

Portsmouth Museums and Records Service

This catalogue was digitised by The National Archives as part of the National Register of Archives digitisation project

NRA 30337



The National Archives



1370A

W. PINK & SONS LTD

c1860-1974

The grocery business of W.Pink & Sons Ltd was founded in 1858 by William Pink at 112 Commercial Road. By 1866 the business was firmly established and he began to devote a great part of his time to public duties, first as a Councillor and then serving as Mayor for five terms. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1891 and made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour for his services in entertaining the officers of the French fleet which visited Portsmouth the same year.

In 1887 William Pink took his three sons into partnership - Ernest, Harold and Victor. Harold followed his father into public affairs as well and was Mayor three times. He was knighted in 1919 for wartime duties.

The partnership was changed into a limited company in 1912 with Sir Harold Pink as Chairman and his son Frank as Secretary, After the First World War Frank Pink became Managing Director of the company and expanded it into a very prosperous concern with forty-two branches.

Frank Pink did not involve himself in civic affairs but his son Ralph Bonner Pink did, becoming Lord Mayor in 1961 and Member of Parliament for Portsmouth South in 1966, holding the constituency until his death in 1984.

THOMAS PINK M. SARAH
of Durley, Hants.

12 other issue

SIR WILLIAM PINK JP M. 1) CHARLOTTE ELLEN HORN (d. 1882)
(1829-1906)
Mayor 1874, 1875, 1880, 1882, 1890
knighted 1891

2) JANE GOY, widow of Capt. RC Cleveland RN

EDWARD PINK (1827-1910)

SIR THOMAS PINK M. 1) ELLEN AMELIA PURSLEY (b. 1855) knighted 1904
2) MINNIE JANE DAVIS

ERNEST WILLIAM PINK (1853-1917)
M. JANE CHALCROFT

ELLEN JANE (b. 1855) (d. 1862)

SIR HAROLD RUFUS PINK JP M. 1) LAURA KATE WHITCHER (d. 1929)
(1858-1952)
Mayor 1899-1900 1916-1917 1917-1918
2) BLANCHE MARIAN STARES
Lord Mayor 1933-34 knighted 1919

JEANNETTE EVA (b. 1860) M. 1) Rev. E. VENABLE WILLIAMS 2) "JACK" DOBBIE
VICTOR EMMANUEL (b. 1863)

BEATRICE ELLEN (b. 1865) (d. 1872) M. MARY ELIZ. ST. JOHN HEWLETT
ROSA MAUD (b. 1866) M. Rev. F. C. CALLOM

LEOPOLD LUCIEN (b. 1870)

FLORA KATHLEEN (b. 1872) M. Rev. GEORGE BARTON

MIRIAM DORA (b. 1874) M. JOHN TILBUR

EDWARD 3 sons 1 dau.

ERNEST

No issue

1 son 2 daus.
dau. M. LOVELL WHALLEY

1 son 1 dau.

No issue

2 sons 3 daus.

