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Records of Businesses

Timber Industries Finding Aid

J Baird & Co (Falkirk) Ltd

J Baird & Co (Falkirk) Ltd were timber merchants with a sawmill at Springfield, Falkirk. The Company was incorporated in 1904 with the registration number SC005694.

Reference No	Date	Description
A719.001/01	06 Aug 1951-28 Dec 1957	Sawmill day book No 46B. Handlist index included
A719.001/02	08 Jan 1958-31 Aug 1960	Sawmill day book No 47B. Handlist index included
A719.001/03	02 Sep 1960-29 Jan 1963	Sawmill day book No 48B. Handlist index included
A719.001/04	13 Dec 1965-30 Dec 1968	Sawmill day book No 50B. Handlist index included
A719.001/05	07 Jan 1969-31 Jan 1972	Sawmill day book No 51B. Handlist index included
A719.001/06	01 Feb 1972-31 May 1974	Sawmill day book No 52B. Handlist index included
A719.001/07	17 Jun 1974-04 Aug 1976	Sawmill day book No 53B. Handlist index included
A719.001/08	10 Nov 1961-31 Jul 1963	Sawmill day book No 53A. Handlist index included
A719.001/09	04 Apr 1956-28 Feb 1958	Sawmill day book No 55A. Handlist index included
A719.001/10	11 Mar 1958-30 Dec 1959	Sawmill day book No 56A. Handlist index included
A719.001/11	08 Jan 1960-30 Aug 1961	Sawmill day book No 57A. Handlist index included
A719.001/12	06 Aug 1963-30 Apr 1965	Sawmill day book No 59A. Handlist index included
A719.001/13	10 May 1965-28 Apr 1967	Sawmill day book No 60A. Handlist index included
A719.001/14	10 May 1967-31 May 1969	Sawmill day book No 61A. Handlist index
A719.001/15	16 Jun 1969-30 Jun 1971	included Sawmill day book No 62A. Handlist index included
A719.001/16	01 Jul 1971-28 Sep 1973	Sawmill day book No 63A. Handlist index
A719.001/17	05 Sep 1973-30 Mar 1976	included Sawmill day book No 64A. Handlist index included
A719.002/01	20 Aug 1954-29 Nov 1956	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index
A719.002/02	03 Dec 1956-24 Dec 1958	included Sawmill local day book. Handlist index
A719.002/03	06 Jan 1959-29 Nov 1960	included Sawmill local day book. Handlist index
A719.002/04	01 Dec 1960-28 Feb 1963	included Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included

A719.002/05	01 Mar 1963-30 Jun 1965	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included
A719.002/06	20 Jul 1965-29 Feb 1968	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included
A719.002/07	04 Mar 1968-31 Aug 1970	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included
A719.002/08	01 Sep 1970-30 Jan 1973	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included
A719.002/09	01 Feb 1973-24 Dec 1974	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included
A719.002/10	06 Jan 1975-01 Sep 1976	Sawmill local day book. Handlist index included
A719.003/01	12 Sep 1950-11 Jul 1951	Sawmill order book.
A719.003/02	23 May 1952-09 Feb 1953	Sawmill order book.
A719.003/03	10 Feb 1953-02 Sep 1953	Sawmill order book.
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A719.003/04	03 Sep 1953-26 Mar 1954	Sawmill order book.
A719.003/05	26 Mar 1954-14 Oct 1954	Sawmill order book.
A719.003/06	15 Oct 1954-19 May 1955	Sawmill order book.
A719.003/07	19 May 1955-26 Dec 1955	Sawmill order book.
A719.003/08	19 Jan 1971-09 Aug 1971	Sawmill order book No 29
A719.003/09	10 Aug 1971-09 Feb 1972	Sawmill order book No 30
A719.003/10	09 Feb 1972-17 Aug 1972	Sawmill order book No 31
A719.003/11	28 Feb 1973-14 Sep 1973	Sawmill order book No 33
A719.003/12	14 Sep 1973-15 Apr 1974	Sawmill order book No 34
A719.003/13	05 Apr 1974-03 Dec 1974	Sawmill order book No 35
A719.003/14	04 Dec 1974-20 Aug 1975	Sawmill order book No 36
A719.003/15	20 Aug 1975-21 Apr 1976	Sawmill order book No 37
A719.003/16	21 Apr 1976-11 Jan 1977	Sawmill order book No 38
A719.004/01	20 Feb 1934-24 Feb 1934	Sawmill quotation book
A719.004/02	19 Dec 1939-26 Dec 1949	Sawmill quotation book
A719.004/03	03 Dec 1953-12 Jan 1956	Sawmill quotation book
A719.004/04	12 Jan 1956-05 Jun 1956	Sawmill quotation book
A719.005/01	05 Mar 1956-13 Feb 1962	Sawmill invoice book No 10
A719.005/02	19 Feb 1962-02 Mar 1968	Sawmill invoice book No 11
A719.005/03	27 Mar 1968-31 Dec 1973	Sawmill invoice book No 12
A719.006/01	01 Nov 1949-30 Mar 1957	Sawmill cash book No 8
A719.006/02	23 Feb 1972-30 Sep 1974	Sawmill cash book No 12
A719.007/01	1955-1958	Sawmill wages book
A719.007/02	1958-1962	Sawmill wages book
A719.007/03	1962-1965	Sawmill wages book
A719.007/04	1965-1969	Sawmill wages book
A719.007/05	1969-1973	Sawmill wages book
A719.007/06	1973-1978	Sawmill wages book
A719.008	1962-1976	Customer accounts ledger
A719.009	1953-1954	Bantaskine Stock Book
A719.010	17 Mar 1943-26 Jul 1949	Bantaskine Letter book
A565.001	25 Apr 1959	Business cheque drawn on Royal Bank of
		Scotland, Falkirk Branch, by Baird & Co
		(Falkirk) Ltd

