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Business Archives

William Ackroyd
Otley Mills, Otley

Established 1815
Worsted spinners

Handlist of business records deposited in the Brotherton Library, compiled by
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1. **Wool & yarn notebook, 1844-1919.**
Record of value of wool & yarn - purchases with notes about details of orders from various named suppliers and/or sales to various named concerns. Various calculations concerning prices of the above. From 1859 -1910/19 : Record (10-weekly) of yarn spun with cost and average waste per gross. Wages paid per gross and foreman's name stated.
2. **Stock inventory & valuation book, 1853-1872.**
Yearly December 1853 - 1865; half-yearly November & May 1865 - 1872. Very detailed inventories & valuations of raw materials, cloth in production and pieces on hand (Otley and Bradford), waste, etc, machinery, tools and fitments, debtor / creditor balance and unpaid notes (debtors and creditors named).
3. **Envelope containing papers, 1817-1869**
As follows:
 - (i) Deed and conditions of tenancy of mills. 1817.
 - (ii) Agreement for sale and purchase of tenements in Westgate, Otley. 1845.
 - (iii) Indenture of apprenticeship. 1861.
 - (iv) Correspondence, 1860 - 1863, with the Steam Boiler Assurance Co, New Brown Street, Manchester, (giving details of insurance valuation etc, of boilers).
 - (v) Printed bills of rules to be observed by members of the Wharfedale Union Funeral Brief, 1867.
 - (vi) Detailed plan (with scale, etc.) of the late W Ackroyd's property as sold to Messers Duncan, 1869. (Also shows the adjoining property of Mrs Manby and others together with the weaving shed and premises retained by the trustees.)

Second deposit, 1974;

(briefly mentioned in Hudson, p538.)

4. Day book (sales), 1919 - 1922.
5. Ledger (sales), 1919 - 1930.
6. Ledger (sales), 1930 - 1956.
7. Ledger (sales). 1930 - 1959.
[Items 6 and 7 are loose-leaf ledgers and there is some overlap in their contents.]
8. Ledger (purchases), 1919 - 1927.
9. Ledger (purchases), 1927 - 1933.
10. Ledger (purchases). 1933 - 1955.
11. Ledger (purchases). 1935 - 1959.
[Items 10 and 11 are loose-leaf ledgers and there is some overlap in their contents.]
12. Drawing books, 1916 - 1955 (4 volumes.)
13. Wages book, 1884 - 1893.
14. Book of trial balances and other financial memoranda, 1916 - 1923.
15. Spinning book, 1925 - 1936.

Third deposit, 1980.

16. Private ledger, including balance sheets, 1919 - 1929.
17. Private ledger, including balance sheets, 1929 - 1937.
18. Private ledger, including balance sheets, 1937 - 1949.
19. Nominal ledger, 1919 - 1925.
20. Nominal ledger, 1925 - 1931.
21. Nominal ledger, 1931 - 1934.
22. Nominal ledger, 1934 - 1938.
23. Nominal ledger, 1938 - 1944.
24. Nominal ledger, 1944 - 1949.
25. Nominal ledger, 1949 - 1954.
26. Cash book [day book], 1919 - 1924.
27. Wages book, 1845 - 1852.
28. Wages book, 1853 - 1861.
29. Wages book, 1869 - 1887.
30. Wages book, 1871 - 1883.
31. Wages book, 1898 - 1904.
32. Wages book, 1905 - 1912.
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- 48. Wages book, 1935 - 1937.
- 50. Wages book, 1937 - 1938.
- 51. Wages book, 1938 - 1940.
- 52. Wages book, 1940.
- 53. Wages book, 1941 - 1943.
- 54. Wages book, 1943 - 1946.
- 55. Wages book, 1946 - 1947.
- 56. Drawing book (white tops), 1952-1963.