brochure entitled 'Colour in Paint' by Sissons Includes colour ranges in the form of a long chart. Includes flat wall as well as gloss finishes. 1 item	c. 1950
C DBSS/3/2/5	Brochure entitled 'Colour in Paint' by Sissons Includes colour ranges in the form of a long chart. Includes flat wall as well as gloss finishes. This is a later version of that described in C DBSS/3/2/4. 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/3/2/6	Colour chart entitled 'Colours for building and decorative paints' based on B.S. 2660-1955 Includes colour ranges and was published by permission of the British Standards Institution, Park Street, London, for Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd 1 item	c. 1955
C DBSS/3/2/7	Various publicity for Hall's and Sisson's Products Includes advertising for Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper, reproductions of old advertisements onto postcards, advertisements and colour cards for Siscomatte, Super Sicolin, Sisecolux and an advertisement from 1903 showing pictures of the six Company Directors 16 items	c. 1900-1960
C DBSS/3/2/8	Colour illustration for Hall's Distemper sealed in plastic with note on the back 'Genuine original Ad from Country Life 1919' 1 item	1919
C DBSS/3/2/9	Labels for various paints-Malaya General paint label for Sissons Paints (East) Limited, label for Morse's Belmura Oil Bound Washable Distemper (with directions for use in English and Malayan) and label for Sissons Paints (East) Limited Sicolin Lanolised Water Paint (with directions for use in English) 3 items	1919
C DBSS/3/2/10	Label for Sissons 'Texmura' Plastic texture finish Includes directions for use in English 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/3/2/11	Folder including six individual brochures giving technical information relating to Sissons Paints (East) Limited, Malaya Includes technical information on primers, gloss paint, aluminium paint, floor dressing, water paint	c. 1920's

and emulsion paint  
1 item

C DBSS/3/2/12	Bundle of six mini calendars for Sissons Paints (East) Limited, Malaya Each mini calendar shows a period of three months worth of dates and has an advert included relating to a Sissons Paints (East) Limited, Malaya product 1 bundle	c. 1960's
C DBSS/3/2/13	Information about the Sissons Portofleck products distributed to Sissons Sales Representatives Includes hints for the use of Portofleck and the increase in cost of manufacturing Portospray equipment 1 item	Apr 1963
<b>C DBSS/4</b>	<b>Photographs and illustrations relating to the Company and the family of its Directors</b> See also C DBSS/2/8/1 202 items	<b>c. 1830-1980s</b>
<b>C DBSS/4/1</b>	<b>Photographs and illustrations relating to the Sissons family</b> 67 items	<b>1851-1949</b>
C DBSS/4/1/1	Photograph of Thomas Sissons Jnr in his Free Masons Apron Thomas Sissons (1808-1892), first son of Thomas senior. He was the first Worshipful Master of The Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters No. 12 on its Legal Constitution in 1862 Photograph by: Spurr, 35 Regent Terrace, Anlaby Road, Hull 1 item	c. 1862
C DBSS/4/1/2	Photograph of unknown young girl Photograph by: H. Lenthall, 222 Regent Street, London 1 item	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/3	Photograph of three older ladies sitting on a verandah 1 item	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/4	Photograph of three ladies outside 1 item	c. 1900

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C DBSS/4/1/5	<p>Photograph of an elderly gentleman taking part in an egg and spoon race                  Copyright: Hull Daily Mail                  1 item</p>	c. 1930
C DBSS/4/1/6	<p>Photograph of an unknown young woman                  Photographer: Charles Delf, Clarendon Street, Hull                  1 item</p>	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/7	<p>Photograph of an unknown young woman                  Photographer: Thomas E. Hows, Chatham                  1 item</p>	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/8	<p>Photograph of an unknown gentleman with a grey moustache                  Photographer: Jerome, Lord Street, Southport                  1 item</p>	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/9	<p>Photograph of an unknown wedding                  Photographer: William Cull Bridal Photographer, Hamilton Sq, Birkenhead.                  1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/1/10	<p>Photograph of an unknown gentleman sitting down                  Photographer: Parrish &amp; Berry, Hull. This photograph is signed by 'Yours faithfully Andrew Millar.'                  1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/1/11	<p>Photograph of Ethel Sissons (nee Baxter)                  Ethel married Harold Helmsing Sissons.                  1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/1/12	<p>Photograph of a wedding                  Thought to be the wedding of Ethel Sissons' (nee Baxter's) Mother, Elizabeth, who was the daughter of Eleanor Eaton of Stamford and the Granddaughter of John and Sarah Chamberlen.                  1 item</p>	25 Jun 1894
C DBSS/4/1/13	<p>Photograph of Betty, Barbara, Norman &amp; Richard (Dick) Sissons with Nanny Colpitts, also Hilda &amp; Noel with their Nanny and Harold Sissons' Nanny (Alice Markham) at Woodgate, North Ferriby.                  1 item</p>	c. 1909
C DBSS/4/1/14	<p>Photograph of Peter and Jennifer Slack in Australia                  The two young children are pictured sitting on a</p>	c. 1931

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door step. Peter and Jennifer were the children of Harold Sissons' daughter, Barbara and her husband, Bob Slack.

1 item

C DBSS/4/1/15	Photograph of Jennifer Slack 1 item	c. 1931
C DBSS/4/1/16	Photograph of Harold Sissons on a horse with his father, David W. Sissons standing. 1 item	c. 1880's
C DBSS/4/1/17	Photograph of Jennifer Slack's wedding to Leslie Cooper. Pictured are the bride and bridegroom, Seymour and Ann Cooper and Barbara and Bob Slack Photograph by: The Society Wedding Press, Kensington. 1 item	c. 1940
C DBSS/4/1/18	Photograph of Jennifer Slack's wedding to Leslie Cooper. Pictured are the bride and bridegroom, bestman and three bridesmaids (inc Daphne Sissons) Photograph by: The Yorkshire Post and the Yorkshire Evening Post, Leeds. 1 item	c. 1940's
C DBSS/4/1/19	Photograph of Barbara Sissons wedding to Bob Slack. Pictured are the bride and bridegroom. 1 item	1926
C DBSS/4/1/20	Photograph of unknown gentleman Pictured seated Photographer: George Cooper, Elm Tree House, corner of park Street, Anlaby Road, Hull. 1 item	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/21	Photograph of Mrs J.L. Baxter (Elizabeth), mother of Ethel Baxter Photographer: George Cooper, Elm Tree House, corner of park Street, Anlaby Road, Hull. 1 item	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/22	Photograph of Mr John Baxter, father of Ethel Baxter. Photographer: A. Esme Collings, Brighton. 1 item	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/23	Photograph of an unknown lady .	1864

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Photographer: Heaviside, Queen Street, Durham.  
1 item

C DBSS/4/1/24	Photograph of Ethel Baxter's grandfather, Dr Eaton of Grantham. Photographer: Elliott & Fry, Baker Street, London. 1 item	1876
C DBSS/4/1/25	Photograph of Ethel Baxter aged 12. Photographer: Barry, Mark Street, Hull. 1 item	1885
C DBSS/4/1/26	Photograph of Mr. J. L. Baxter. Photographer: Young, Llandudno, North Wales. 1 item	1876
C DBSS/4/1/27	Cameo of Mr. John Baxter. Photographer: Bowers, Southgate Street, Gloucester. 1 item	c. 1870
C DBSS/4/1/28	Photograph of Harold Simon as a very young man Photographer: F. Marshall, Saltburn. 1 item	c. 1900
C DBSS/4/1/29	Photograph of Harold H. Sissons, his wife, Ethel and 4 children. This photograph takes the form of a postcard. 1 item	c.1910
C DBSS/4/1/30	Photograph of the young Norman and Barbara Sissons, son and daughter of Harold and Ethel Sissons. 1 item	c. 1902
C DBSS/4/1/31	Photograph of the young Norman and Barbara Sissons, son and daughter of Harold and Ethel Sissons. This is a copy of the photograph described at C DBSS/4/1/30. 1 item	c. 1902
C DBSS/4/1/32	Photograph of Norman Sissons, son of Harold and Ethel Sissons. Norman was born 14 May 1895 and died 9 Sep 1916. Photographer: F.M. Sutcliffe, Whitby. 1 item	1913
C DBSS/4/1/33	Photograph of Norman Sissons, son of Harold and Ethel Sissons.	1915

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Norman was born 14 May 1895 and died 9 Sep 1916.