Christie & Co

Reference	Date	Description
No		
A670.001	1915-1925	Letter book (wet copy)

Harrower, Welsh & Co

Harrower, Welsh & Co Ltd were timber merchants, pitwood importers, shipping agents and stevedores. The company was formed as a partnership between William Welsh and David Keddie Harrower in 1904. After William's death the company continued as Harrower family business. it became a limited company in 1951 and went into liquidation in 1962. The assets were bought by a surviving member of the Harrower family. The company was based at 3 Register St, Bo'ness and had a homewood mill near Stanley, Perthshire.

Reference No	Date	Description
A1756.001	Circa 2007	History of Harrower & Welsh, Timber Merchants, Pitwood Importers, Shipping Agents and Stevedores
A1756.002	1904	Letter Book, indexed
A1756.003		Letter Book, indexed
A1756.004	1952-1962	Letter Book, indexed
A1756.005	1900-1909	Letterhead of Harrower, Welsh & Co , showing
		illustration of Bo'ness Dock and Harbour
P43168	Early 20th Century	Ripping a Log at Harrower, Welsh & Co's Pitwood Yard, Slaghill, Bo'ness
P43169	Early 20th Century	Ripping a Log at Harrower, Welsh & Co's Pitwood Yard, Slaghill, Bo'ness
P43170	(1920s) {nd}	Cross-Cutting Saw and Measuring Bar at Harrower, Welsh & Co's Pitwood Yard, Slaghill, Bo'ness
P43171	Early 20th Century	Male and female workers [at Harrower, Welsh & Co's Pitwood Yard, Slaghill, Bo'ness

Muirhead & Sons

Timber company and sawmill in Grangemouth, established in the 1880s. The company ceased trading in the 1980s

Reference No	Date	Description
A1673.001	1981	Promotional Diary, includes list and descriptions of hardwoods which were available and obtainable
A1673.002	1991 {original recording}, 2005 {copy made}	DVD showing images and excerpts from Muirhead & Sons Advertising Catalogues, Leaflets, Booklets and Reprinted Article, including images of interior and exterior of the works and also Muirhead & Sons Pipe Band; containing musical soundtrack
A1673.003	(1940s) {nd}	Catalogue, containing interior, exterior and garage doors, sash and cased window frames and mouldings and finishings, also showing exterior photograph and print of Muirhead's Office and Works, interior photographs of the works and photograph of Muirhead & Sons Pipe Band
A1673.004	(1950s) {nd}	Catalogue, containing interior, exterior and garage doors and sash and cased window frames, also showing photographs of the exterior and interior of Muirhead's Works and also Muirhead & Sons Pipe Band
A1673.005	(1960s) {nd}	Advertising Booklet : Engineered Timber Structures, explaining the principle of plywood construction and also the fire endurance of timber structures also illustrating methods of joining wood, also containing safe-load tables for glued-laminated timber beams and photographs of timber structures made by Muirhead & Sons
A1673.006	(1960s) {nd}	Advertising Booklet : Prefabricated Door Unit
A1673.007	(1960s) {nd}	Advertising Booklet Flush, Bound and Garage Doors
A1673.008	(1960s) {nd}	Advertising Leaflet : Grorud and Muirlite Windows
A1673.009	(1960s) {nd}	Information Leaflet : Laminated Timber, detailing the properties, advantages and applications of Laminated Timber
A1673.010	(1960s) {nd}	Advertising Leaflet : Finger-Jointed Timber, also table showing results of laboratory tests on Muirhead's Finger-Joints
A1673.011	1960	'Scottish Firms Memorable Year', reprinted article from 'The Timber Trades Journal', 30 Jan 1960, detailing the projects that Muirhead & Sons had recently undertaken
A1673.012	Apr 1967	Advertising Leaflet on 'Muirlite' Trusses
A1673.013	May 1967	Advertising Leaflet for Muirlite Beams
A1673.014	Jun 1967	Advertising Leaflet for Engineered Timber Structures, listing general specifications of timber components used, the fire endurance of timber structures, also illustrating methods of joining wood, also containing safe-load tables for glued-laminated timber beams
A1673.015	Jul 1968	Advertising Leaflet for Doors, Door Units and Garage Doors
A1673.016	Jul 1968	Advertising Leaflet for Window, including Grorud, Tip-