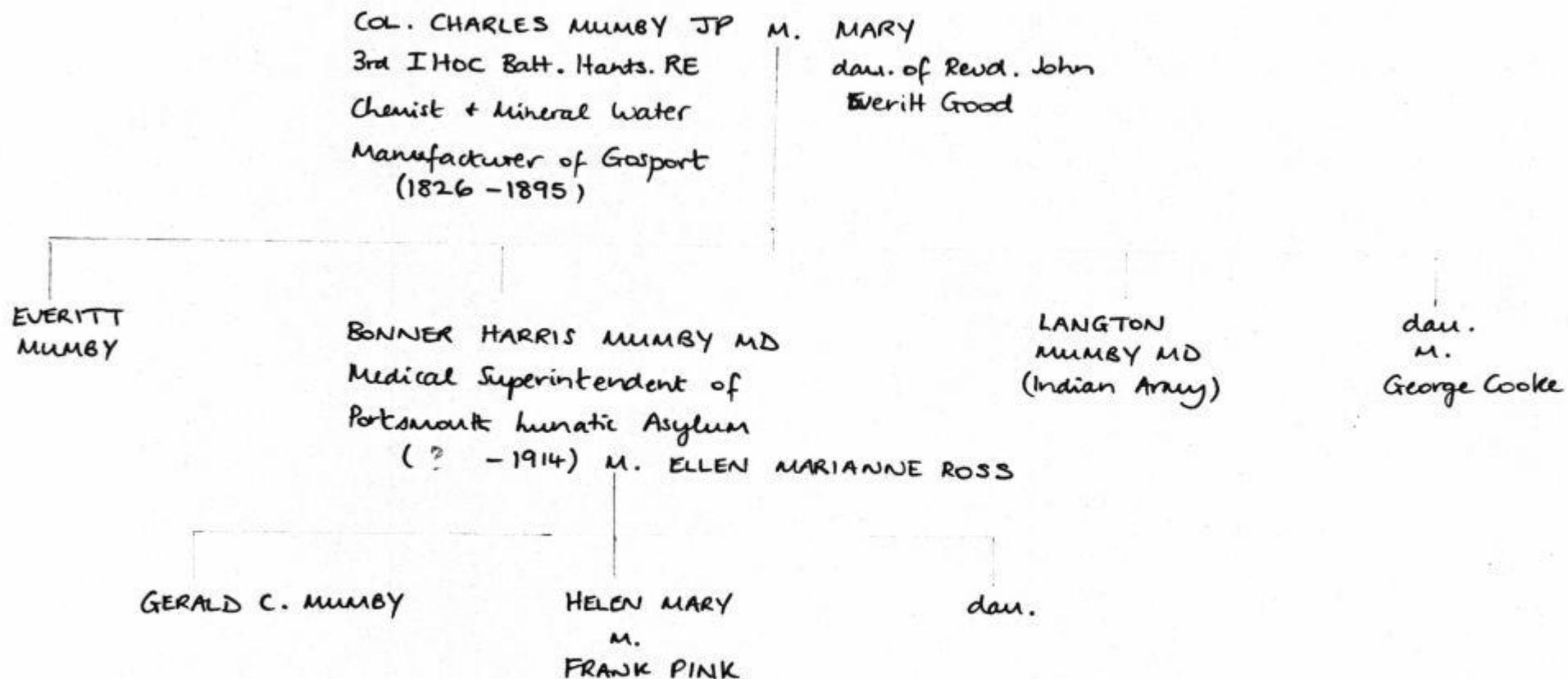
FRANK PINK M. HELEN MUMBY (d. 1932)

HAROLD WILLIAM PINK (1885-1916) M. GLADYS MAUDE CAPLEN
2nd Lieut. Royal Engs.

EILEEN

JOYCE

RALPH BONNER PINK (1912-1984) M. RITA
Lord Mayor 1961 MP 1966-1984



1370A/1

Business Records of W.Pink & Sons Ltd

1885-1958

1. Notices of Extraordinary General Meetings 1932-1933 [6 items]
2. Notice to Preference Shareholders in Pinks' Supply Company 1933 [2 items]
3. Company Prospectus 1934
4. Agreement between W. Pink & Sons Ltd and Ralph Bonner Pink re appointment of latter as Departmental Manager, 1935
5. Printed apology for defamatory remarks made about H.R.Pink as Managing Director of W. Pink & Sons Ltd 1918 [2 items]
6. Note re value of shop premises in 1939
7. Headed receipts 1885 [8 items]
8. "Pinks' Book, A Real Shopping Guide", November 1920
9. Page from The Evening News 27 April 1927 with reproduction of Pink's first advertisement in 1877
10. Pinks' 80th Annual Christmas price list, 1938 [2 items]
11. Leaflet re free gifts available at Pinks in exchange for coupons, nd (1950s)
12. Pinks' Pictorial, August 1908
13. Pinks; Pictorial, special Christmas number containing annual Christmas price list, 1908
14. The Story of the Pinks' - A Three-Generation Business by Herbert N.Casson, 1928 [6 items, one with ms additions]
15. Notes re later history of company to 1958 [2 items]

1370A/2

Records re Civic Duties of Pink Family

1899-1961

1. Visitors' Book for Harold Pink's year of office as Mayor 1899-1900
2. Visitor's Book for Harold Pink's year of office as Mayor 1916-1917

1370A/2

Records re Civic Duties of Pink Family
[continued]

3. Visitors' Book for Sir Harold Pink's year of office as Lord Mayor 1933-1934
4. Letter of thanks from French President, Poincaré, to Mayor of Portsmouth, Harold Pink, re City's congratulations for "France's Day", July 1918
5. Book containing newscuttings re Harold Pink's knighthood, 1919
6. Volume of newscuttings re Sir Harold Pink's year of office as Lord Mayor 1933-1934
7. Commemorative binder containing photographs and letters re visit of the Sultan of Sokoto, Emir of Gwandu and Emir of Kano to Portsmouth, June 1934
8. Menu for Mayoral Banquet given by R. Bonner Pink, May 1961

