

U DHP

Records of Hull Printers Ltd

1897-1978

Historical background:

Hull Printers Ltd. was founded in 1897 as a co-operative co-partnership society which undertook all kinds of printing and publication work. Its original premises were opposite St Mary's church in Lowgate, Hull, and the founder and president of the society was Francis Askew. It was the only co-partnership printery in the north of England.

The business quickly expanded and surrounding premises bought, including 10-11 Lowgate in 1924 which allowed for access from Alfred Gelder Street. Considerable emphasis was placed on space, light, good heating and ventilation for the staff, and workers were involved in the management of the company as well as sharing in its profits.

From 1930 the firm was running a savings scheme for its employees with employer contributions and there was a Welfare Association to meet the needs of charity. The value of the trade done by the company grew steadily in the first few decades with the greatest success in the 1950s when over 80 people were employed. However, the firm suffered a fairly fast collapse over the next two decades, being beset by shortage of capital and labour difficulties and went into liquidation in 1975.

Custodial History:

The records arrived in several instalments between 1975 and 1979, some of them originally being catalogued as U DX/110. Mainly deposited by Messrs. Gibson and Co., 17 Wright Street, Hull, 29 March 1979

Description:

The business records cover the period 1897 to 1978 and comprise minute books of the board of management and accounts, contract files, share registers and miscellaneous items such as examples of the work of the firm.

The collection in more detail is as follows: minute books (1913-1973) several of which were damaged during second world war bombing; files of minutes and reports (1973-1975); attendance registers (1953-1975); accounts (1901-1975) including ledgers from 1941, two petty cash books 1956-1973, a day book 1969-1971, sales ledgers 1950-1974, sales books 1948-1970, purchases ledgers 1962-1971 and accounts of capital items written off 1942-1974; contracts (1958-1966) including with H M Stationery Office; files (1943-1975) including the printing register of electors for the West Riding of Yorkshire and Leeds 1954-1974, material relating to the Factories Acts 1961-1975, shares 1968-1975, Cooperative Bank files 1969-1975 and staff and wages files for the early 1970s; membership and shares (1948-1975) including share registers and share certificate issue books and miscellaneous material (1897-1978) including reports and balance sheets 1897-1974, a brochure about the company dated 1937, an accident book 1946-1975, an insurance register 1951-1973 and a list of the items formerly at U DX/110.

Arrangement:

- U DHP/1 Minutes and Attendance Registers, 1913 - 1975
- U DHP/2 Accounts, 1941 - 1975
- U DHP/3 Contracts with Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1958 - 1966
- U DHP/4 Files, 1943 - 1975
- U DHP/5 Membership and Shares, 1948 - 1975
- U DHP/6 Miscellaneous, 1897 - 1978

Extent: 2 linear metres

Access Conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DHP/1	Minutes 12 items	1913-1975
U DHP/1/1	Minute book 1 volume	1913-1926
U DHP/1/2	Minute book 1 volume	1926-1939
U DHP/1/3	Fragments of minute book 1 bundle	1939-1940
U DHP/1/4	Minute book Contains reports and balance sheets 1 volume	1941-1948
U DHP/1/5	Minute book Contains reports and balance sheets 1 volume	1948-1954
U DHP/1/6	Minute book Contains reports and balance sheets 1 volume	1954-1969
U DHP/1/7	Minute book Contains reports and balance sheets 1 volume	1969-1973

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U DHP/1/8	File of Minutes and reports 1 file	1973-1975
U DHP/1/9	File of minutes and reports ("J. Hirst's own file") 1 file	1971-1975
U DHP/1/10	Notes of management meetings 1 bundle	1971-1973
U DHP/1/11	Attendance register 1 item	1953-1971
U DHP/1/12	Attendance register 1 item	1971-1975
U DHP/2	Accounts 38 items	1941-1975
U DHP/2/1	Ledger 1 volume	1941-1947
U DHP/2/2	Ledger 1 volume	1948-1953
U DHP/2/3	Ledger 1 volume	1954-1958
U DHP/2/4	Ledger 1 volume	1958-1964
U DHP/2/5	Ledger 1 volume	1964-1968
U DHP/2/6	Ledger 1 volume	1968-1969
U DHP/2/7	Nominal Ledger 1 volume	1969-1970
U DHP/2/8	Nominal Ledger 1 volume	1970-1971
U DHP/2/9	Nominal Ledger 1 volume	1971-1972
U DHP/2/10	Nominal Ledger 1 volume	1972-1973
U DHP/2/11	Nominal Ledger 1 volume	1973-1974

