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Reference number

IV/271

Title

Records of H W Brand, food manufacturer, South Lambeth Road, Lambeth

Covering dates

1838-1941

Physical extent

4 volumes

Creator

H W Brand

Administrative history

The origin of the company lies in the 1820s, when royal chef, H W Brand developed a chicken essence to assist the ailing health of King George IV. Brand retired from royal service in 1835 and established his own business. In 1847 it is listed as being at 11 Little Stanhope Street, Mayfair. In 1873 the business was passed to J J Mason, who was joined in partnership with Thomas Dence. In 1887 a new factory was built at 72-84 South Lambeth Road, Lambeth. The range of products diversified to include essences of beef, mutton, chicken and veal, beef tea, and other, meat broths; turtle soup and jelly, meat lozenges and sauces. They also imported foodstuffs. An enduring feature of their operation was the claim that of their products were of special benefit to invalids. The factory remained at South Lambeth Road until c. 1970. In 1959-60 Brand, as it was then known, was taken over by Cerebos Ltd. Cerebos was in turn taken over by Rank Hovis McDougall.

Archival history

The records were part of a larger deposit of records of Rank Hovis McDougall, made to Cheshire and Chester Archives.

Acquisition or transfer information

Cheshire and Chester Archives notified Lambeth Archives of the records and on authority from RHM the material was transferred, as a gift, to Lambeth Archives.

Scope and content

The records are of diverse dates and activities. They give a snapshot of a particular function for the narrow range of dates they cover, but do not form a coherent whole.

Access conditions

None in addition to normal office policies

Reproduction conditions

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