Tight, 'Muirlite, Casement, Sash and Case Windows

A1673.017	(Late 1960s) {nd}	Mock-up of Advertising Leaflet for Industrialised Building Components, showing Cladding, curtain Walling and Other Components, leaflet contains no text
A1673.018	(1970s) {nd}	Advertising Leaflet for Whitco Window
A1673.019	(1970s) {nd}	Advertising Leaflet for Muirlite Trusses
A1673.020	(1970s) {nd}	Advertising Leaflet for Muirlite Beams
A1673.021	Jun 1967	Advertising Leaflet for Engineered Timber Structures, listing properties of engineered timber and the fire endurance properties of timber structures
A1673.022	Jun 1967	Advertising Leaflet for the Grorud Pivot Window
A1673.023	1970s	Advertising Leaflet for The Muirlite MK2 Pivot Window
A1673.024	(1980s) {nd}	Advertising Booklet for Engineered Timber Structures, containing specifications, properties, load tables, illustrations of arches and curves, typical connection details and transport limitations
A1673.025	May 1977	Technical Data Sheets, containing properties of various products, space/sections selector, maximum permissible spans for trusses and safe spans for floor and roof joists
A1673.026	(1980s) {nd}	Fold-out Advertising Card for Industrialised Cadding and Curtain Walling
A1673.027	20 May 1949	Plan of Grangemouth
A1673.028	(1960s)- 1975	Photographs, by various photographer, relating to Muirhead & Sons, Grangemouth, showing Muirhead's timber yard, interior of works showing the manufacturing processes, also construction sites in which Muirhead & Sons timber products are used, also trade exhibitions and a church and bridge constructed using Muirhead timber products

William Roy

William Roy was a timber merchant in Bo'ness. Mrs Margaret Roy or Marshall was possibly the sister of William Roy and was married to Captain James Marshall and they lived in Waggon Road, Bo'ness. In 1838 Margaret Roy inherited the estate of her sister, Grace. Assuming his wife would outlive him Captain James Marshall entered into a post-nuptial contract with his wife where he waived his inheritance rights, which meant that on her death he did not automatically inherit her estate. James Roy, baker in Bo'ness may have been the brother of William and Margaret. James Roy was married to Agnes Brown.

James Jarvie was a shoremaster in Leith and William Roy is named as one of the Trustees of his estate.

<i>Reference No</i> A771.001	<i>Dat</i> es 04 Jun 1847-04 Mar 1853	Description Waste book of William Roy, Senior. Contains accounts with details of timber and other products supplied to named customers. Also includes note of bills and receipts
A771.002	1848	Confirmed Testament of James Roy, baker in Bo'ness (1 item)
A771.003	1 February 1853 - 3 December 1856	Papers regarding the sale of the timber business of William Roy of Bo'ness and other correspondence relating to claims on his estate. (14 items)
A771.004	7 February 1868- 9 June 1876	Papers relating to the estate of Mrs Margaret Roy or Marshall of Bo'ness including inventories of effects, list of property and Case for the opinion of Counsel. (43 items)
A771.005	20 October 1814 - 8 November 1854	Trust papers, including accounts, relating to the estate of James Jarvie, shoremaster in Leith. William Roy is one of the Trustees.