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C DBSS/4/1/34	Photograph of Ethel Sissons with her son, Norman and daughter, Barbara. 1 item	1900
C DBSS/4/1/35	Photograph of Harold Helmsing Sissons playing the cello. 1 item	c.1900
C DBSS/4/1/36	Photograph of Harold and Ethel Sissons and their children; Norman, Barbara and Betty. 1 item	c.1904
C DBSS/4/1/37	Photograph of Ethel Sissons and her daughter, Barbara Eaton Sissons, aged 8 months. Photographer: Turner and Drinkwater, Regents Terrace, Hull. 1 item	c.1900
C DBSS/4/1/38	Photograph of Ethel Sissons. This photograph takes the form of a postcard. 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/1/39	Photograph of Barbara Sissons. Photograph by: F. M. Sutcliffe, Whitby. 1 item	1912
C DBSS/4/1/40	Photograph of Barbara & Betty (Elizabeth) Sissons. 1 item	c. 1909
C DBSS/4/1/41	Photograph of David Waddington Sissons' and his family. Photograph by: Barry, Park Street, Hull. 1 item	c. 1880's
C DBSS/4/1/42	Photograph of Barbara Sissons aged 12, Betty Sissons aged 10 and Harold Helmsing Sissons-all on horseback. This photograph takes the form of a postcard. 1 item	1912
C DBSS/4/1/43	Photograph of Barbara Sissons aged 12, Betty Sissons aged 10 and Harold Helmsing Sissons-all on horseback. This photograph takes the form of a postcard. 1 item	1912



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C DBSS/4/1/44	<p>Photograph of Barbara Sissons.            Photograph by: Turner and Drinkwater, Regents Terrace, Anlaby Road, Hull.            1 item</p>	1902
C DBSS/4/1/45	<p>Photograph of Barbara Sissons.            Photograph by: Turner and Drinkwater, Regents Terrace, Anlaby Road, Hull.            1 item</p>	1902
C DBSS/4/1/46	<p>Envelope containing information about Norman Lea Sisson's War Grave from the Imperial War Graves Commission. Includes 6 photographs of the grave and cemetery            Norman Lea Sissons was killed in action on 9 Sept 1916. His war grave is in Le Touret Richebourg L'Avoue 10 miles east of Lillers, near Bethune. Grave No. 20, Plot 4, Row B.            1 bundle (10 items)</p>	1920-1949
C DBSS/4/1/47	<p>Photograph of War grave monument erected for Norman L. Sissons with accompanying information            Norman Lea Sissons was killed in action on 9 Sept 1916. His war grave is in Le Touret Richebourg L'Avoue 10 miles east of Lillers, near Bethune. Grave No. 20, Plot 4, Row B.            1 item</p>	c. 1920's
C DBSS/4/1/48	<p>Photographs of an etching of 'The White House' alias Vine Cottage, Bankside, Hull            This was the home of Thomas and Elizabeth Sissons (nee Dove) on the banks of the River Hull at Stoneferry, opposite the Sissons Paint Factory.            4 items</p>	c. 1851
C DBSS/4/1/49	<p>Album of photographs            A note inside the front cover of this album says 'R. Hall, Kirkella' and the photographs include visits to Burlington, Hornsea, Beverley Minster, Brantingham Dale, South Cave, a sculpture studio and a naval hospital. There is also one photograph of Lieutenant Hall in uniform. Please note that initials are used to identify members of the family that are in the photographs.            1 item</p>	1912-1915
C DBSS/4/1/50	<p>Album of photographs.            The photographs inside this album include the Hall and Sissons families' visits to the Lake District, Alborough, Anlaby, West Ella and a naval</p>	1914-1917

hospital. Please note that initials are used to identify members of the family that are in the photographs.

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| C DBSS/4/1/51 | Album of photographs.<br>The photographs inside this album include visits to Scotland and Sleights. Please note that there is not a great deal of description in this album, however some of the images appear to have been published in several magazines, suggesting therefore, that perhaps the creator of the photographs was a keen amateur photographer.<br>1 item  | 1919        |
| C DBSS/4/1/52 | Album of photographs.<br>The photographs inside this album include visits to Knaresborough, Alborough, Dawlish, Torquay, Dartmeet, Babbacombe, Redcliffe Bay, Windermere, Wensleydale, Yewdale and Kirk Ella. Please note that initials are used to identify members of the family that are in the photographs.<br>1 item   | 1919-1920   |
| C DBSS/4/1/53 | Album of photographs.<br>The photographs inside this album include photographs of Thomas Hall Sissons taken in 1919. Please note that initials are used to identify members of the family that are in the photographs.<br>1 item  | 1916-1922   |
| C DBSS/4/1/54 | Album of photographs.<br>The photographs inside this album are mainly of cars and motorcycles including the Scarborough speed trials and a race at Sutton Bank. There is a loose photograph inside of 'Granny Wild' , 5 loose photographs of a motor race and another loose photograph of R.C. Sissons on a motorcycle at the public school boys trial at Amersham in 1923.<br>1 item   | 1923-1924   |
| C DBSS/4/1/55 | Large photograph of the Sissons family at Mr & Mrs T. Hall Sissons' Golden Wedding<br>The rear of this photograph lists most of those present row by row reading from left to right: Front row-Elizabeth Sissons (Clark), Richard Sissons, Barbara Sissons (Slack), Nora Sissons (Stephenson)'s daughter, Alan Hall, Jack Hall, Elfreda Hall (Hutchinson), ?, Mary Hall, Ruth Hall (Shepherd). Second row-Mrs David Sissons, David W. Sissons, Mrs Harling Sissons, Dr. | 23 Sep 1911 |

William Harling Sissons, Annie Sissons, Bernard Hall, Mrs T. Hall Sissons, Edith Sissons (Trist), Rev George Henry Trist, Mabel Sissons (Soames). Third row-Norman Sissons, Harold Sissons, Ethel Baxter (Sissons), Margaret Sissons,?, Charles Beswick Sissons,?, Cordelia Sissons (Hall), T. Hall Sissons, Dolly Sissons (Janet), Bertha Sissons, Hugh Beswick, ?,?. Fourth row-Nora Sissons (Stephenson), ?, Blanche Hall, Arthur Hall, ?, Alan T. Hall, Tom B. Sissons, Muriel Thompson (Sissons), ?, Vera Sissons, Hilda Sissons, Fred T. Sissons, Ted Thompson (brother of Muriel Sissons). The photograph was taken by Albert E Parkin whose business was at 58 King Edward Street, Hull. For a modern copy of this photograph please see C DBSS/4/2/75.

