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T. COBB & SONS  
HAULAGE CONTRACTORS

1939-1970

The business was founded in 1890 as cartage contractors by Thomas Cobb the grandfather of the present directors Bill and Alec Cobb. The earliest reference to the business at 32 and 34 Spring Street, Landport is in the 1913-1914 Kelly's Directory.

From their earliest days the company handled fruit and vegetables coming in to the Camber from the Channel Islands and before the Second World War were also involved in the timber trade and ice cargoes from Scandinavia. They delivered produce to London and all over the south of England.

During the war and for several years following Cobbs held a government contract to deliver coal and coke to local naval establishments.

They stopped trading in December 1985 because the site was compulsorily purchased by Portsmouth City Council to make way for the Moores Square Cascades development.

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1. Ledgers

1939-1964

(The entries are arranged under customers' names, giving details of the goods and journey undertaken with the cost)

1. 1939-1942
2. 1942-1945
3. 1945-1947
4. 1947-1950
5. 1951-1952
6. 1952-1954
7. 1954-1956
8. 1958-1964

2. Day Books

1954-1970

(These contain a day to day summary of journeys undertaken by individual employees. The figures in the right hand column are possibly invoice numbers)

1. 6 December 1954 - 29 September 1956
2. 10 August 1959 - 14 November 1960
3. 15 November 1960 - 19 January 1962
4. 22 January 1962 - 17 October 1962
5. 18 October 1962 - 14 October 1963
6. 15 October 1963 - 20 September 1964
7. 21 September 1964 - 15 April 1965
8. 20 April 1965 - 29 October 1965
9. 1 November 1965 - 16 June 1966
10. 17 June 1966 - 3 February 1967
11. 2 October 1967 - 7 June 1968
12. 10 June 1968 - 10 January 1969
13. 13 January 1969 - 10 July 1969

- 1427A    2.    Day Books [continued]
14.    11 July 1969 - 3 March 1970
15.    4 March 1970 - 6 October 1970
3.    Day Books 1959-1970  
(These contain details of the destination and length of journey, the load, the cost to the customer each day and also a weekly cash summary)
1.    10 October 1959 - 16 December 1960
2.    17 December 1960 - 27 January 1962
3.    29 January 1962 - 24 October 1962
4.    25 October 1962 - 4 October 1963
5.    7 October 1963 - 16 January 1965
6.    18 January 1965 - 13 August 1965
7.    16 August 1965 - 16 March 1966
8.    17 March 1966 - 7 October 1966
9.    10 October 1966 - 1 July 1967
10.    3 July 1967 - 13 March 1968
11.    14 March 1968 - 5 November 1968
12.    6 November 1968 - 22 May 1969
13.    23 May 1969 - 9 January 1970
4.    Coal Delivery Book 1954  
(Deliveries to RNAS Lee-on-the-Solent and HMS St Vincent)
1.    3 August 1954 - 19 August 1954
5.    Daily Cash Summary Books 1947-1964
1.    1 September 1947 - 29 August 1952
2.    2 September 1955 - 29 August 1964

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6. Stamp Book

1959-1967

1. 1 June 1959 - 28 April 1967

7. Wages Books

1958-1967

1. 5 September 1958 - 28 August 1959
2. 2 September 1960 - 25 August 1961
3. 1 September 1961 - 31 August 1962
4. 7 September 1962 - 30 August 1963
5. 6 September 1963 - 28 August 1964
6. 4 September 1964 - 27 August 1965
7. 3 September 1965 - 26 August 1966
8. 2 September 1966 - 25 August 1967
9. 1 September 1967 - 30 August 1968

8. Miscellaneous

1. Bacon's County Guide Maps for Cyclists and Tourists (c1910):
  1. Bedford
  2. Hertfordshire
  3. Lancashire
  4. Warwick