

**U DX184**

**Records of Thomas Andrew  
(later Charles Andrew), Wheelwrights, Joiners  
and Undertakers of Swanland, and Papers  
of the Andrew Family**

**1862-1962**

**Historical Background:**

The Andrew family have a longstanding connection with the village of Swanland which lies to the east of Hull. The material in the collection relates to three generations of wheelwrights; Thomas, William and Charles Andrew, whose workshop stood behind 34 Main Street. Thomas Andrew was a blacksmith and wheelwright and the early customer accounts from the 1860s and 1870s are related to his business (U DX184/1-3). His blacksmith's account book 1872 to 1874 is at U DX184/9. It is clear from the job listings that his business involved fixing small pieces of agricultural equipment such as axes, water cans and shears. He also manufactured new pieces of equipment. For example, on 21 January 1874 it was recorded that he made one new pig felling axe for 4s 6d. William Andrew continued this business.

When Charles Andrew died, the business died with him; he was one of the last village carpenters to combine joinery with undertaking, employing a woman to lay out the corpses for him.

**Custodial history:**

Deposited by Dr RA Reaveley, Epsom, 19 August 1988

**Description:**

Charles (Charlie) Andrew combined being a wheelwright with carpentry. The customer account books and notebooks about jobs done indicate that he repaired wagons and items of furniture (U DX184/4-6, 10). In addition, joinery work done on many of the new houses built in Swanland during a period of suburban expansion in the 1920s and 1930s was carried out by Charlie Andrew and his employees. Wages books are at U DX184/11-12. Charlie Andrew was a very active member of his village community and the miscellaneous family papers show involvement in the Swanland Independent chapel; in various patriot village celebrations, such as Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, the silver jubilee of George V and the coronation celebrations of Elizabeth II; in the chief constabulary during the second world war and in the cricket club (U DX184/13-15, 19, 21-3, 25). He received a letter of thanks from Stanley Baldwin for his help during the general strike (U DX184/19a). The collection also contains sales and letting catalogues for Swanland Hall and the surrounding 700 acres of farmland dated 1928 (U DX184/18, 20). U DX184/26 is a packet of photographs of Swanland from the 1890s to 1946, one of which is a group photograph of local men including Charles Andrew.

**Extent:** 13 volumes & 27 items

**Related material:**

Records of Andrews and Sons, undertakers [L DBAS]  
Records of the Hull 4th Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers [C DUW]  
Records of Hull branches of various Trade Unions [U DP161]  
Records of Messrs. Marshall and Boyd (Hope Iron Works) [U DX60]

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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U DX184/1	Customer account book 1 volume	Jan 1862- Apr 1866
U DX184/2	Customer account book 1 volume	Apr 1866- Dec 1871
U DX184/3	Customer account book 1 volume	Jan 1872- Jan 1888
U DX184/4	Customer account book 1 volume	1888-1909
U DX184/5	Customer account book 1 volume	1909-1930
U DX184/6	Customer account book 1 volume	1930-1940
U DX184/7	Customer account book 1 volume	1941-1962
U DX184/8	Customer payments book 1 volume	1889-1941
U DX184/9	Notebook, containing details of jobs to be done, including funerals 1 volume	c.1882 - 1891
U DX184/10	Blacksmith's account book 1 volume	1872-1874
U DX184/11	Employee time (and wages) book 1 volume	1910-1911
U DX184/12	Employee time (and wages) book 1 volume	Jan-Feb 1938
U DX184/13	Receipt: quarterly pew subscription of William Andrew at Swanland Independent Chapel 1 item	Jul 1894
U DX184/14	Booklet: Kingston-upon-Hull illustrated in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year 1 item	1897
U DX184/15	Penny bank book, Swanland Day School, in the name of Charles Andrew 1 volume	1897-1901
U DX/184/16	Swanland Manor Cricket Club. Balance sheet 1 item	1907

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U DX184/17	Swanland Manor Cricket Club. Balance sheet 1 item	1908
U DX184/18	Sale catalogue of the Swanland Hall Estate (including Swanland Hall, Humber Dale Farm, and Turkey Hall). End pocket contains 2 plans 2 items	19 Jan 1926
U DX184/19	Items relating to Charles Andrew's service as a Special Constable a) Printed letter of thanks from the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, for his service during the General Strike, 1926 b) Letter from the Chief Constable of the East Riding confirming the award of a second Special Constabulary long service medal, 10 April 1940 c) Printed sheet explaining the nature of the Special Constabulary long service medal, no date 3 items	1926-1940
U DX184/20	Printed folder: Charges for letting Swanland Hall 1 item	Aug 1928
U DX184/21	Programme: Swanland celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of King George V 1 item	6 May 1935
U DX184/22	Programme: Swanland Coronation celebrations for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth 1 item	12 May 1937
U DX184/23	Printed victory message to schoolchildren from King George VI 1 item	8 Jun 1946
U DX184/24	Ferriby, Swanland and Skidby District Nursing Association. Annual report and accounts 1 item	1947-1948
U DX184/25	Programme: Swanland Coronation celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II 1 item	31 May-6 Jun 1953
U DX184/26	Miscellaneous photographs of Swanland 12 items	[1890 - 1946]