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| <b>C DBSS/4/2</b> | <b>Photographs and illustrations relating to the Sissons company</b><br>155 items  | <b>c. 1830-1980s</b> |
| C DBSS/4/2/1      | Large framed photograph of Sissons workers and Directors at the Bankside works, Hull<br>The Directors are seated on the front row. Left to right they are: Charles B. Sissons, David W. Sissons, Harold H. Sissons, T. Hall Sissons (Chairman) and Allan T. Hall. The same photograph is loose at C DBSS/4/2/3-5. Please note that there is no glass in this frame.<br>1 item  | c. 1890              |
| C DBSS/4/2/2      | Small photograph of Sissons workers and Directors at the Bankside works, Hull<br>The Directors are seated on the front row. Left to right (front row) they are: Charles B. Sissons, David W. Sissons, Harold H. Sissons, T. Hall Sissons (Chairman) and Allan T. Hall. The same photograph is loose at C DBSS/4/2/3-5.<br>1 item   | c. 1890              |
| C DBSS/4/2/3      | Photograph (mounted on card) of Sissons workers and Directors at the Bankside works, Hull<br>The Directors are seated on the front row. Left to right they are: Charles B. Sissons, David W. Sissons, Harold H. Sissons, T. Hall Sissons (Chairman) and Allan T. Hall. The same photograph is at C DBSS/4/2/1-2 & 4-5. Please note that the quality of this photograph is not as good as the copies at C DBSS/4/2/1-2 & 4-5. | c. 1890              |

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| C DBSS/4/2/4 | Photograph of Sissons workers and Directors at the Bankside works, Hull<br>The Directors are seated on the front row. Left to right they are: Charles B. Sissons, David W. Sissons, Harold H. Sissons, T. Hall Sissons (Chairman) and Allan T. Hall. The same photograph is at C DBSS/4/2/1-3 & 5.<br>1 item   | c. 1890 |
| C DBSS/4/2/5 | Photograph of Sissons workers and Directors at the Bankside works, Hull<br>The Directors are seated on the front row. Left to right they are: Charles B. Sissons, David W. Sissons, Harold H. Sissons, T. Hall Sissons (Chairman) and Allan T. Hall. The same photograph is at C DBSS/4/2/1-4.<br>1 item   | c. 1890 |
| C DBSS/4/2/6 | Photograph of Sissons works fire brigade (mounted on card)<br>This photograph pictures 13 men standing and sitting with Sisson Brothers and Co., Ltd shirts and hats, fire equipment and horse and cart. For a modern copy of this photograph please see C DBSS/4/2/75.<br>1 item  | 1899    |
| C DBSS/4/2/7 | Photograph of Sissons works fire brigade<br>This photograph pictures 10 men standing with fire equipment and with Sisson Brothers and Co., Ltd shirts and hats. An attempt has been made to name them on the reverse<br>1 item   | c. 1900 |
| C DBSS/4/2/8 | Photograph of Sissons works fire brigade<br>This photograph pictures 10 men standing outside the main office building with fire equipment and with Sisson Brothers and Co., Ltd shirts and hats. An attempt has been made to name them on the reverse: F. Harrison, W. Lightfoot, H.Harrison, W. Leach, T. Yull, P. Yull, A.N.Other, Brankling Junr, Brankling Sen, Harry Leach.<br>1 item | 1908    |
| C DBSS/4/2/9 | Photograph of Sissons works first aiders/Ambulance service<br>This photograph pictures 6 men standing with first aid equipment and in uniform. An attempt has been made to name them on the reverse with only  | c. 1910 |

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one name given.

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C DBSS/4/2/10	Photograph album showing different aspects of the work carried out at the Sissons factory. This photograph album contains 18 photographs. The first is an aerial view of the works, others are of the offices, laboratories, stores, production and packing areas and include pictures of office and factory staff. 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/11	Photograph of three varnish workers at work. Names on the reverse; Bill Chapman, Harry Spivey and Herbert Ridgeway. 1 item	c. 1890
C DBSS/4/2/12	Photograph of female worker packing Halls Distemper. 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/13	Photograph of a group of 7 male workers in packing. Packing tins of paint. 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/14	Photograph of a group of 3 female workers in filling and weighing. Filling tins of Hall's Distemper. 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/15	Photograph of a group of male workers. The paint foreman (George Barbour) is pictured in the centre at a desk. 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/16	Photograph of office workers. Mr. G.H. Dawson and Mr. P.H. Lewis are pictured at the end of the office. 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/17	Photograph taken at the riverside wharf at the works. It includes a Hull Registered Morris Commercial 1924 'Tonner' lorry (AT 9796) and signs of packing activity. The same photograph is in the photograph album described at C DBSS/4/2/10. 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/18	Photograph of the Sissons Welfare Committee. There are 14 people on this photograph taken	n.d.

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outside in some gardens. Some of them look beyond working age (male and female). A note on the reverse gives four possible names.

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C DBSS/4/2/19	Photograph of Sissons Brothers Ltd., Stoneferry office entrance and members of staff standing outside. This photograph shows a number of office workers, both male and female. 1 item	1908
C DBSS/4/2/20	Photograph of Audrey Sissons (wife of Richard) opening the new paintworks at Bankside, Hull. She unveils a plaque which tells the story about the old factory being destroyed by enemy action Copyright: Hull Daily Mail. 1 item	22 Oct 1953
C DBSS/4/2/21	Photograph of workers leaving Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd. Those pictured are mostly male factory workers. 1 item	Jan 1908
C DBSS/4/2/21a	Photograph of workers leaving Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd. Modern copy of C DBSS/4/2/21 1 item	Jan 1908
C DBSS/4/2/22	Photograph of Audrey Sissons (wife of Richard) opening the new paintworks at Bankside, Hull. This photograph shows Mrs Audrey Sissons being given a commemorative plate. Copyright: Hull Daily Mail 1 item	22 Oct 1953
C DBSS/4/2/23	Photograph of the Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd Rifle Club. There are 9 men on the photograph, all with rifles at a shooting range. There are two names on the rear of the photograph; Jimmy Fowler and Len Charleton. 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/24	Photograph of the Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd Silver Band. This picture is taken outside and shows 19 men with their instruments in uniform. Sissons Brothers Prize Silver Band was founded in 1908, under bandmasters Jas Hobson and later C. E. Norman. Under C. E. Norman they competed in Lincoln in	1914

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May and Crystal Palace in September of 1912.  
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| C DBSS/4/2/25 | <p>Photograph of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd stack of ships boilers which were converted into storage tanks for storing oils and solvents used in the manufacture of varnish.</p> <p>This stack was erected by the firm's employees in 1915 and famously survived the Second World War bombings. By raising the boilers well above the ground their contents could run by gravity directly into the varnish works, thereby eliminating a considerable amount of handling.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | c. 1915   |
| C DBSS/4/2/26 | <p>Photograph of G.A. Jennison's shop front</p> <p>G.A. Jennison's shop was situated at no. 9 Waltham Street in Hull and was established in 1903. They sold 'Petrol' Oils, Paints and varnishes and acted as agents for Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper.'</p> <p>1 item</p>   | c. 1910   |
| C DBSS/4/2/27 | <p>Photograph of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd sales conference in the Office Canteen, Bankside.</p> <p>1 item</p>   | c. 1956   |
| C DBSS/4/2/28 | <p>Photograph of the Sissons Brothers &amp; co. Ltd Glasgow works and offices.</p> <p>The Glasgow works opened around 1912 with the front entrance at 113 Bath Street, Glasgow. This was mostly taken up as a showroom, where their various varnishes, enamels, paints etc were on view, and where the office and private rooms were situated; while in the store behind, and to which access was also reached by the Wellington-street entrance (pictured), there was sufficient accommodation for a very large amount of stock that public demand for was growing.</p> <p>1 item</p> | c. 1912   |
| C DBSS/4/2/29 | <p>Photograph of the Men with Plank sign that stands at the Beamish Open Air Museum</p> <p>Noteably ninety nine of these wooden men and plank advertising signboards were erected alongside main railway lines and can be remembered by many people who travelled by train.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | c. 1980's |
| C DBSS/4/2/30 | <p>Photograph of two tins of Siscoseal Paint on the</p>  | n.d.      |

front of a wooden boat.

