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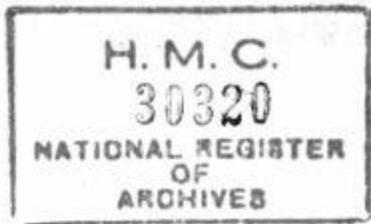
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BISHOP BROS (PORTSMOUTH) LTD

INTRODUCTION

James Bishop began manufacturing boots and shoes in Southampton in 1850. Ten years later he opened a shop at 198 Commercial Road, Portsmouth and this became the main shop in the early 1890s. By 1900 there were branches at Winchester, London (for a while), Havant, Gosport, as well as other places. The actual manufacture of shoes ceased in 1905 but the firm has continued in the family's possession though it became a limited company in 1949.

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TITLE DEEDS AND LEGAL PAPERS

1. Deeds re Business of Bishop Bros

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| <p>1. Probate copy of will of James Bishop of Millbrook Southampton, boot and shoe manufacturer leaving everything to his wife Julia except stock in trade at business in East Street, Southampton and two shops in Commercial Road, Landport, Portsmouth; Julia with sons James and Henry to carry on business for equal benefit of all children</p> | <p>Will dated: 9 March 1874 Probate: 24 October 1874</p> |
| <p>2. Declaration of Trust by Julia Bishop and James and Henry Bishop that 198 Commercial Road, Portsmouth, purchased from John Charles Stephenson is part of their Partnership Estate. Also legal account for this. [2 items]</p> | <p>24 June 1875</p> |
| <p>3. Assignment of share in business of John Meaden Bishop, son of James Bishop, deceased, to Julia Bishop and James and Henry Bishop. Consideration: £200 (see also 530A/2/1/2)</p> | <p>10 November 1882</p> |
| <p>4. Assignment of share in business of Beatrice Julia Mary Bishop, daughter of James Bishop, deceased, to Julia Bishop and James and Henry Bishop. Consideration: £400 (see also 530A/2/1/1)</p> | <p>10 November 1882</p> |
| <p>5. Assignment of share in business of Walter Bishop, son of James Bishop, deceased, to Julia Bishop and James and Henry Bishop. Consideration: £700</p> | <p>10 November 1886</p> |

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| 6. | Partnership agreement between James Bishop of Grosvenor Square, Southampton and Harry Bishop of Cumberland Lodge, Freemantle, Southampton both wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers, carrying on business at "Bishop Bros" at 25 Middle East Street, Southampton and 198 Commercial Road, Landport, and other places, that in the event of the death of either of them, the other will buy out the other's share in the business for £5000, paying this sum in 4 equal instalments | 9 December 1887 |
| 7. | Copy of will of Henry Bishop leaving all in trust to his wife Annie Hellenora Bishop | Date of will: 9 December 1887 Probate: 17 January 1889 |
| 8. | Assignment of share in business of Jessie Bishop, daughter of James Bishop, deceased, to Julia Bishop, James Bishop and executors of Henry Bishop. Consideration: £400 | 13 December 1889 |
| 9. | Assignment of share in business of Richard Hinvest Bishop, son of James Bishop, deceased, to Julia Bishop, James Bishop and executors of Henry Bishop. Consideration: £350 | 30 July 1891 |
| 10. | Assignment of share in business of May Bishop, daughter of James Bishop, deceased, to Julia Bishop, James Bishop and executors of Henry Bishop. Consideration: £599 | 5 October 1894 |
| 11. | Deed of Family Arrangement between Annie Eugenie Bishop, widow of James Bishop (died 8 April 1913) and her sons Henry James, Reginald and James Bernard. Annie now owns the business but Reginald and James Bernard are to run business for set salary and commission on profits. | 25 August 1913 |
| 12. | Interim Executorship Statements re estate of Henry Frederick Gidden, deceased, (executor of James Bishop in 1913 and mortgagor of several of Bishop Bros properties) | 30 October 1947 |
| 13 | Copy of minutes of Board of Directors of Bishop Bros (Portsmouth) Ltd reporting incorporation of Company on 27 July 1949 and appointing chairman, bankers, auditors and solicitors | nd 1949 |

