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Records of Messrs Webb & Co Ltd., glovemakers
and leather dressers of Horns Mill, Hertford,
1885-1971, deposited in the Record Office on
indefinite loan by the Director of Hertford
Museum in June 1991

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INTRODUCTION

Messrs Webb & Co Ltd., then of Avern Mills, East Molesey, Surrey, leatherdressers, began their association with Hertford in 1891 when they took a lease on the former oil cake factory at Horns Mill, Hertford. The company continued to operate from these premises until 1970 when the business was taken over by Dent Fownes Ltd who in the following year moved production to its own factories in the west of England.

The founder of Messrs Webb & Co Ltd was William Webb (d.1912). He was succeeded in the management of the company by his two sons, Frederick and Kenneth, and at the time of the sale of the business in 1970 Alan Webb (son of Frederick) had been the managing director of the company for nearly twenty years. Alan Webb was chairman of the British Leather Manufacturers' Research Association from 1968-1970.

The best known product of Messrs Webb & Co Ltd was probably the "Hertford Lammie", a luxury glove made from woolly lambs' skin.

Bibliography

The Horns Mill, Hertford by Rosemary Bennett

"The Original 'Hertford Lammie'" by David Tyler in *Hertfordshire Countryside* (Vol 27, no.159. July 1972)

BUSINESSConstitution

D/EX872/B1 Agreement for rearrangement of shareholdings on reconstruction of the company [see also D/EX872/B17] 30 Dec 1913

Minutes

D/EX872/B2 Minutes of Board Meetings, January 1940 - November 1957 and Ordinary General Meetings, June 1940 - June 1957 Jan 1940-Nov 1957
1 vol

D/EX872/B3 Draft minutes of Board Meetings Nov 1953-May 1958
1 bdl

D/EX872/B4 Photostat copies of minutes of Ordinary General Meetings Jun 1958-Dec 1959
1 bdl

Correspondence

D/EX872/B5 Copy letter book [Indexed] 1 vol Jun 1910-Oct 1913

D/EX872/B6 Copy letter book [Indexed] 1 vol Aug 1931-Dec 1940

D/EX872/B7 Copy letter file 1 file Nov 1970-Jun 1971

D/EX872/B8 Correspondence, copy agreements and associated papers concerning the sale of Webb & Co Ltd's business to Dent Fownes Ltd, of Warminster, Wiltshire Dec 1970-Feb 1971
1 bdl

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BUSINESS

Accounts and Financial Papers

D/EX872/B9	Printed annual accounts and directors' reports: one copy per year	1900 - 1970 1 bdl
D/EX872/B10	Printed annual accounts and directors' reports for 1913, 1914, 1917 [report only], 1918, 1941 and 1958	1913 - 1958 1 bdl
D/EX872/B11	Draft and audited accounts and balance sheets [Incomplete series. These relate to "William Webb" to 1890, "Webb & Co Ltd" thereafter]	1885 - 1916 1 bdl
D/EX872/B12	Audited accounts and associated papers	1947 - 1952 1 bdl
D/EX872/B13	Audited accounts and associated papers	1953 - 1958 1 bdl
D/EX872/B14	Audited accounts and associated papers	1959 - 1963 1 bdl
D/EX872/B15	Audited accounts and associated papers	1964 - 1968 1 bdl
D/EX872/B16	Accounts: 1st, 2nd and final drafts	1969 1 bdl
D/EX872/B17	"Private Journal" [Journal Book, containing accounts of reconstruction of the company]	Jan 1914-Dec 1916 1 vol
D/EX872/B18- 19	Cash Books	2 vols Jan 1940-Jun 1958; Dec 1965-Jul 1971
D/EX872/B20	Stock Book	1 vol Dec 1959-Dec 1969

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BUSINESSAccounts and Financial Papers (cont)