This photograph probably formed part of an advertising campaign.

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C DBSS/4/2/31	<p>Sepia photograph mounted on card of the interior of a property. The photograph shows a room with a writing desk and fire place. Probably part of an advertising campaign for Sissons' products.</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/32	<p>Sepia photograph mounted on card of the exterior of a property. The chimney structure bears the words 'Matolin Halls Distemper.' Probably part of an advertising campaign for Sissons' products.</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/33	<p>Sepia photograph mounted on card of the exterior of a property. The chimney structure bears the words 'Matolin.' Probably part of an advertising campaign for Sissons' products.</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/34	<p>Photograph showing a model village within a larger building. Sign in the photograph reads 'Dutch Village decorated throughout with Hall's Distemper.' Probably part of a trade fair to advertise Sissons' products. Photograph by Tella Camera Co, High Holborn, London.</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/35	<p>Photograph showing a model village within a larger building. Sign in the photograph reads 'Dutch Village decorated throughout with Hall's Distemper.' Probably part of a trade fair to advertise Sissons' products. Photograph by Tella Camera Co, High Holborn, London.</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/36	<p>Photograph showing a model village within a larger building. Sign in the photograph reads 'Dutch Village decorated throughout with Hall's Distemper.' Probably part of a trade fair to advertise Sissons' products. Photograph by Tella Camera Co, High Holborn, London.</p>	n.d.



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C DBSS/4/2/37	Photograph of R.C. Sissons receiving a silver plate in the presence of other Company Directors Photograph taken by Cecil Studios Ltd, Anlaby Road, Hull. 1 item	c. 1963
C DBSS/4/2/37a	Photograph of R.C. Sissons receiving a silver plate in the presence of other Company Directors 2 copies of a photograph taken by Cecil Studios Ltd, Anlaby Road, Hull. 2 items	c. 1963
C DBSS/4/2/37b	Photograph of R.C. Sissons giving a pair of binoculars to a member of Sissons staff in the board room A closer view of the same event is at C DBSS/4/2/37c 1 item	c. 1963
C DBSS/4/2/37c	Photograph of R.C. Sissons giving a pair of binoculars to a member of Sissons staff in the board room This is a closer view than that described at C DBSS/4/2/37b 1 item	c. 1963
C DBSS/4/2/37d	Photograph of R.C. Sissons giving a gift to a member of Sissons staff Photograph by: Cecil Studios Ltd, Anlaby Road, Hull 1 item	c. 1963
C DBSS/4/2/38	Photograph of Directors and other men, possibly salesmen Staged photograph including Richard Sissons, Harold Bushby and Noel Sissons 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/39	Photograph of Richard Sissons [?] and Mr. R.B.E. Jackson 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/40	Photograph of Company Directors around a dinner table Photographer: Kenneth Berry Studios Ltd., Princes Dock Street, Hull 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/41	Photograph album / Scrap book commemorating	14 Oct 1926

the Prince of Wales' visit to the Sissons factory  
This photograph album / Scrap book was given to Mr R.C. Sissons by T.B. Sissons at Christmas 1926. It includes 8 photographs and several press articles about the visit. There is one additional loose photograph inside of the album of the Prince in his motorcade. A written account of this visit can be found at C DBSS/5/2/6.

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| C DBSS/4/2/42  | <p>Bundle of photographs commemorating the Prince of Wales' visit to the Sissons factory.<br/>Please note that some of these photographs are copies of those that appear in C DBSS/4/2/41 and a written account of this visit can be found at C DBSS/5/2/6.</p> <p>17 items</p>   | 14 Oct 1926    |
| C DBSS/4/2/43  | <p>Bundle of photographs of the opening of the new Sissons Paints (East) Ltd Factory, Malaya.<br/>The factory was opened by the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari. For press articles about the opening of the factory please see C DBSS/5/2/18-21. For the speech made by Anthony Sissons at the opening please see C DBSS/2/5/5.</p> <p>18 items</p>   | 5 Nov 1960     |
| C DBSS/4/2/43a | <p>Four photographs of the Commonwealth Technical Training Central Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur.<br/>Sissons Paints (East) had a presence at the 1961 Commonwealth Technical Training Central Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur and these photographs variously show His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong discussing the merits of Porterfleck with Messrs Walden and Heng. For a programme of the official opening of the exhibition and a programme for the training week please see C DBSS/5/3/1 &amp; 2.</p> <p>4 items</p> | 18-24 May 1961 |
| C DBSS/4/2/43b | <p>Five unidentified photographs thought to be taken in Malaya.<br/>These photographs are taken at an assortment of events: a Malayan wedding, Tony Sissons with a group of footballers, a Malayan man on a 'Vespa' motorcycle who travelled from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore and won 3rd prize, Tony Sissons present at a dinner and Tony Sissons at a trade event (with others) in front of a stand advertising</p>   | c. 1960's      |

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| C DBSS/4/2/44  | Scrap book of photographs of a dinner party hosted by Messrs William Jacks (M) Co., Ltd., Kuala Lumpur at Shangai Hall<br>Contains 15 photographs taken by Eastern Photographers. William Jacks Co., Ltd acted as agents for Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd in South East Asia<br>1 item   | 8 Nov 1960 |
| C DBSS/4/2/45  | Scrap book of 17 photographs of a dinner and conference for the National Federation of Associated Paint, Colour and Varnish Manufacturers of the United Kingdom<br>Richard C. Sissons was the thirty eighth president, elected 24 Nov 1955<br>1 item  | c. 1955    |
| C DBSS/4/2/45a | Scrap book of 65 photographs<br>This scrap book says R. C. Sissons on the front cover and includes photographs of the Prince of Wales' visit to the Hull factory, visit to Andrew & Co in Karachi, the opening of the new Hull factory, Sissons Paint (Rhodesia) factory opening, visit to Buenos Ayres, factory opening in Kuala Lumpur, visit to the United States of America (Mautz Paints and Henry A. Gardner Laboratories), visit to Dublin and Henry Dew making varnish, Christmas party, Sissons old age pensioners, 150th anniversary carnival, Hull, Annual Sales Conference delegates, H.C. Bushby (Chairman) retirement presentation, the Sissons Board members, the Reckitt and Coleman Executive Committee and the retirement of R.C. Sissons<br>1 item | 1926-1963  |
| C DBSS/4/2/46  | Photograph of the launching of a new trawler for Marr's of Hull<br>Richard C. Sissons is pictured with others on the launching stage<br>1 item  | c. 1960    |
| C DBSS/4/2/47  | Photograph of the sideways launch of the Arlanda at the Beverley Shipyard<br>1 item   | c. 1960    |
| C DBSS/4/2/48  | Photograph of the Chairman's office, Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd, Hull<br>1 item  | c. 1960    |

