

C DIKI Records relating to King and Co. Ltd., ironmongers and builders merchants, Hull and Darlington 1797-1958

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Historical Background: The records in this collection really compliment the records in C DBKC which were either deposited by the Company in 1974 or recovered from the Company's Hull premises on South Church Side when Hull City Council took possession of it in 1981. Please see the C DBKC list for a more detailed administrative history. The Darlington Branch of King & Co was acquired in 1924. Leonard Thomas Barker was born in 1921 and joined the company in Northgate, Darlington aged 14 straight after leaving school. He became Managing Director in 1969 after the company moved to larger premises in Darlington. He retired from the Company in 1986 and died in 2002. His wife died in 2021.

Custodial history: Donated by the daughter of former Managing Director, Leonard Thomas Barker. By 1973 King's had been taken over by Ferguson Industrial Holdings who had their head office at Appleby Castle. It is thought that some of these records were passed to Leonard during the time of closure of Kings in Hull in the early 1970s. It was only shortly after his wife's death in 2021 that they were deposited with Hull History Centre by his daughter, Susan.

Description: Documents in this collection include minutes of ordinary meetings, minutes of directors meetings, product catalogues, correspondence and plans.

Arrangement: C DIKI/1 Minutes of the Company
C DIKI/2 Company property records
C DIKI/3 Records relating to company Activities
C DIKI/4 Records relating to products
C DIKI/5 Miscellaneous records

Extent: 3 boxes

Related material: C DBKC King and Co. Ltd., ironmongers and builders merchants, South Church Side, Hull, 1807-1971
L.690 KIN The history of the house of King's, 1744-1946 by A E Spring

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIKI/1	Minutes of the Company Minutes of directors and ordinary general meetings of the company 7 volumes	Jan 1881- May 1971
C DIKI/1/1	Minutes of company directors (Book 1) 1 item	24 Jan 1881- 28 Nov 1884
C DIKI/1/2	Minutes of company directors (Book 2) 1 item	30 Jan 1885- 18 Nov 1904

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C DIKI/1/3	Minutes of company directors (Book 3) 1 item	7 Feb 1905- 21 Dec 1921
C DIKI/1/4	Minutes of company directors (Book 4) 1 item	18 Jan 1922- 21 Dec 1934
C DIKI/1/5	Minutes of company directors (Book 5) 1 item	1 Feb 1935- 19 Apr 1950
C DIKI/1/6	Minutes of annual general meetings 1st-78th general meetings 1 item	16 Mar 1881- 12 May 1958
C DIKI/1/7	Minutes of annual general meetings 79th-91st general meetings 1 item	25 May 1959- 10 May 1971
C DIKI/2	Company property records 8 items	Nov 1797- Feb 1947
C DIKI/2/1	Schedule of title deeds relating to property in Vicar Lane, Hull The deeds on this schedule date back to 21 Nov 1766 and relate to premises in Vicar Lane, Hull purchased by Mr Rowland Dixon and W. Cockshill 1 item	8 Nov 1797
C DIKI/2/2	Plan of property in Vicar Lane, Hull The plan says that it is endorsed on an index dated 14 Jan 1823 and mentions the executors of Rowland Dickon deceased and Richard Lothingington 1 item	n.d.
C DIKI/2/3	Plan of proposed alterations to King and Co premises, South Church side, Hull 1 item	27 Sep 1941
C DIKI/2/4	Ground plan of King and Co premises, South Church side, Hull 1 item	Jan 1914
C DIKI/2/4a	Ground plan of King and Co premises, South Church side, Hull (tracing) 1 item	n.d.

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C DIKI/2/5	<p>Copy of an original application for electric lighting supply at King and Co., Ltd, South Church Side, Hull</p> <p>This application covers the front shop, offices and warehouses on South Church Side, Hull</p> <p>1 item</p>	3 Jan 1893
C DIKI/2/5a	<p>Letter from the Corporation Electricity Offices, Hull to A. Spring of Messrs King and Co., Ltd regarding the original application for an electricity supply made in 1893</p> <p>This letter includes extracts from the Electricity Supply Committee Minutes dated 29 Dec 1892 and 19 Jan 1893 in order to help King and Co., Ltd with their electrical survey in 1947</p> <p>1 item</p>	20 Feb 1947
C DIKI/2/6	<p>Correspondence relating to structural damage to the company's main premises and works South Church Side and Mytongate, Hull caused by enemy action during the Second World War. The Company premises were damaged by enemy action or by fragments from anti-aircraft shells during the period 31 Mar to 30 Apr 1941. Their premises were bombed again on the night of 8 May 1941. This correspondence is between the company and the valuation officer of the Inland Revenue, the War Damage Commission regional office, Leeds, the Pheonix Assurance co., Ltd, Hessele, John Watson and Carter, Chartered surveyors of Hull, the Federation of British Industries, London as well as G.T. Lotherington, House and Estate Agents, Hull. It relates to claims for damages to the buildings, stock, machinery, tools etc.</p> <p>1 item</p>	5 May- 29 Oct 1942
C DIKI/3	<p>Records relating to Company activities</p> <p>Includes correspondence, a share prospectus and information relating to the employment of disabled people.</p> <p>7 items</p>	1880-1966
C DIKI/3/1	<p>Company order book for stationery items</p> <p>1 item</p>	12 Jan 1891- 21 Dec 1933