530A/1 2. Title Deeds of 41 and 41a High Street,
Winchester

1. Assignment of city lease for 40 years for remainder of term by William East of Banbury to Richard Knapp, draper, of part of penthouse at the west side of the shop occupied by Knapp, known as Hell at west end of Penthouse.
Consideration: £10 1 February 1802
- 2-3 Lease and Release by William, Earl of Banbury to Richard Knapp, draper, of messuage in High Street, near the Cross Winchester and stable on east of Parchment Street, Winchester.
Consideration: £540
Endorsed: Stable in Parchment Street sold to George Anderson, druggist - 10 December 1803 1 and 2 February 1802
- 4-5 Lease and Release by Dorcas Knapp, widow of Richard, and William Knapp, Richard's brother, to William Young of Winchester, wool stapler of messuage in the High Street, near the Market Cross, Winchester.
Consideration: £630 20 and 21 February 1803
6. Assignment of city lease made 1799 for 40 years by Dorcas Knapp and William Knapp to William Young of part of penthouse being west part of shop of Young.
Consideration: £20 21 December 1803
- 7-8 Lease and Release by William Young to James Young, draper, his son of property in Nos 4-5 above.
Consideration: 10s 12 and 13 December 1805
9. Assignment of city lease by William Young to James Young of property in No 6 above.
Consideration: 10s 13 December 1805
10. Lease by Mayor and Bailiffs of Winchester to James Young, draper, for 40 years from Michaelmas Day 1811 of part of penthouse now the west part of shop occupied by Henry Mould, cabinetmaker, known as Hell, which is at west end of penthouse.
Rent 2s a year and 2 chickens 18 February 1813

Title Deeds of 41 and 41a High Street
Winchester [continued]

11. Mortgage by James Young to Henry Godwin of Winchester, gent, of properties in Nos 8 and 10.
 Consideration: £500
 Interest 5% p.a.
 Endorsement: Mortgage repaid
 25 March 1850 24 April 1818
12. Lease by Mayor and Bailiffs of Winchester to James Young of Winchester, gent, for 40 years from Michaelmas 1828 of property in No 10 now occupied by Sarah Wooldridge, butcher.
 Rent: 2s and 2 chickens a year 24 December 1828
13. Release by Mayor and Bailiffs of Winchester to James Young of above property
 Consideration: £26.12s 21 January 1829
14. Mortgage by William Young of Winchester, brother of James dec'd and Ann, William's wife, to Ben Charles Gowdin, Richard Christopher Gale and James Pern Fitt of properties in Winchester as in No 11.
 Consideration: £500
 Interest: 5% p.a.
 Endorsement: Mortgage repaid
 25 March 1850 3 March 1847
15. Further mortgage by William Young to Francis Godwin of St Cross, Winchester of above properties.
 Consideration: £300
 Interest: 5% p.a. 30 March 1848
16. Mortgage bond by William Young re above mortgage 30 March 1848
17. Further mortgage by William Young to Mary Wedge of New Alresford, widow of above property
 Consideration £250
 Interest: 5% p.a. 10 July 1848
18. Mortgage of property in No 14 to repay mortgages Nos 14, 15 and 17 and to enable William Young to mortgage this property to John Hayes of Walton on Thames.
 Consideration: £1350
 Interest: 5% p.a.
 Endorsements that mortgage repaid by instalments ending 25 December 1878 1 May 1850

Title Deeds of 41 and 41a High Street,
Winchester [continued]