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U DHP/2/12	Cash Book 1 volume	1941-1946
U DHP/2/13	Cash Book 1 volume	1946-1950
U DHP/2/14	Cash Book 1 volume	1950-1955
U DHP/2/15	Cash Book 1 volume	1955
U DHP/2/16	Cash Book 1 volume	1956-1961
U DHP/2/17	Cash Book 1 volume	1961-1967
U DHP/2/18	Cash Book 1 volume	1967-1972
U DHP/2/19	Petty Cash Book 1 volume	1956-1970
U DHP/2/20	Petty Cash Book 1 volume	1970-1973
U DHP/2/21	Cash Received Day Book 1 volume	1969-1971
U DHP/2/22	Sales Ledger 1 volume	1950-1969
U DHP/2/23	Sales Ledger 1 volume	1969-1971
U DHP/2/24	Sales Ledger 1 volume	1971-1974
U DHP/2/25	Sales books Covering 1948 - 1970 and 1965 - 1969 2 volumes	1948-1970
U DHP/2/26	Income Account Book 1 volume	1959-1969
U DHP/2/27	Income Account Book 1 volume	1970-1971
U DHP/2/28	Purchase Ledger 1 volume	1962-1969

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U DHP/2/29	Purchase Ledger 1 volume	1969-1971
U DHP/2/30	Purchases Day Book 1 volume	1966-1969
U DHP/2/31	Purchases Day Book 1 volume	1969-1971
U DHP/2/32	Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets 1941 - 1949; 1971-1973 1 volume	1941-1973
U DHP/2/33	Accounts of capital items written off 1 volume	1942-1971
U DHP/2/34	Accounts of capital items written off 1 volume	1961-1974
U DHP/2/35	Her Majesty's Stationery Office Account Book 1 volume	1965-1972
U DHP/2/36	Repairs and Renewals Accounts 1 volume	1969-1974
U DHP/2/37	Cost Analysis Book 1 volume	1970-1971
U DHP/2/38	Representatives Sales Analyses 1 bundle	1972-1975
U DHP/3	Contracts with Her Majesty's Stationery Office 9 items	1958-1966
U DHP/3/1	Jobwork printing for Ministry of Transport No. 840 1 item	1958
U DHP/3/2	Printing 'Agriculture' monthly for Ministry of Agriculture No. 416 1 item	1960
U DHP/3/3	Bookwork printing for Colonial Office No. 408 1 item	1960
U DHP/3/4	Running contract for medical cards No. 1415 1 item	1960

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U DHP/3/5	Specified stitchwork for Post Office No. 865 1 item	1960
U DHP/3/6	Printing 'Journal of Naval Engineering' for Admiralty No. 1597 1 item	1963
U DHP/3/7	Printing Commodity Series Reviews for Commonwealth Economic Committee No. 477 1 item	1964
U DHP/3/8	Jobwork printing for Inland Revenue No. 651 1 item	1964
U DHP/3/9	Bookwork printing for Ministry of Technology No. 501 1 item	1966
U DHP/4	Files 18 items	1943-1975
U DHP/4/1	File. War damage compensation for 10/11 Lowgate, Hull 1 file	1943-1947
U DHP/4/2	File. Printing Registers of Electors for West Riding of Yorkshire and Leeds 1 file	1954-1974
U DHP/4/3	File. Agreements and contracts 1 file	1957-1974
U DHP/4/4	File. Factories Acts (certificates; inspections) 1 file	1961-1975
U DHP/4/5	File. Shares 1 file	1968-1975
U DHP/4/6	File. Hull Printers Angling and Cricket Clubs 1 file	1970-1971
U DHP/4/7	File. Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1 file	1969-1975
U DHP/4/8	File. Price increases for printing Registers of Electors for West Riding of Yorkshire and Leeds 1 file	1970-1974

