

**U DX122**

**Records of Kay and Backhouse Ltd.,  
Agricultural and Dairy Engineers,  
Fossbridge, York and other items**

**1863 - 1990**

**Historical Background:**

William and Thomas Kay took over in 1877 an ironmongery carried on by the Thacker family who had been saw and tool makers since the 1830s. In 1891 Kay and Backhouse came into being, specialising as agricultural and dairy engineers. The business was in Fossbridge, York (Bellamy, 'Some aspects of the economy of Hull', i, p.354 citing Industries of Yorkshire, p.174).

**Custodial history:**

Donated by Dr Alan Harris, Department of Geography, University of Hull, 7 March 1977 [U DX122/1], June 1983 [U DX122/2-22], 19 June 1986 [U DX122/23] and 13 April 1990 [U DX122/24]

**Description:**

This collection is comprised predominantly of handwritten ledgers for the company Kay and Backhouse Ltd. which give details of the work undertaken by the company for different clients and the cost of the work. Each client is given their own page(s) with additions to their accounts made over several years. The ledgers U DX122/19-21 appear to be a continuation of the ledgers at U DX122/14-18, with accounts carrying on into the second set of ledgers once the clients' pages had been filled in the first set of ledgers.

There are also three other items which do not relate directly to Kay and Backhouse Ltd. but were donated at the same time.

**Arrangement:**

U DX122/1	Abstract of Title: Church Farm, Aughton
U DX122/2-13	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledgers
U DX122/14-21	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose leaf ledgers
U DX122/22	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Bill book
U DX122/23	Geography and Geology Examination Papers, London University
U DX122/24	Notes re History of the Department of Geography, University of Hull

**Extent:** 21 volumes & 21 items

**Related material:**

Northern Dairy Engineers Ltd. [C DBND/1/2]

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

U DX122/1	Abstract of Title: Church Farm, Aughton Includes two printed letters which are related to the abstract. 1 item	1863 - 1958
<b>U DX122/2-13</b>	<b>Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledgers</b> <b>A series of hand written ledgers containing details of the work undertaken by Kay and Backhouse Ltd. for different clients including: brief note on what the work entailed, the cost, the date and details of how payment was made. Some of the ledgers have an alphabetical index of the company's clients and the page number at which the details of the work performed [or parts supplied] are written.</b>	<b>1891-1969</b>
U DX122/2	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1891 - 1898
U DX122/3	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger There is no alphabetical index list. 1 volume	1899 - 1905
U DX122/4	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger There is no alphabetical index list. 1 volume	1904 - 1909
U DX122/5	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (7) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1943 - 1947
U DX122/6	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (8) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1945 - 1964
U DX122/7	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (9) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1950 - 1956
U DX122/8	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (10) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1951 - 1957
U DX122/9	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (11) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1955 - 1961
U DX122/10	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (12) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1961 - 1969

U DX122/11	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (13) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1964 - 1968
U DX122/12	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (14) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1965 - 1969
U DX122/13	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Ledger (15) This ledger has an alphabetical index. 1 volume	1967 - 1969
<b>U DX122/14-21</b>	<b>Kay and Backhouse Ltd. loose leaf ledgers Hand written unbound ledger, with alphabetical index, containing details of the work undertaken by Kay and Backhouse Ltd. for different clients including: brief note on what the work entailed, the cost, the date and how payment was made.</b>	<b>1908-1941</b>
U DX122/14	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger A - B 1 volume	1908 - 1939
U DX122/15	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger C - G 1 volume	1908 - 1939
U DX122/16	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger H - K 1 volume	1908 - 1939
U DX122/17	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger L - R 1 volume	1908 - 1939
U DX122/18	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger S - Y 1 volume	1908 - 1939
U DX122/19	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger A - F 1 volume	1918 - 1941
U DX122/20	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger G - M 1 volume	1924 - 1941
U DX122/21	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Loose - leaf ledger N - Y 1 volume	1922 - 1941
U DX122/22	Kay and Backhouse Ltd. Bill book A very large volume containing individual handwritten bills which have been folded and stuck onto the pages. 1 volume	1894 - 1897

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| U DX122/23 | Examination papers for external diplomas from London University<br>Including:<br>a) Geography, 1928, 1930, 1951, 1952<br>b) Geology, 1948, 1949, 1951<br>Includes a memorandum from a Mr Alan Harris to a Mr Norman Higson about how the exam papers came into his possession. Several different exams are contained in one booklet.<br>7 items  | 1928 - 1952 |
| U DX122/24 | Notes and correspondence collected by Dr Alan Harris when compiling a history of the Department of Geography, University of Hull<br>With explanatory letter accompanying the above, 13 April 1990. Includes an index for what the notes contain and is comprised of recollections of former members and pupils of the department. Many of the recollections concern Mr King who was Head of the Geography Department at the University College in Hull in the 1930s and 1940s.<br>13 items | 1945 - 1990 |