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C DBSS/4/2/49	Photograph of the Chairman's office, Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd, Hull 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/4/2/50	Photograph of a replica of the Mayflower in Washington, USA after crossing the Atlantic. 1 item	c. 1958-1959
C DBSS/4/2/51	Photograph of a Dow Church, USA 1 item	c. 1958-1959
C DBSS/4/2/52	Photograph of George Washington's home on the Potomac River, USA. A description of this visit can be found in the 1959 edition of the Sissons Magazine pp. 2-3 (ref: C DBSS/5/1/1/7) 1 item	c. 1958-1959
C DBSS/4/2/53	Photograph of Richard Sissons meeting in the USA at Mautz Paint & Varnish Co., Madison Wisconsin, USA Left to right: Mr Bernhard Mautz (President of Mautz Paint & Varnish Co., ) and Mr Henry H. Behnke (Executive Vice-President of Mautz Paint & Varnish Co., ), Mr Sidney Done (Sissons Chemist) and Richard Sissons (Sissons Managing Director). A description of this visit can be found in the 1959 edition of the Sissons Magazine pp. 2-3 (Ref: C DBSS/5/1/1/7). 1 item	c. 1958-1959
C DBSS/4/2/54	Photograph of Richard Sissons meeting in the USA with two other gentlemen in suits with a map of Canada and the USA in the background This is a meeting between Richard Sissons and Bernie Mautz of Mautz Paints, Madison, Wisconsin, USA. Another member of the party pictured is Sidney Done (Sissons Chemist) 1 item	c. 1958-1959
C DBSS/4/2/55	Photograph of Richard Sissons Photograph by: Rosemary Dawson at Tony O'Malley Pictures Ltd., Dublin 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/4/2/56	Photograph of Richard Sissons and four other gentlemen at Henry A. Gardner Laboratories 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/4/2/57	Photograph of an unknown gentleman giving a speech with Richard Sissons seated in the	c. 1960

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Photograph by: The Hull Daily Mail

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C DBSS/4/2/58	Photograph of Richard Sissons meeting with a client inside the Sissons factory with factory workers looking on and two painted chairs in the foreground 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/4/2/59	Photograph of Richard Sissons meeting with a client inside the Sissons factory with two painted chairs in the foreground 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/4/2/60	Photograph of Richard Sissons speaking outside at an event 1 item	c. 1960
C DBSS/4/2/61	Photograph of Richard Sissons and another gentleman standing outside of the Sissons Export office 1 item	c. 1955
C DBSS/4/2/62	Photograph of two unknown gentlemen in suits outside of a Sissons Brothes & Co., Ltd shop 1 item	c. 1940
C DBSS/4/2/63	Photograph of a varnish worker ? 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/64	Photograph of a stack of Sicolin paint tins inside the factory 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/65	Photograph of a stack of Sicolin paint tins inside the factory 1 item	n.d.
C DBSS/4/2/66	Photograph of the warehouse inside the factory 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/67	Photograph of the inside of the Sissons factory 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/68	Photograph of the outside of the Sissons factory with a worker pushing a loaded cart 1 item	c. 1926
C DBSS/4/2/69	Photograph of the River Hull alongside the Sissons factory	c. 1926

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| C DBSS/4/2/70 | <p>Photograph of an advertisement board for Hall's Distemper including the 'men with plank.'<br/>This probably formed part of an event to advertise the work of the Sissons factory.</p> <p>1 item</p>   | n.d.    |
| C DBSS/4/2/71 | <p>Illustration in ink of the old debtors prison, 199b Borough High Street, London.<br/>Towards the end of the nineteenth century the business of the Company was expanding southwards and it was decided to open a depot for distributing the Company's products in London. Premises were acquired at 199b Borough High Street, near London Bridge, on the site of what had once been the White Horse Debtors Prison, which formed the background for the story of Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens. The prison buildings had themselves been demolished, but the governors house and the house of the warders still remained, in fact the governor's house was used partly as a manager's office and partly for storage accommodation. The paints and varnishes were despatched by water transport from Hull in bulk and were filled into tins in London, prior to delivery by carrier to an increasing number of customers in the south of the country. On the right of the illustration is a Sissons Lorry and a 'Carter Patterson' van.</p> <p>1 item</p> | c. 1925 |
| C DBSS/4/2/72 | <p>Illustration in ink of Sissons Bankside Works at Sculcoates<br/>Machinery at these works was driven by a condensing steam mill engine. For a photograph of this illustration please see C DBSS/4/2/75.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | c. 1830 |
| C DBSS/4/2/73 | <p>Drawing in pencil of Sissons Bankside Works at Sculcoates.<br/>The signature at the bottom of this drawing is 'Sissons' but it is difficult to read the initials, they could be T.H.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | n.d.    |
| C DBSS/4/2/74 | <p>Illustration in ink of Barton whiting mill in Waterside Road, Barton.<br/>Sissons Brothers obtained their supplies of whiting for many years from quarries which they owned at Barton-on-Humber in Lincolnshire. The whiting</p>  | n.d.    |

mill pictured is 'Bank Mill', at the northern end of Waterside road in Barton. It was owned by various millers, the more important being David Cobb and, from around 1922, the Sissons Brothers. Such mills were closed down after the second world war when the old wet edge-runner, water levigation and drying oven process was superseded by dry-grinding with a Raymond rotary hammer mill in Hull. Although Bank Mill was eventually demolished, some of the other buildings can still be recognized today.

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| C DBSS/4/2/74a | <p>Two photographs of the annual dinner dance at Langley Aluminium Cable Factory<br/>Included in those present in these photographs are: Mr &amp; Mrs Sid Warner (Langley Production Manager), J.W. Rodger (Pyrotenax Cable Works Manager) and J.F. Mills (General Manager, Pyrotenax).<br/>Copyright: Peter Sandilands, Slough</p> <p>2 items</p>  | 1968   |
| C DBSS/4/2/75  | <p>Envelope containing copies of portraits, photographs, illustrations and documents made for Tony Sissons by Robert Bowhill Studios, Harrogate</p> <p>These copies were made for Tony Sissons to include in his History of Sissons Paints which he wrote in draft form before his death in Nov 2015. They include: two photographs of the illustration in ink of Sissons Bankside Works at Sculcoates described at C DBSS/4/2/72, a photograph of the framed coloured print of Sissons Brothers Bankside works, 1887 described at C DBSS/4/2/78, a photograph of the Sissons family at Mr &amp; Mrs T. Hall Sissons' Golden Wedding described at C DBSS/4/1/55, a copy of the aerial photograph described at C DBSS/4/2/76 &amp; 77, a photograph of the Sissons Brothers Fire Brigade 1899 described at C DBSS/4/2/6, a photograph of the portrait of Thomas Sissons senior (1783-1867), photograph of the framed oil painted portrait of Thomas Sissons holding a tin (1821-1892) described at C DBSS/2/1/3, 3 sheets of smaller proofs and 12 negatives as well as two photographs of documents relating to the Lord High Admiral and Jonathan Dove's position as first and second Lieutenant, 1764 &amp; 1775.</p> <p>27 items</p> | 1980's |

- C DBSS/4/2/76 Small aerial photograph (mounted on card) of the Sissons works c. 1953  
Same as C DBSS/4/2/46  
The War Damage Commission funded the rebuilding of the Hull factory after the severe damage caused by the German air raids of the Second World War. It was opened on 22 Oct 1953.  
Photograph by: Aerofilms Ltd  
Aerofilms reference: A58090/55 For a copy of this photograph please see C DBSS/4/2/75.  
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Photograph by: Aerofilms Ltd  
Aerofilms reference: A58090/55 For a copy of this photograph please see C DBSS/4/2/75.  
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- C DBSS/4/2/78 Framed coloured print of Sissons Brothers 1887  
Bankside works, Hull, printed by Goddard & Son, Hull  
For a photograph of this print please see C DBSS/4/2/75  
Access to the original is prohibited but a copy is available to view at the front of this catalogue.  
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- C DBSS/4/2/79 Oil painting of the rebuilt Sissons paint factory c. 1950's  
from across the River Hull at a point near Stoneferry Bridge  
This painting measures 36 x 30 inches and is by H. Crawforth. Visible is the main paint factory which was completely rebuilt after extensive war damage. Behind it, but not visible, are the varnish and distemper factories, offices, laboratory, and other buildings on the 19 acre site. It includes 'the men with plank' logo on the far right of the building and the building on the far left is the surviving varnish factory. This picture was used in some post war advertising for the company.  
Access to the original is prohibited but a copy is available to view at the front of this catalogue.



