

Hull History Centre: Items relating to the Pelican Welfare Association and Wilmington Trust

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Accession number: 24/42

Historical Background:

The Pelican Welfare Association:

The Pelican Welfare Association was established on 10th April 1922 by G. and T. Earle Ltd., cement manufacturers. It was run by or for the interests of its staff, which by June 1922 had over 600 members or 96 per cent of the workforce. The Pelican Welfare Association was an amalgamation of all sections of welfare at Earles'. The Association held annual sports events at a new recreation field at the end of Summergang's Road, which is now named Pelican Park, named after the welfare association it represented. Activities included a cricket club, tennis club, ladies swimming club, angling club and football club, but also included other activities for the employees.

The Wilmington Trust:

The Wilmington Trust Charity was originally approved in 1937 as the Wilmington Seaside Holiday Fund with monies provided by the Sponsor, Sir George Earle, the then Chairman of G&T Earle Ltd, cement manufacturers in Dalton Street, Wilmington, Hull. The original intention was to provide holidays at the seaside for those who otherwise would be unable to do so from the immediate area. The Trust Deed was revised in 1973 and again in 2010. Since 1973 whilst the provision remains to assist in payment for holidays the trustees have a wide remit to make general 'relief of need' grants, and the area of benefit is now the whole of the City of Hull east of the river. Originally the trustees were the Vicar of St Saviour's Wilmington and the company's Welfare Officer. Since the demise of the company, and indeed St Saviour's, the trusteeships were transferred to local Parish Churches and currently the parishes of Sutton, Wawne and Drypool appoint the trustees. The investments are managed by the York Diocesan Board of Finance. Information on the Wilmington Trust supplied by Richard Liversedge (trustee representing the Parish of Drypool).

Custodial history: Deposited by Lorraine Benford whose husband is the Priest-in-Charge of St. James, Sutton on Hull. The items were discovered in a building connected with St. James Church at Sutton. Previous vicars of St. James were on the Committee of the Wilmington Trust. The Pelican Welfare Association met at St. James Church, Sutton explaining why these minutes were found there.

Description: Minutes books, press cuttings and photographs

Extent: 5 volumes, 1 bundle, 1 item/0.16 linear metres

Related material: The Records of Earle's Cement work can be found at C DBEL, including an Administrative History. Earle's cement: a short history of G & T Earle Ltd., 1809-1967, by Renton Heathcote can be found in the Local Studies Library at L.669.9 EAR. Records for Hammonds of Hull Athletic Association, founded for the welfare of its employees and its successors (Binns and House of Fraser) can be found at C DBFR.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIBX/1	Items relating to the Pelican Welfare Association Minute books, press cuttings and photographs 4 volumes	10 Apr 1922-1949
C DIBX/1/1	Minute book of the Pelican Welfare Association Minute book, including the inaugural meeting which took place on 22 April 1922 1 volume	10 Apr 1922-6 May 1924
C DIBX/1/2	Number not used 1 volume	
C DIBX/1/3	Minute book of the Pelican Welfare Association 1 volume	2 Nov 1926-4 Dec 1928
C DIBX/1/4	Minute book of the Pelican Welfare Association 1 volume	4 Dec 1931-1 Aug 1933
C DIBX/1/5	Pelican Presscutting Book Press cuttings, photographs relating to recreation activities of employees, their families, Wilmington works and recreation facilities. Note a number of the photographs and other related material appears to have been removed from the volume. 1 volume	1949
C DIBX/1/6	The Pelican Journal produced by The Pelican Welfare Association Vol. 12, No. 1, January 1938. 1 item	Jan 1938
C DIBX/2	Items relating to the the Wilmington Trust Minute books and photographs 1 volume,	1890s-c.1970
C DIBX/2/1	Minute Book 1 volume	14 Sep 1973-7 Oct 1999
C DIBX/2/2	Photographs Black and white photographs which were kept with the Wilmington Trust Minute Book. Includes Robson Cement Co. Ltd, Stoneferry who were taken over by Earles'; Wilmington drivers and a photograph of a scene from the production 'Wasn't it odd', 'Wilmington', presumably by the Wilmington Trust members. 1 bundle/15 items	1890s-c.1970