19. Second Mortgage of above property 30 May 1850
by William Young to Richard Tucker,
labourer.
Consideration: £100
Interest: 5% p.a.
20. Conveyance of Equity of Redemption 20 February 1852
of above property by William Young
and Ann his wife to their son
William Young, pork butcher
21. Transfer of Tucker's mortgage (No 19) 7 July 1856
by Charles Wooldridge the elder and
William Young, pork butcher, to
Charles Wooldridge the younger
22. Assignment of Equity of Redemption 4 April 1860
of mortgages to property in Nos 20-21
by William Young to George Gale,
currier of Winchester.
Consideration: £20
23. Mortgage of above property (tenant 3 March 1880
now Alfred Tanner, stationer) by
George Gale, gent to Thomas Allen.
Consideration: £1500
Interest: 5% p.a.
Endorsement: £200 repaid 26 March 1885
24. Conveyance, with plan of 41 and 41a 29 September 1888
The Piazza Winchester (i.e. above
properties) by Thomas Allen and James
Archaid, executor of Geo Gale, to Henry
Bishop and James Bishop, bootmakers of
Southampton.
Consideration: £1800
25. Abstract of Title of James and Walter 1888-1896
Bishop to Nos 41 and 41a The Piazza,
Winchester
26. Further abstract of title to 41 and 1887-1897
41a The Piazza, Winchester
27. Conveyance of above property by 13 November 1897
James Bishop and Walter Bishop
(trustee of H. Bishop) to James
Jones Cooper, merchant.
Consideration: £2000
28. Lease for 21 years of 41a High 24 June 1898
Street, Winchester by James J. Cooper
to William George Allen and Charles
O'Neill, confectioners
Rent: £80 p.a.

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Title Deeds of 41 and 41a High Street
Winchester [continued]

29. Lease for 6 years by James David Cooper, Harry William Cooper and Frederick Ernest Cooper to William G. Allen of 41a High Street.
Rent: £80. 25 March 1919
30. Abstract of Title of James David Cooper, Harry William Cooper and Frederick Ernest Cooper, executors of James T. Cooper to 41 and 41a High Street, Winchester. 1923
- 530A/1 3. 1. Draft lease for 3 years of 12 West End Terrace, Winchester by James Jones to James Bernard Bishop and Jessie May Williams.
Rent: £36 p.a. September 1930

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FINANCIAL

1. Executors Accounts of James Bishop, dec'd - covers trading accounts (see also 530A/1/3-5, 7-9)
1. Prepared for and signed by Beatrice Julia Mary Bishop - covering period 1874-1878 10 June 1879
2. Prepared for and signed by John Meaden Bishop - covering period 1874-1879 7 June 1880
3. Covering period 1874-June 1886
4. Covering period 1874-June 1886 (has fewer notes than above)
5. Allotment Book to eight children of James Bishop 1877-1886
2. Stocktaking Book - taken every 6 months covering Southampton and Portsmouth June 1879-June 1882

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3. Balance Sheets for shoe business,
generally annually:

| | | |
|-----|---|---------------|
| 1. | For Southampton and Portsmouth | December 1890 |
| 2. | " " " " | June 1891 |
| 3. | Draft for whole company | January 1905 |
| 4. | For whole company | July 1905 |
| 5. | " " " | December 1910 |
| 6. | Mrs A. E. Bishop (widow of James II) trading as Messrs Bishop Bros of 198 Commercial Road, Portsmouth and branches | January 1919 |
| 7. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1920 |
| 8. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1921 |
| 9. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1922 |
| 10. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1923 |
| 11. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1924 |
| 12. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1925 |
| 13. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1926 |
| 14. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1927 |
| 15. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1928 |
| 16. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1929 |
| 17. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1930 |
| 18. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1932 |
| 19. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1933 |
| 20. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1934 |
| 21. | Mr J. B. Bishop, trading as Messrs Bishop Bros, Portsmouth | January 1935 |
| 22. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1936 |
| 23. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1937 |
| 24. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1938 |
| 25. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1939 |

