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SHORT TITLE: Records of John Burgess and Son Ltd.

REFERENCE: DD/47/1-80

PROVENANCE: Donated by Mrs. M. B. Whittington, 50 Townshend Road,
N.W.8., 7 December 1959.

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DD/47/ 1	Mar. 1901 - Sep. 1915	Minute book
2	Oct. 1915 - Nov. 1940	Minute book
3	Apr. 1941 - May 1950	Minute book
4-55	Dec. 1887 - Dec. 1935; Dec. 1941 - Dec. 1942	Annual balance sheets
56-63	Dec. 1943 - Dec. 1950	Annual reports of directors and balance sheets
64-65	Dec. 1901 - Feb. 1903	Annual reports of directors
66-71	Dec. 1903 - