

**C DIBA                      Items Relating to Mr. Fred Atkins                      1910-late 20th Cent.**

**Accession Number:** 10/24

**Historical Background:** Mr Atkins was the founder of F. Atkins & Co. Ltd moving across to Hull from Shipley for economic reasons. The economic climate between the Wars prompted him to suggest a form of co-operation between him and his competitors which led to the formation of The Metal Box and Printing Industries Ltd initially in 1921 and as more firms joined the amalgamation they changed their name to The Metal Box Co. Ltd and floated as a public company in 1930. A full account of the origins of the Hull branch of The Metal Box Co. Ltd can be found at C DIBA/1.

**Custodial History:** Deposited by Dr. F. Brian Atkins, the grandson of Mr Fred Atkins

**Description:** Copies of accounts of the origins of F. Atkins & Co. Ltd and the origins of F Robinson & Co. Ltd, copy of a newspaper report of Fred's death and an obituary, 4 scanned images relating to the business, 2 duplicate photographs

**Extent:** 9 items

**Related Materials:** Records relating to F. Atkins & Co. Ltd. can be found at C DBMB

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

C DIBA/1	An Account of the origins of the Hull branch of the Metal Box Co. Ltd. By F. D. Atkins, the son of the founder 1 item	20th Cent.
C DIBA/2	An account of the origins of F. Robinson & Co. Ltd. By Gilbert Robinson, son of the founder 1 item	20th Cent.
C DIBA/3	Copy of Fred Atkins' obituary 1 item	Mar 1946
C DIBA/4	Scanned images of: F. Atkins & Co. Ltd Fancy Box Department [1910]; machinery in the Tin Box Factory, Hull; group of businessmen including Fred Atkins; plaque in the reception hall, Metal Box Factory, Dairycoates, Hull. Duplicate photographs of Fred Atkins taken about the time he founded F. Atkins & Co. and his grave in Tranby Lane cemetery. 6 items	1910-late 20th Cent.