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<b>C DBSS/5</b>	<b>Published material relating to the Company</b> See also C DBSS/2/8/1 45 items, 8 pieces	<b>1796-1985</b>
<b>C DBSS/5/1</b>	<b>Material relating to Sissons Brothers &amp; Co. Ltd. published specifically for the Company</b> 16 items	<b>1918-c.1966</b>
C DBSS/5/1/1	Sissons Magazines. These magazines also incorporate welfare notes relating to the company employees, for example marriages, wedding anniversaries, retirements, birthdays and lists those called up for service. They throw light on visits made by the directors to different parts of the world and new appointments made by the Company. They discuss progress in the different branches of the Sissons Paint Group, including the export section. They also include news relating to social activities and sport. Contributors introduced humour into their articles by way of light relief which helped to make the Sissons Magazine quite unique in the general run of similar in-house journals. The magazines were printed by Archibald and Johnsons Ltd, Hull & London. 8 items	1953-1960
C DBSS/5/1/1/1	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published during its 150th Jubilee year and focuses on events arranged to celebrate that milestone, such as the Jubilee Carnival on 20 Jun as well as the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1953
C DBSS/5/1/1/2	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in the spring of 1954 and focuses on the new factory amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1954
C DBSS/5/1/1/3	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in the spring of 1955 and focuses on office activities such as ancient and modern	1955

accountancy methods amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features.

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C DBSS/5/1/1/4	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in the spring of 1956 and focuses on the technical activities at Sissons amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1956
C DBSS/5/1/1/5	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in 1957 and focuses on the merger with the Reckitt and Colman Group amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1957
C DBSS/5/1/1/6	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in 1958 and focuses on the Company's expansion in the home and export markets amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1958
C DBSS/5/1/1/7	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in 1959 and focuses on the launch of the new technical training scheme amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1959
C DBSS/5/1/1/8	Sissons Magazine. This particular edition of the Sissons Magazine was published in 1960 and focuses on the development of a new laboratory, the construction of a new factory in Malaya and the expansion into Rhodesia amongst the usual Sissons Magazine features. 1 item	1960
C DBSS/5/1/2	Book entitled ' The Social Side of Our Works.' prepared by the Directors of Sissons Brothers & Co. Ltd. to draw attention to the social arrangements in connection with the works, with a view to making their advantages better known, and invite discussion as to making them of more general benefit and promoting efficiency in management. At the end of the First World War in 1918 the	1918

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directors prepared this compendium which was a collection of six editions of the company's 'Social Annuals' from 1910 to 1918. It contained the annual reports of the Company's various clubs and societies with extracts from letters from company employees on military service and other social news. At this same time a Works Social Committee was set up to co-ordinate the activities of the Sick Club, Xmas & Excursion Club, Withernsea Convalescent Home (bought in 1906), Technical College Evening Classes, Ladies Swimming Club, Ladies Musical Society, Ladies Literary & Dramatic Society, Miniature Rifle Club, Silver Band, Amateur Gardening Society and Football Club.

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C DBSS/5/1/3

Booklet entitled '*A Front-Line Factory*' Sissons' *War-Time Story* (signed by R.C. Sissons on the front cover).

1945

At the end of the Second World War in 1945 the directors prepared this short history of what the war meant to Sissons and the paint industry in general. A.R. P. preparations at Sissons, the effects that the war had on the City of Hull. Eye witness accounts of the nights of 13 & 18 Mar and 18 Jul 1941 when the Sissons factory suffered bombing from the air, pictures of the devastation. The effect on production is discussed with the Government prioritising output. In Sep 1942 the Sissons Company were certified by the Ministry of Labour and National Service as a 'Scheduled Undertaking' under the Essential Works (General Provision) Order, 1942, and as manufacturers they were expressly forbidden to sell paint products for other than approved purposes. The effect of the war on the export market is also discussed, as is the transition from war to peace.

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C DBSS/5/1/4

Booklet entitled '*Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd*' This colour booklet was produced by Reckitt and Colman to celebrate the new Sissons factory on Bankside built after the war and the Company becoming the latest member of the Reckitt and Colman Group. The image reproduced (from a painting by H. Crawforth) on the front cover shows the factory as it was in 1825. The text tells the history of Sissons since its foundation in 1803. Further pages illustrate some of the processes of paint manufacture which are carried out in the

c. 1960

factory, list their principal products and give an insight into sales and distribution methods at home and abroad.

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- C DBSS/5/1/5      Booklet entitled '*Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd. Bankside, Hull.*'      c. 1960  
This black and white booklet consists of only 2 pages and was probably produced by Reckitt and Colman to encourage future employees. On the front cover is a photograph of the re-built factory on Bankside. The inside of the booklet includes a view of the inside of the factory showing stocks of paint ready for dispatch. The text of the leaflet leans heavily towards exalting the Company and its successes at home and abroad and its concentration on good employee relations. At the bottom of the booklet is an invitation to write to the Personnel Manager should you seek employment with the Company and at the rear of the booklet is a list of products and the 'men with plank' logo.  
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- C DBSS/5/1/6      Untitled booklet.      c. 1960  
This black and white booklet consists of around 30 pages. There is no text and it probably was not published for the mass market. Included in it are photographs of members of the Sissons' family, the Griffin logo and three crowns that became synonymous with the family and Company, the 1903 directors, properties connected to the Company and Directors, photographs of both the inside and outside of the factories, advertisements and pictures used in the publication of 'A Front-Line Factory' Sissons' War-Time Story in 1945. The booklet ends with the 'Men with Plank' modern logo (no longer advertising Hall's Distemper) which simply says 'Every Product Triple Tested.'  
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- C DBSS/5/1/7      Sissons carnival programme leaflet      20 Jun 1953  
This carnival was held by the Company in its Jubilee Year (1803-1953) at the Sissons Recreation Ground, West Carr Lane, Stoneferry, Hull. The carnival included a welcome by the Chairman, Mr. H.C. Bushby, a children's fancy dress parade, an egg and spoon race for pensioners, a ladies tug of war, a children's treasure hunt, Punch and Judy and marionette shows, ladies and gents bike races, distribution of

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prizes and long service medals, a running buffet and ice-creams as well as dancing. The carnival occurred on a Saturday between 2.30pm and 6pm. There is a handwritten list on the front of this programme giving the names of those family members that attended the carnival:

Mr & Mrs R. C. Sissons, Miss Mary Hall, Mrs W.R. Slack, Mr Guy Thompson, Mrs T.B. Sissons and Miss D. Sissons.

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C DBSS/5/1/8

*'Bankside Bulletin'* Issue 29

Oct 1966

This bulletin was produced monthly by Sissons and was a way of reaching the employees. This edition includes a discussion about the improvements to the staff parking facilities, lunch time film shows, the procedure for reporting accidents at work and includes advertisements for social activities under the heading 'Welfare and Social Notes.' In this edition there is also a poem by Miss K Farmer of London about the 'Men with Plank' advertisement and an archive item about a lighthearted letter received by the company in 1943 from six sandblasters from the Sergeant's Mess of a battalion serving in the desert. The letter was addressed merely to Hall's Distemper Ltd., London, England and asked how much it would cost in time and distemper to paint the desert green!

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C DBSS/5/2

**Material relating to Sissons Brothers & Co. Ltd. published in periodicals, journals and newspapers**

1796-1985

Several articles appeared in the Hull, national and international press over the years. Copies were not retained as part of this collection but a note of the dates were made and the articles can be found on our microfilms. The list is not exhaustive but the dates and titles of those articles found so far are:

The Hull Advertiser 13 Feb 1796 regarding Whitening and Paint Mill and land on Wincolmllee to be sold by Private Contract

The Hull Advertiser 24 Nov 1804 Announcement by Sissons, Weddle and Co., Paint Manufacturers, Oil and Colourmen. that they have purchased a Mill and Warehouse at Witham, Hull

The Hull Daily Mail 11 & 13 Apr 1912 Death of Charles Beswick Sissons

Eastern Morning news 24 Dec 1920 'Death of Mr.