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C DIKI/3/2	<p>Correspondence between Mr. M.E. Staves (Director) of King and Co., Ltd and Mr & Mrs Robert Mueller of Odessa, Texas and MrW.L. Goodman of Clifton, Bristol</p> <p>These letters relate to tools, in particular planes, that were manufactured by King and Co., Ltd. One letter includes 2 photographs of 3 planes.</p> <p>1 item</p>	29 Jul 1965- 22 Apr 1966
C DIKI/3/3	<p>Correspondence between Mr. Alfred E. Spring (Managing Director) of King and Co., Ltd and Ryland's Directory and the Yorkshire Agricultural Society</p> <p>The letter to the Yorkshire Agricultural Society lists the occasions that King and Co., Ltd exhibited at the Great Yorkshire Show.</p> <p>1 item</p>	4 Nov 1946- 11 Feb 1947
C DIKI/3/4	<p>File of paperwork relating to the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act</p> <p>This file includes annual returns of the number of company employees who hold a Registered Disabled Person Certificate. Also included is a copy of a leaflet explaining the employer's obligations under the Act published by the Ministry of Labour and National Service Jan 1946</p> <p>1 item</p>	15 Nov 1949- 12 Nov 1955
C DIKI/3/5	<p>List of names of Chairmen, Managing Directors, Directors and Secretaries of King and Co., Ltd from 1881-1963</p> <p>1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/3/6	<p>Share prospectus Capital £80,000 in 8,000 shares of £10 each</p> <p>1 item</p>	1880
C DIKI/3/7	<p>Share prospectus Capital £60,000 in 6,000 shares of £10 each</p> <p>1 item</p>	1881
C DIKI/4	<p>Records relating to products</p> <p>Sales catalogues, price lists and leaflets relating to the historical origins of products- King & Co., Ltd and of other companies associated with them</p> <p>8 items</p>	c. 1900s
C DIKI/4/1	<p>Ironmongery sales catalogue-King and Co., Ltd Indexed by product and illustrated</p> <p>1 item</p>	1905

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C DIKI/4/2	<p>Constructional Ironwork illustrated catalogue-King and Co.,Ltd Published by Elsom and Co., Hull, Printers. Shows interiors of shops, homes and warehouses as well as individual machinery, furniture and tools 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/4/3	<p>Illustrated tool catalogue-King and Co.,Ltd Indexed (2 copies) 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/4/4	<p>Illustrated price list of Yorkshire Ranges and other kitchen pieces -King and Co.,Ltd 3 copies (including revised price lists) 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/4/5	<p>Illustrated catalogue of Gold Medal Eagle Ranges-King and Co.,Ltd 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/4/6	<p>The History of the "Coal Devouring" Cooking Range and its progeny Smoke & Fog,: and the remedy [Dye, Frederick] First published in 1900, this is the 6th edition 1 item</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/4/7	<p>Illustrated cards detailing component parts available for combination grate nos 714, 710 & 950 by Hattersley Brothers & Company of the Queen's Foundry, Swinton near Rotherham , founders and radiator manufacturers These three lists give diagrams of component parts for these types of combination grates. Combination grates became popular in the mid-19th Century 3 items</p>	n.d.
C DIKI/4/8	<p>Illustrated weighing machine and ironmongery catalogue-George Salter & Co., West Bromwich Inside this catalogue is a letter to King and Co., Ltd from George Salter & Co dated Nov 1899 about the catalogue and specific items within it. There are also five loose product guides relating to the automatic self tilting seat, the family balance scales no. 45, no. 48 and no.50, the counter balance and the combined silver checker and parcel post balance. 1 item</p>	1901

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C DIKI/5	Miscellaneous records Includes historical data not directly relating to the company. 2 items	c. 1900s
C DIKI/5/1	Pamphlet entitled 'The Village Blacksmith and his outlook' Author: The Rural Industries Intelligence Bureau Leaflet no. 4. Contains technical and trade information, methods, processes, equipment and materials etc., are described. 1 item	n.d.
C DIKI/5/2	60th Annual Report of Hull City Police and Temporary Home 'Goodday House' 6 Fountain Street, Hull 1 item	31 Dec 1945