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Balance sheets for shoe business
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| 26. | Mr J. B. Bishop, trading as Messrs Bishop Bros, Portsmouth | January 1940 |
| 27. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1941 |
| 28. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1942 |
| 29. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1943 |
| 30. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1944 |
| 31. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1945 |
| 32. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1946 |
| 33. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1947 |
| 34. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1948 |
| 35. | " " " " " " " " " | January 1949 |
| 36. | " " " " " " " " " | January-July 1949 |
| 37. | Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for Bishop Bros (Portsmouth) Ltd | February 1952 |
| 38. | Statement of Accounts for Bishop Bros (Portsmouth) Ltd | February 1956 |
| 39. | " " " " " " " " " | February 1957 |
| 40. | Directors Report and Statement of Accounts | February 1958 |
| 41. | " " " " " " " " " [2 copies] | February 1959 |

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Annual Statements of Account for
Mr J. B. Bishop, confectioner, of
41a High Street, Winchester:

| | | |
|----|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Trading as W. Allen | May 1925- January 1926 |
| 2. | " " " " " | January 1927 |
| 3. | Trading as J. B. Bishop | January 1928 |
| 4. | " " " " " " | January 1929 |

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Annual Statements of Account for
Mr J. B. Bishop, confectioner,
of 41a High Street, Winchester:
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| 5. | Trading as J. B. Bishop | January 1930 |
| 6. | " " " " " " at Winchester and Beamister Lane, Gosport | January 1931 |
| 7. | " " " " " " " | January 1932 |
| 8. | " " " " " " " | January 1933 |
| 9. | " " " " " " " | January 1934 |
| 10. | For 41a High Street, Winchester only | January 1935 |
| 11. | " " " " " " " " | January 1936 |
| 12. | " " " " " " " " | January 1937 |
| 13. | " " " " " " " " | January 1938 |
| 14. | " " " " " " " " | January 1939 |
| 15. | " " " " " " " " | January 1940 |
| 16. | " " " " " " " " | January 1941 |
| 17. | " " " " " " " " | January 1942 |
| 18. | " " " " " " " " | January 1943 |
| 19. | " " " " " " " " | January 1944 |
| 20. | " " " " " " " " | January 1945 |
| 21. | " " " " " " " " | January 1946 |
| 22. | " " " " " " " " | January 1947 |
| 23. | " " " " " " " " | January 1949 |
| 24. | " " " " " " " " | January-July 1949 |

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5. Annual Statement of Accounts for
J. B. Bishop of Bridge Farm,
Godshill, IOW

September 1949

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6. Daily Takings Books at 198 Commercial Road, Landport:
 1. May 1884 - December 1888
[first pages missing]
 2. January 1889 - December 1898
 3. January 1899 - December 1906
 4. January 1907 - December 1911
 5. January 1912 - December 1914
 6. January 1915 - December 1921
- includes Kingston Road,
Portsmouth for January 1913 -
March 1914
 7. January 1922 - December 1927
 8. January 1928 - December 1931
[now 194-198 Commercial Road]
 9. January 1932 - December 1936
 10. January 1945 - December 1949

7. Daily Takings Books at branches
 1. 89 Hampstead Road, London:
 1. January 1882 - December 1888
 2. January 1889 - December 1898
 2. Gosport:
 1. January 1948 - December 1952
 3. 15 East Street, Havant:
 1. January 1897 - December 1902
 2. January 1903 - December 1907
 3. January 1908 - December 1912
 4. January 1921 - December 1926
 5. January 1927 - December 1932
 6. January 1947 - December 1951

Daily Takings Books at branches
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4. Kingston Road, Portsmouth
 1. January 1903 - December 1907
(for January 1913 - March 1914
see 530A/1/1/6)
5. Winchester:
 1. January 1954 - January 1958
- combined with Weekly Taking
January 1947-1953

8. Weekly Takings Books:-

1. 89 Hampstead Road, London)
25 East Street, Southampton) January 1890-
(Boot Factory)) December 1893
144 High Street, Winchester)
41 High Street, Winchester)
2. London, Southampton, both Winchester shops January 1894-
December 1896
3. London January-June 1897
Southampton January 1897-
20 May 1899
Both Winchester shops January 1897-
December 1902
Warehouse January 1901-
December 1902
4. Both Winchester shops January 1903-
December 1908
Warehouse January 1903-
December 1908
Eastleigh 25 June 1904-
December 1908
Forton, Gosport January 1906-
December 1908
Cosham January 1907-
December 1908
5. Warehouse, Forton, both Winchester shops, Eastleigh, Cosham January 1909-
December 1911
6. Both Winchester shops January 1912-
December 1917
Eastleigh January 1912-
November 1913
Forton January 1912-
December 1913
Warehouse January 1912-
December 1914

- 530A/2 9. Weekly Journals (summarising expenses):
1. 41a High Street, Winchester
(confectioners) 23 April 1949-
29 May 1954
 2. Unknown shop 7 August 1948-
28 February 1953

10. Credit Sales Ledger - for payment of shoes by customers by instalments 1908-1914

530A/3 BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE AND ADVERTS

1. Correspondence especially re Portsmouth shop and management of business 1872-1911
2. "Trade Marks Journal" recording registration of "Bibro" as mark of Bishop Bros 27 October 1909
3. Advertisements for Bishop Bros shoes in Portsmouth and Winchester [28 items] c1890-c1930
4. "A List of Cheap & Solid Footwear" Catalogue of Bishop Bros boots and shoes [2 copies] c1905
5. Photographs:
 1. Photograph of James Bishop c1895
 2. Photograph of Bishop Bros shop at 198 Commercial Road, Portsmouth c1890
 3. Photograph of East Street, Havant where Bishop Bros had a shop c1900
 4. Photograph of Bishop Bros shop at 144 High Street, Winchester - Mr Williams, manager c1905
6. Rules of Central Boot & Shoe Steam Factory's Sick Fund & Benefit Society - James Bishop, Secretary c1880

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BISHOP FAMILY

1. Letters and cards personal re Bishop family [14 items] 1873-1919
2. Programmes:
 1. Annual Dinner Party of South of England Boot & Shoe Steam Factory - J. Bishop, Proprietor 23 January 1872
 2. Programme of Entertainment for Star of Hope Lodge, Freemantle (J. Bishop taking part) 13 April 1875
 3. Souvenirs on opening of Empress Dock, Southampton (J. Bishop, Mayor) [3 items] 26 July 1890
 4. Souvenir booklet on opening of New Infirmary Buildings at Portsea Island Union House (J. Bishop, Vice-Chairman) 22 February 1898
 5. Programme of music (H.J.Bishop playing banjo) 20 February 1899
 6. Bishop Bros Great Walking Match - starting from Gosport Hard 20 August 1913
3. Booklet: Special Order to the Regiment by Col. The Earl of Denbigh, Commanding The Honorable Artillery Company. A report on Service of HAC in 1914-1918 War sent to George V and now printed and sent to families of those bereaved in this regiment. (Reginald Bishop died in the war) March 1919
4. Journal of Port of Portsmouth - giving history of Bishop Bros October 1957
5. Death Certificate of Mrs Mabel Littlewood (nee Bishop and accounts of her estate [4 items]) 1958-1962

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Southern Daily Post 30 September 1911
2. Hampshire Telegraph 10 December 1954

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MISCELLANEOUS [continued]

3. Journal of the Port of Portsmouth April 1958

4. The Doughty Story 1860-1960 1960
published by F. Doughty & Sons Ltd,
shoe manufacturers of London

5. Newscutting from Hampshire Chronicle c1960
re renovation of Bishop Bros shoe
shop at 41-41a High Street, Winchester
by building society