T. Hall Sissons'

Hull Times, 1928 'The Inception and Development of Hull's Great Paint and Colour Trade'

Hull Daily Mail 23 Jun 1953 'Sissons Brothers Jubilee'

Hull Daily Mail 28 Apr 1956 'Reckitt Group Bid over 1m for Hull Paint Firm'

The Sunday Times 1 Jul 1962 Advertisement for Sicolux (latex emulsion paint) and Tungolac (super gloss finish) on the foreign news p. 7

Hull Daily Mail 18 Nov 1968 'Paint Tycoon explains take-over speed up'

Hull Daily Mail 10 Jun 1974 'Days of the old firm re-lived'

Yorkshire Post 20 Jul 1974 'Fings ain't wot they used to be' A nostalgic look back at the Men with plank advertisement

Hull Daily Mail 18 Feb 2008 'Sissons factory demolition is a sight for sore eyes.'

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C DBSS/5/2/1

Article from the Oil and Colour Trades Journal pp. 1185-1189

28 Mar 1914

This article announces that Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd., have recently erected new varnish works at their premises in Hull and that they can, as a consequence, multiply their output of varnish 10 fold. Head of these new works is Mr. J. A. Dew whose life was spent in the study of advanced varnish making, both in England and America. Page 1186 shows an advertisement for Sissons' General Purpose Varnish.

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C DBSS/5/2/2

Article from the Magazine of Commerce pp. 312-7 entitled '*A Noteable Hull Business, and the methods that have contributed to its success*'

c. 1909

This article includes the following reproduced photographs:

1. Views of the River Hull
2. A portion of the Cooper's Yard,
3. The interior of the Employees' dining and recreation hall
4. A portion of Messrs. Sissons Brothers' Wharf, showing facilities for loading
5. A portion of the Paint Factory
6. A section of the Works, showing one of the Landing Stages and Oil Storage Tanks

The accompanying text highlights Hull's role as the home of the paint, colour and varnish, seed-crushing, and oil-refining industries. The article

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states that Sisson's products are shipped from Hull to all quarters of the globe. It celebrates over 100 years of the Company and its success, especially regarding the welfare of their 300 strong workforce and the development of Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper.'

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| C DBSS/5/2/3 | <p>Article from the Magazine of Commerce pp. 28-32 entitled 'Our Chambers of Commerce-V' The Hull Chamber of Commerce-A Sketch of its Foundation and History-A Record of Practical Work'</p> <p>The Hull Chamber of Commerce was established in 1837, one of the oldest in the country. This article charts its foundation and history and includes a picture of Mr. T. Hall Sissons J.P. who was President of the Hull Chamber of Commerce 1906-7., and first Chairman of the Paint and Colour Manufacturers' Association (c. 1900)</p> <p>1 item</p>   | n.d.        |
| C DBSS/5/2/4 | <p>Article from 'The Decorators' and Painters' Magazine'</p> <p>This article celebrates the opening of the Glasgow branch of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd. It includes a photograph. The Glasgow works opened around 1912 with the front entrance at 113 Bath Street, Glasgow. This was mostly taken up as a showroom where their various varnishes, enamels, paints etc were on view, and where the office and private rooms were situated; while in the store behind, and to which access was also reached by the Wellington-street entrance, there was sufficient accommodation for a very large amount stock that public demand for was growing</p> <p>1 item</p> | 15 Aug 1912 |
| C DBSS/5/2/5 | <p>Article from 'The Decorator' p.303</p> <p>This article focuses on Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd., Band Contest. A brass band was organised amongst the workers in 1908 with Harold H. Sissons as the Band's President, he himself being a musician. A Silver Band was formed in 1910 and they competed at Crystal Palace during that year.</p> <p>1 item</p>  | 22 Feb 1910 |
| C DBSS/5/2/6 | <p>Article from 'The Journal of Decorative Art and British Decorator' pp.407-410 entitled 'The Prince at the Works of Sissons Brothers &amp; Co., Ltd., Hull'</p> <p>This article focuses on the visit by the Prince on</p>  | Dec 1926    |

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14 Oct 1926 to Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd., It included a tour of the works and an explanation of some of the processes of varnish, enamel, paint and distemper manufacture by Mr Joseph A. Dew. The article includes reproductions of photographs of an aerial view of the Hull works, the crowds welcoming the Prince, the Prince inspecting veteran workers, and a photograph of Mr Dew escorting the Prince on a tour of the works. Added to this article is another press cutting (presumably from another page of the same edition of 'The Journal of Decorative Art and British Decorator' ) announcing the death of Harold H. Sissons, J.P on 16 Nov 1926. More photographs relating to this visit can be found at C DBSS/4/2/41 & 42.  
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Article from 'The Paint Journal' pp.660-663-410 entitled 'Top Level Viewpoint: The opinions of Executive Management on questions of importance to the Paint Industry and its customers, based on a series of interviews with leading figures in the Industry: No. 14 Mr R.C. Sissons, Chairman Sissons Bros. & Co., Ltd' This article asks Mr. R.C. Sissons questions relating to the paint industry and its customers. Questions include subjects such as paint retail, the use of aerosols as paint containers, training courses, paint trade and retailing in Great Britain in comparison to the rest of the world, expansion overseas, family run businesses and Hull as the virtual birthplace of the British paint industry. Added to this article is another press cutting (presumably from another page of the same edition of 'The Paint Journal') announcing the 'Director's Office of the Month: Mr Richard Chamberlin Sissons, M.A. Managing Director, Sissons Brothers & Co., Ltd.' It shows a picture of the inside of his office and a brief description of the decor, lighting and furnishings within.  
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Aug 1962

C DBSS/5/2/8

Article from an unknown publication (possibly a Reckitt & Colman magazine) p. 14 entitled 'Mr Noel H. Sissons'  
This article describes Mr. Noel H. Sissons career and was no doubt published shortly after his retirement from the Managing Directorship of Sissons Brothers & Co., Limited. Noel was born on 25 Dec 1908, the son of the late O.H. Sissons, and joined the Company on 1 Oct 1927 and

c. 1965



served as an apprentice for 5 years during which he worked in all departments of the factory, laboratory and office. From 1933-1939 he was at the Company's London Office, concentrating on Home and Export sales and distribution, and was appointed a Director shortly before being called up for war. He rejoined the firm in 1945. In 1961 he was transferred from London to Hull on appointment as Managing Director and took over the Chairmanship of the subsidiary Companies in Malaya and Trinidad. He retired on 30 Jun 1965.