1370A/2

Family Papers

1879-1955

1. Newscutting re celebration given by William Pink for his employees on occasion of his son's wedding, 1879
2. Letter to Sir William Pink re award of Knight of the Legion of Honour by French Government, 1891
3. Death Certificate of William Pink, January 1906
4. Book of newscuttings re death of William Pink, 1906
5. Newscuttings and letters re death of Dr Bonner Harris Mumby, April 1914 [4 items]
6. Obituary for Dr Mumby printed by British Medical Association, 1914
7. Obituaries for Harold William Pink, 1916 [3 items]
8. Newscuttings re deaths of Lady Pink and Sir Harold Pink [5 items], 1929 and 1952

1370A/3

Family Papers [continued]

9. Photograph in The Evening News June 1932 of Sir Harold Pink, Sir William Pink and Frank Pink taken c1914
10. List of silver and gold plate presented to Pink family, nd
11. Correspondence including conferment of Freedom on Harold Pink and his appointment as an Honorary Life Governor of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, and appointment of Ralph Bonner Pink as a JP, 1900-1950 [8 items]
12. Ms notes of research into Pink family history
13. Typescript family history and reminiscences of the company by Ralph Bonner Pink (unedited), nd
14. Ms notes re duties of a Danish consul compiled by Ralph Bonner Pink (several members of the Pink family served as Danish Consul), 1955

1370A/4

Photographs

c1860-1934

1. Horse drawn tram with advert for W.Pink & Sons c1890
2. W. Pink's Tea Warehouse (Commercial Road?) c1890
3. Group photograph at a staff dinner, c1930
4. "Mrs Gossip" - part of an advertising campaign, nd
5. Sir William Pink c1880
6. Sir William Pink at Shrover Hall c1890
7. Family group at wedding of Jeannette Pink c1880
8. Wedding breakfast at Shrover Hall c1880
9. Local dignitaries including Sir William Pink, possibly at the opening of St Luke's Church and schools, c1860

1370A/4

Photographs [continued]

10. Colonel Charles Mumby, 1893
11. Dr Bonner Harris Mumby c1900
12. Sir Harold, Sir William and Frank Pink on latter's 21st birthday c1900
13. Sir Harold Pink c1940
14. Blanche, Sir Harold's wife c1940
15. Portrait of Sir Harold Pink after he received Freedom of the City (destroyed 10/11 January 1941), 1928
16. Grave of Harold William Pink who died in Flanders 1916
17. Eileen, Joyce and Ralph Bonner Pink as children with their mother c1914
18. Sir Harold and Lady Pink at Waterlooville Fete, June 1932 [2 items]
19. Sir Harold presenting gifts at Portsmouth Royal Hospital, nd, 1930s [2 items]
20. Album of official and family photographs, late 19th-early 20th centuries (At back, order of service for funeral of Laura Kate Pink 1929)
21. Album of photographs of Sir Harold Pink's year of office as Lord Mayor 1933-1934

1370A/5

Printed Books and Pamphlets about Portsmouth

1924-1974

1. "Roll of the Freemen of the Borough of Portsmouth 1573-1924"
2. "A Descriptive and Historical Account of the Silver Plate belonging to Portsmouth Corporation", 1938
3. "The Civic Plate and Insignia of the City of Portsmouth" by C.Oman, 1965
4. "Extracts from the Portsmouth Records" by R. East, 1891

1370A/5

Printed Books and Pamphlets about
Portsmouth [continued]

5. "Records of the Corporation 1835-1927"
6. "Records of the Corporation 1928-1930"
7. "Records of the Corporation 1931-1935"
8. "Records of the Corporation 1936-1945"
9. "Records of the Corporation 1946-1955"
10. "Records of the Corporation 1966-1974"

1370A/6

Miscellaneous

1. St Luke's parish magazine January 1902
2. Black and White Budget Vol 4 nos 52-76,
1900-1901
3. Journal of the Port of Portsmouth
December 1958
4. A speech by the Prime Minister Winston
Churchill in the House of Commons,
August 1940
5. RIBA Scale of Professional Charges, 1947
6. Propaganda postcard warning against
German expansion, dated 1909
7. The News Souvenir Supplements in special
folder 1977 [5 items]