Southern-Evans Ltd

Timber manufacturer. Took over Robert Melville & Co

Reference No	Date	Description
A099.006	1980	Advertisement and souvenir of opening of newly re-furbished timber yard at Etna Rd, Falkirk. Contains historical sketch of Robert Melville & Co and photographs of sawmill. See also P12682-P12724

Thomas White & Sons Ltd

Thomas White & Sons Ltd is a woodworking machinery firm with its registered office in Musselburgh, East Lothian. The Company was incorporated in 1908 with the registration number SC006821

Reference No	Date	Description
A313.01	(Circa 1920)	Catalogue: White woodworking machinery

Thomson & Balfour Ltd

Thomson & Balfour owned Victoria Sawmills, Bo'ness. The firm was founded by William Thomson and John Balfour, both of Bo'ness, in 1870. It was taken over by Robinson Dunn Group in 1966. (Most records are held by Glasgow University Archives & Business Records Centre.)

<i>Reference No</i> A1301.001 A1301.002	<i>Date</i> 20 Mar 1931-30 Aug 1933 18 Aug 1933-23 Jan 1937	Description Bought contract book. Contract book No 1.
A1301.010	(Early 20th Century)	Catalogue for Metco Columbian Pine Doors.
A1301.011	(Early 20th Century)	Catalogue for Metco Columbian Pine Doors.
A1301.012	(Early 20th Century)	Advertising leaflet for Flush doors by Thomson & Balfour.
A1301.013	(Early 20th Century)	Advertising leaflet for tab opening in sash and case windows.
A1301.014	(Early 20th Century)	Advertising leaflet "The Bo'ness Window" casement window.
A1301.018	(Early 20th Century)	Advertising leaflet for spiral balance for windows by Unique Balance Co Ltd, Yeovill.
A1301.015	1927	Advertising leaflet produced for the Housing & Health Exhibition, Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, 21 Sep - 15 Oct 1927. Contains advertising for Metco Pine Doors and photograph of Victoria Saw Mills, Joiner's Shop interior and Links Yard and timber basin.
A1301.009	(1930s) {nd}	Advertising brochure for Thomson & Balfour, "Timber importers, saw millers and manufacturers to the trade of all types of joinery".
A1301.008	Dec 1936	Price list.
A1301.020	1950	Advertising leaflet "Thermal Equipment of Buildings by Flexaire Ltd" Overstamped P & W MacLellan Ltd, 129 Trongate, Glasgow.
A1301.016	(Early 20th Century-Mid 20th Century)	Regulations of Thomson & Balfour Employees' Welfare Association and letter.
A1301.019	(Early 20th Century)	Timber tables, produced by James Walker & Co, Restalrig Saw Mills & Creosoting Works.
A1301.023	1957	Petrol coupons issued to Thomson & Balfour and accompanying letter.
A1301.017	1980	Diary.
A005.504/03	Early 20th Century {nd}	Plan of Victoria Sawmills, Bo'ness (copying restrictions apply).

A005.504/09	25 Jun 1941	Plan showing erection of timber drying kilns near south east corner of yard at Victoria Sawmills for Thomson & Balfour (copying restrictions apply).
A1301.029	1986	File. Proposed development at Victoria Works, Bo'ness for Sabah Timbers (Scotland) Ltd. Relates to proposed hotel and leisure complex. Includes news cuttings and plans.
A1301.003	31 Mar 1933	Bo'ness Journal. Contains report of Thomson & Balfour's 50th anniversary.
A1301.004	31 Mar 1933	Linlithgowshire Gazette. Contains report of Thomson & Balfour's 50th anniversary.
A1301.005	24 Jan 1936	Linlithgowshire Gazette. Contains report of John Snedden's retiral (works manager, Victoria Sawmills) after 54 years with company.
A1301.006	02 Oct 1970	Journal and Gazette. Article on centenary of Thomson & Balfour.
A1301.032	(1960s) {nd}	Business card of John Stanners, Representative, Thomson & Balfour Ltd.
A1301.033	(1960s) {nd}	Ticket to Thomson & Balfour's table tennis dance.
A005.434	1955	Programme and menu for Presentation Dinner to Mr William Findlater, held on 11 March 1955, to mark his retirement from Thomson & Balfour Ltd.
A1301.007	02 Oct 1970	Invitation to Mr John Stanners to Centenary Dinner of Thomson & Balfour Ltd. Town Hall, Bo'ness. Includes toast list and list of top table guests.