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Memoirs of Arthur Scott

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Biographical Background:

Arthur Scott was probably born in Hull in 1869. He later married and had two children. He was the manager and chief sales clerk for a large firm of produce importers in Hull, for which he worked for over 30 years. The company's speciality was the pickling and storing of eggs in Russia. His exploits in Russia during the First World War, as detailed in this collection, ensured that the company did not go bankrupt. The firm was probably Sellers and Short or Soulsby and Wood Ltd.

He was subsequently sent by the Government to Egypt and ultimately ran his own successful food import company.

Custodial history:

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Description:

Photocopy of the typed memoirs of Arthur Scott, concerning his trip to Russia between August and December 1914. It details his eventful experiences in Russia and the difficulties of exporting and importing foodstuffs during the Great War.

Extent: 1 item

Related material:

A copy of a letter from a soldier serving in France during the First World War [C DIDR/1] A volume of papers relating to Second Lieutenant Joseph Hirst and the First World War [C DIAH/1]

Copy of a letter written by a soldier of the BEF in the First World War [C DIDR] Journal of my two escapes from French prisons during the Great War by Captain George Hall [L. 001 HAL]

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Photocopied ts. 'Personal events during the Great War 1914 - 1918', by Arthur Scott, of Hull

Describes his eventful journeys to and from Russia and his stay in Russia (St Petersburg, Archangel) between August and December 1914 in order to secure the export of foodstuffs. His actions saved his own company from bankruptcy and enabled further exports of English foodstuffs out of Russia. Includes several amusing and interesting anecdotes about his adventure. Mentions Wilson Line ships and agents. Mentions the Wilson Line.

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