D/EX872/B21	"Private Ledger" [General Ledger. Indexed] 1 vol	1960 - 1967
D/EX872/B22	Pay Roll [or P.A.Y.E. working schedule] 1 vol	Dec 1964-Jun 1971
D/EX872/B23	Miscellaneous papers concerning staff salaries and P.A.Y.E. 1 bdl	1968 - 1971
D/EX872/B24	Wages Ledger [arranged by department] 1 vol	Jan 1969-Jul 1971
D/EX872/B25	Various ledgers [Includes sales ledger, debtors' ledger and petty cash ledger. See also D/EX872/B26] 1 vol	Dec 1964-Dec 1970
D/EX872/B26	Miscellaneous financial papers [Includes pages of various ledgers, notes on salaries and P.A.Y.E., account balances, copy accounts and draft sales account summary and analysis for 1971] 1 bdl	c1963 - 1971
D/EX872/B27- 28	Solicitors' accounts and receipts for legal work undertaken in connection with the reconstruction of Webb & Co Ltd. in 1912-13 [see D/EX872/B1 and B17] 2 items	1914 - 1915

Various

D/EX872/B29	Certificate of value of the glove factory and leather dressing works known as Horns Mill	1 Jan 1918
D/EX872/B30	Inventory and valuation of Horns Mill and contents for fire insurance purposes 1 vol	Feb 1952

BUSINESSVarious (cont)

D/EX872/B31	Sale catalogue of machinery and office equipment [at Horns Mill]	12 May 1971
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TITLE DEEDSLiberty of Brickendon (Hertford All Saints)

D/EX872/T1	Lease for 3 years from William Robert Baker of Bayfordbury, Bayford to Messrs Webb & Co Ltd. of Avern Mills, East Molesey, Surrey, leatherdressers of Horns Mill and 6a of adjacent lands [Includes plan of the property, schedule of contents of the mill buildings and copy of conditions of sale produced for the 1890 sale particulars for the property] 1 item	20 Nov 1891
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D/EX872/T2	Lease for 24 years from William Clinton Baker of Bayfordbury, Bayford, to Messrs Webb & Co Ltd. of Horns Mill, Hertford, of Horns Mill and 6a of adjacent lands [Plan attached]	31 Dec 1902
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D/EX872/T3	Copy agreement of sale from Messrs Webb & Co Ltd. to Hertfordshire County Council of a piece of land at Horns Mill [Possibly for a road widening scheme which may be represented by D/EX872/P2]	28 Feb 1938
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Liberty of Brickendon (Hertford All Saints), Hertingfordbury

D/EX872/T4	Lease for 30 years from Henry William Clinton Baker of Bayfordbury, Bayford, to Messrs Webb & Co Ltd. of Horns Mill, Hertford, of Horns Mill and 20a of adjacent land in the Liberty of Brickendon and Hertingfordbury [Includes plan of lands and schedule of contents of the mill buildings]	16 Feb 1915
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TITLE DEEDSLiberty of Brickendon (Hertford All Saints),
Hertingfordbury (cont)

D/EX872/T5	Deed between Henry William Clinton Baker of Bayfordbury, Bayford, and Messrs Webb & Co Ltd. of Horns Mill, Hertford varying the terms of an existing lease [D/EX872/T4] of Horns Mill and adjacent land in the Liberty of Brickendon and Hertingfordbury	31 Mar 1933
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FAMILY PAPERS

D/EX872/F1	Bank account book of A[lan] H[oward] Webb 1 vol	Oct 1925-Apr 1935
D/EX872/F2-3	Personal accounts of C M Webb [female] 2 vols	Jan 1932-Oct 1935; Jun 1935-Dec 1940
D/EX872/F4	Household accounts of an unidentified person 1 vol	Aug 1932-Dec 1940

PLANS

D/EX872/P1	Plan of Horns Mill by Wm Heap & Son Ltd of Manchester, insurance brokers [Presumably drawn up for insurance purposes]	1 Mar 1929
D/EX872/P2	Plan of Horns Mill produced by the Hertford Borough Surveyor [Possibly relating to a road widening scheme at Horns Mill Lane. See D/EX872/T3]	nd [mid 20th cent]

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MISCELLANEOUS

D/EX872/Z1 Bill and receipts in respect of two villas built in Dec 1904-Aug 1906
Bullocks Lane [Liberty of Brickendon,
(Hertford All Saints)] for William Webb by
Alfred Scales of Hertford, builder

1 bdl