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- C DBSS/5/2/9      Picture from unknown publication p. 40 'The Factory of Sissons Brothers and Co. Ltd., Hull from the River Hull'      c. 1965  
This is a reproduction of Mr. H. Crawforth's painting presenting a view of the Sissons works from the opposite bank of the River Hull. For the original, please see C DBSS/4/2/79. Please note that the publication, though unknown, was, more than likely, a Reckitt and Colman Magazine given the nature of another article on the reverse of this picture.  
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- C DBSS/5/2/10      A Roll of Honour that appeared in 'The Sphere' p. 152      17 Feb 1917  
This roll of honour includes officers who have died in the service of their country, either in action, from wounds, or other causes directly incidental to the Great War. It includes Lieutenant N.L. Sissons of the East Yorkshire Regiment, son of Mr Harold Sissons who enlisted the day after the declaration of war. *The Sphere*, or *The Sphere: An Illustrated Newspaper for the Home*, was an illustrated weekly newspaper which began publication in London in 1900. Its founder and first editor, Clement Short, left his role as editor of *The Illustrated London News* to begin the publication of *The Sphere*. It was dedicated to world-wide reporting. For more information about Lieutenant Norman Lea Sissons, please see: C DBSS/1/8, C DBSS/2/7 & C DBSS/4/1  
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- C DBSS/5/2/11      Article from *Polymers Paint Colour Journal* Vol 175 no. 1148 entitled 'Twenty-Five Years of Sissons Paints in Malaysia'  
This article looks at the origins of Sissons Brothers, Sissons Paints (East), the Sissons

trademark of 'Two men and a plank.' A further article appeared in the same journal pp. 524-5 by R.S. Blaylock, Managing Director for Sissons Paints (East) entitled 'Some observations on the Malaysian Paint Industry in 1985' and includes reproduced photographs of the Sissons Paints (East) Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, the inside of Sissons Paints (East) research and development laboratory and part of the paint production plant at Sissons Paints (East).  
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| C DBSS/5/2/12 | Copy of an article from an unknown foreign newspaper entitled 'Sissons Paints (East) comes of age'<br>This article celebrates 21 years of the Sissons Paint factory in Malaysia. Sissons Paints (East) started production in 1960. At the time of this article their Managing Director was Ray Blaylock.<br>1 item      | c. 1981     |
| C DBSS/5/2/13 | Copy of an article from the Straits Times entitled 'A new chapter in the history of a long trade link'<br>This article celebrates the opening of the modern Sissons Paints (East) Ltd factory in Petaling Jaya and includes an advertisement for Tungolac, Hall's Distemper and Siscolin, now made in Malaya.<br>1 item | 19 Nov 1960 |
| C DBSS/5/2/14 | Copy of an article from the Straits Times entitled 'Sissons Paints (East) comes of age'<br>This is an advertising feature on Hall's Distemper and its availability in Malaya through William Jacks and Co., Malaya, Ltd.<br>1 item  | 31 May 1933 |
| C DBSS/5/2/15 | Advertisement from the Straits Times entitled 'New fashion colours by Sissons'<br>This is an advertising feature on Siscolux (Latex Emulsion Paint) and Tungolac (Super Gloss Finish) produced and distributed by Malaya (Jacks) Borneo Singapore.<br>1 item  | c. 1960's   |
| C DBSS/5/2/16 | Article from an unknown publication (with an illustration) about a stack of old boilers<br>This article discusses the process of converting a stack of old boilers into storage tanks for spirits and oils used in the manufacture of varnish. See C DBSS/4/2/25 for a photograph. This stack was                       | c. 1915     |

erected by the firm's employees in 1915 and famously survived the Second World War bombings. By raising the boilers well above the ground their contents could run by gravity directly into the varnish works, thereby eliminating a considerable amount of handling.

See C DBSS/4/2/25 for an original photograph of the boilers.

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| C DBSS/5/2/17 | <p>Article reprinted from the Hull Times</p> <p>This article is entitled '<i>A Century's History. Messrs Sissons' Business Dinner to Employees</i>'. It celebrates 100 years in business and the company's decision to entertain the whole of their workforce to supper. The supper occurred the previous evening (2 Jan 1903) and events are described in this article as well as some of the early part of the company history.</p> <p>1 item</p>   | 3 Jan 1903  |
| C DBSS/5/2/18 | <p>Copy of a special Sissons Paints feature from the Straits Times</p> <p>This special feature celebrates the opening of the modern Sissons Paints (East) Ltd factory in Petaling Jaya by the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari on 5 Nov 1960. The feature is full of advertisements for Sissons' products and identifies buildings where the products have already been used in Malaya.</p> <p>1 item</p>   | 19 Nov 1960 |
| C DBSS/5/2/19 | <p>Copy of an article published in the Hull Daily Mail</p> <p>This article is entitled 'New Paint Factory in Petaling Jaya' and is compiled by Geoffrey Boland. It discusses the factory that is being built by Sissons Paints (East), a subsidiary of Sissons Brothers and Co., Ltd that will manufacture gloss paint, emulsion paint and distempers. It includes quotes from Mr A.C. Sissons, the factory's General Manager. The article goes on to mention that William Jacks and Co., (Malaya) Ltd handle the sales of Sissons' products.</p> <p>1 item</p> | Aug 1960    |
| C DBSS/5/2/20 | <p>Copy of an article published in the Sunday Mail</p> <p>This article is entitled 'Plans for Institute of Industrial Technology.' It mentions that the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari mentioned, whilst</p>  | 6 Nov 1960  |

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opening the new Sissons (East) factory on 5 Nov, that the Federation Government was planning to establish an Institute of Industrial Technology to co-incide with the opening of new industries in Malaya.

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| C DBSS/5/2/21     | Copies of several articles that appeared in the Malay Mail and Chinese Press<br>There are 12 articles. Several of the articles are in Chinese but they all celebrate the pending opening or the actual opening of the modern Sissons Paints (East) Ltd factory in Petaling Jaya by the Malaysian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Inche Mohamed Khir Johari on Sat 5 Nov 1960. For photographs of this event please see C DBSS/4/2/43.<br>12 items   | 4-6 Nov 1960        |
| C DBSS/5/2/22     | Two product lists (on single sheets) for Sissons, Weddle & Co., Paint, Mustard and Blue Manufacturers<br>These product lists are not identical and it is unknown which publication that they are from but they are in a printed form<br>2 items  | c. 19th century     |
| <b>C DBSS/5/3</b> | <b>Published material relating to Sissons Paints (East) Ltd</b><br>7 items   | <b>c. 1955-1961</b> |
| C DBSS/5/3/1      | Programme for the Inauguration of the Commonwealth Training Week and the Official Opening of the Exhibition<br>This event was officially opened by His Majesty theYang di-Pertuan Agong. For photographs of this event please see C DBSS/4/2/43a<br>2 items  | 18 May 1961         |
| C DBSS/5/3/2      | Programme for the Commonwealth Training Week<br>This programme includes a message from His Majesty theYang di-Pertuan Agong, a list of Members of the Central Steering Committee, Finance Sub-Committee, Publicity Sub-Committee and Exhibition Sub-Committee, a message from the Hon'ble the Minister of Labour, Inche Bahaman Bin Samsudin, a site plan and layout of the exhibition, a programme of activities nationally and in the USA and a technical education chart for the Fereration of Malaya . For photographs of this event please see C DBSS/4/2/43a | 18-24 May 1961      |

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| C DBSS/5/3/3 | <p>Leaflet about the new town of Petaling Jaya<br/>This leaflet is illustrated and it describes the new town of Petaling Jaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which was acquired in 1953. The town was designed to hold a population of approx 80,000. The leaflet describes the scope for industry in the area, the price of land for homes and commercial enterprises to be built and the administration of the town</p> <p>1 item</p> | c. 1955 |
| C DBSS/5/3/4 | <p>Leaflet by the Federation of Malaya entitled 'Economic Highlights of 1960'<br/>This leaflet is not illustrated. It discusses the continuing world demand for the Federation's major export products, rubber and tin, monetary conditions, government finance, savings and financial institutions to give an overview of the Federation's economic highlights of 1960</p> <p>1 item</p>  | 1960    |
| C DBSS/5/3/5 | <p>Leaflet about the new town of Petaling Jaya, Malaya's first new town<br/>This leaflet is illustrated. and goes into more detail than the earlier leaflet described at C DBSS/5/3/3. It has a forward by the Chairman of the Petaling Jaya Authority and is printed by the China Press</p> <p>1 item</p>   | 1957    |