

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Records of Businesses

Food and Drink Industries Finding Aid

James Aitken & Co Ltd

James Aitken & Co operated as brewers in Falkirk. The company was registered as a limited liability company in 1900 to acquire the business of the same name, established by James Aitken in Falkirk in 1740. The company acquired the North Port Brewery, Brechin, Angus, in 1910, the Rothbury Brewery, Northumberland, in 1911, and the business of T Y Patterson, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, in 1936. The Falkirk Brewery closed in 1966. James Aitken & Co was incorporated in 1900 with the registration number SC004558, and was dissolved in 1968.

The majority of records for the Company are held by the Scottish Brewing Archive, Glasgow

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A021.005		Photocopy of article "Messrs James Aitken & Co, Falkirk Brewery, Falkirk"
A021.002		Bottle labels for Aitken's strong ale, sparkling ale, export ale, stout, Peacock brand, Nun Nicer brand, pale ale, 90/- ale and other brands.
A021.003		Bottle labels for Aitken's strong ale, sparkling ale, export ale, stout, Peacock brand, Nun Nicer brand, pale ale, 90/- ale and other brands.
A1177.001	(Early 20th Century)	Letterhead with illustration of brewery
A021.001	(1940)	"200 Years of Progress. The story of Aitken's from 1740-1940"
A286.01	1960	Credit notes and invoice to Baltic Bar, Grangemouth
A021.004	30 Mar 1963	Photocopy of article from Falkirk Herald on "Efficiency of Brewing Industry"

A G Barr & Co

A G Barr and Co is the largest soft drinks manufacturer in Britain. The Company was established in Falkirk when Robert Barr set up as a manufacturer of aerated water at Burnfoot Works in 1880. The current business takes its name from Andrew Greig Barr (1872-1903), a son of Robert Barr. Andrew Greig Barr joined the family business in 1887 as it began to grow rapidly. A branch of the Barr business was opened in 1887 at Parkhead in Glasgow, where new products were introduced at a staggering pace. In 1892 Andrew began to work jointly between Falkirk and Glasgow. However, within five years the Glasgow operation was completely independent of Falkirk. Irn Bru was introduced in 1901, which was to become Barr's most successful product. When A G Barr was launched as a private firm in 1904, the business of Barr's in Falkirk remained independent until the two were brought together in 1959 under the chairmanship of Robert Barr, the third generation of the family. A G Barr was incorporated in 1904 with the registration number SC005653.

Records are held by the company.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A102.001	1830-1980	"Barr 1830-1980". Contains historical sketch of firm, photographs of works, founder, family, and activities (copied to P collection)

Lipton Ltd

Lipton Ltd are processors of tea and coffee. Their registered office is in London. The Company was incorporated in 1898 with the registration number 00056350.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A465.04	08 Mar 1966	Shop receipt

Mitchell's Dairy

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A407.01		Mitchell's Dairy milk bottle tops

Neilson Brothers

Aerated water firm, based in Falkirk.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A232.001	1900s? {nd}	Photocopy of advertising poster for aerated water

Newhouse Creamery, Grangemouth

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A278.02	1945	Circuit diagram for control box for Hallmark Refrigeration plant at Newhouse Creamery (See FALKM:1987-29)

A278.01 1946 Instruction Book for "Hallmark" refrigeration plant (See FALKM:1987-29)

A G Taylor

Wine & Spirit Merchant

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A241.001	1908	Wall hanging calendar issued by A G Taylor, Wine & Spirit Merchant, Newmarket Bar. Illustrated with photo of Falkirk FC, over stamped with A G Taylor advertisement and has August - December calendar remaining

Robert Walker

Flesher, North St, Bo'ness

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A2306.001 /1-2	1870	Accounts for meat issued by Robert Walker, Flesher of North St, Bo'ness to the ship, Brig Jean of Whitby