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U DHP/4/9	File. Amount of work done for Her Majesty's Stationery Office 1 file	1971-1972
U DHP/4/10	File. National Graphical Association 1 file	1972-1975
U DHP/4/11	File. Secretary's file 1 file	1973-1975
U DHP/4/12	File. Costs 1 file	1973-1974
U DHP/4/13	File. General Manager's file 1 file	1974-1975
U DHP/4/14	Files. Co-operative Bank 5 files	1969-1975
U DHP/4/15	Files. Decimalisation 2 files	1970-1973
U DHP/4/16	Files. Staff 7 files	1971-1974
U DHP/4/17	Files. Wages 3 files	1972-1975
U DHP/4/18	Files. Progress 4 files	1972-1974
U DHP/5	Membership and Shares 12 items	1948-1975
U DHP/5/1	Share Register (1 - 10792) 1 item	1948-c.1965
U DHP/5/2	Share Register (10793 - 15786) 1 item	c.1965-1975
U DHP/5/3	Share Certificate Issue Book stubs (1 - 6294) 1 item	1948-1950
U DHP/5/4	Share Certificate Issue Book stubs (6295 - 9121) 1 item	1950-1962

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U DHP/5/5	Share Certificate Issue Book stubs (14431 - 15786) 1 item	1970-1975
U DHP/5/6	Register of members 1 volume	20th cent.
U DHP/5/7	Register of members 1 volume	c.1967
U DHP/5/8	Share Ledger 1 volume	1940-1953
U DHP/5/9	Letters of indemnity for duplicate share certificates issued 1 bundle	1941-1962
U DHP/5/10	Share capital statement 1 item	1941-1959
U DHP/5/11	Nomination Book 1 volume	1944-1957
U DHP/5/12	Nominations for transmission of interest 1 bundle	1957-1975
U DHP/6	Miscellaneous 17 items	1897-1978
U DHP/6/1	Reports and Balance Sheets 1 - 3 and 6 - 80; 1897 - 1899, 1901 - 1974 1 bundle	1897-1974
U DHP/6/2	Brochure. 'A Silver Celebration of a Hull Partnership' 1 item	1922
U DHP/6/3	Brochure, '40th Anniversary, 1897 - 1937, of the Hull Printers Ltd.' 2 items	1937
U DHP/6/4	Accident Book 1 volume	1946-1975
U DHP/6/5	Job Book 1 volume	1947-1966
U DHP/6/6	Insurance Register 1 item	1951-1973

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U DHP/6/7	Bills of Quantities For erection of new premises at Great Gutter Lane, Willerby 1 bundle	1952
U DHP/6/8	Job Progress Book 1 volume	1953-1958
U DHP/6/9	Rules of Hull Printers Savings Association 1 item	1956
U DHP/6/10	Brochure, 'Our Co-partnership Way' 2 items	1966
U DHP/6/11	National Graphical Association records Including: a) Provincial. Agreements as to Wages, Hours and Working Conditions, 1967 b) Provincial and Photogravare. Agreements as to Wages, Hours and Working Conditions, 1972 c) Rules, 1975 1 bundle	1967-1975
U DHP/6/12	First Aid Treatment Book 1 volume	1968-1975
U DHP/6/13	Hull Printers Pension and Life Assurance Schemes 1 item	1971
U DHP/6/14	Rules of Hull Printers Ltd. 1 item	1971
U DHP/6/15	101st Report and Balance Sheet of Watford Printers Ltd. 1 item	1972
U DHP/6/16	'Industrial Participation' No. 564. Containing an article, "Case Study: Hull Printers Ltd." by A.W. Blakestone 1 item	mid-1978
U DHP/6/17	List of items formerly catalogued as U DX/110 1 item	20th cent.