

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Records of Businesses

Energy Industries Finding Aid

Bo'ness Gas Light Co Ltd

Based in Bo'ness, West Lothian, the Bo'ness Gas Light Company took over the responsibilities of the Bo'ness Coal Gas Light Company. Bo'ness Gas Light Company was incorporated in 1896 with the registration number SC003384, and was dissolved in 1949.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A058.007	(1897)	Plan of meter and governor house for the Bo'ness Gas Light Co Ltd. Scale 1": 2ft

British Petroleum - Grangemouth Refinery

The first oil works in the world were opened in Bathgate, West Lothian, in 1851 producing oil from shale or coal. However, many Scottish works closed in 1859 as the world's first oil well was sunk in Pennsylvania in the USA and the price of oil dropped. By 1919 the six surviving companies united under the management of the newly formed Scottish Oils. In the same year Scottish Oils was acquired by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, later to become BP. The BP refinery in Grangemouth was in operation by 1924.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A380.02		Photocopy of photograph album: Scottish Oils Ltd - Grangemouth Refinery series
A380.01	1869-1924	Photocopy of news cuttings relating to Scottish oil products (BP archive AR1459)
A179.001	(1951)	Ordnance Survey sheet showing Grangemouth Docks and Grangemouth Airfield. Annotated to show pipelines and oil lines. Scale 1:10560
A2053.001	27 Nov 1958	Ticket for Annual Dinner Dance at the Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth
A2053.002	06 Nov 1959	Ticket for Dinner Dance of BP Automobile Club at the Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth
A2053.003	04 Dec 1959	Menu for Annual Dinner Dance at the Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth
A1069.001	Post 1959	A Visit to Grangemouth Refinery. Guide for tours
A380.03	(1968)	"Britain's first hydrocracker complex". Guide to BP Grangemouth refinery
A715.001	(1970s)	Operating Instructions for the Olympia ICR 412 Calculator. See FALKM: 1994-021-001

Falkirk Corporation Gas

Gas was introduced to Falkirk by the Falkirk Gas Works Company in 1829, whose works and assets were sold in 1878 to the Falkirk Joint Stock Gas Company. In 1896 the Falkirk Gas Commissioners took over the works and supply of gas, under the Falkirk Corporation Gas Act, 1894. At nationalisation in 1949 the works became part of the Scottish Gas Board. In 1989 the works were privatised as part of the British Gas Company.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1149.002	1937-1941	Ledger
A397.02	1937-1938	Gas bill addressed to Mr John Reid, 32, Hayfield

General Electric Co Ltd

The General Electric Co is a diversified services, technology and manufacturing company. It was founded in the USA in 1892 when Thomas Edison (1847-1931), famous for inventing the electric light bulb in 1878, merged his Edison Electric Light Co with the Thompson-Houston Electric Co. The General Electric Co now operates in more than 100 countries and employs 340,000 people worldwide. The registered office of the Company in the UK is in London. The Company was incorporated in 1961 with the registration number 00680555.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A319.003	Early 20th Century	Instruction booklet for GECophone Crystal Detector Sets Nos 1 & 2 (Booklet No B.C. 2868)

Grangemouth Gas Co Ltd

Grangemouth Gas Works were opened in 1836, one of the earliest in central Scotland. The first two street gas-lamps were erected in 1867.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A684.010	1834-1907; 1974	Volume of papers relating to Grangemouth Gas Co. Includes contracts of co-partnery, accounts and copy draft provisional orders
A055.003	1836-1890	Shareholders' transfer book
A684	1836-1907	Minutes, shareholders transfer book, contract of co- partnery and regulations and other papers
A055.004/01	1890-1907	Minutes of Board of Directors, shareholders and liquidators
A055.004/02	1890	Contract of Co-partnery and regulations

National Gas Engine Co Ltd

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A480.09		Instructions for the National Gas Engine

Petroleum Information Bureau

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A655.003	(1960s)	Poster containing a brief description of 'refining oil'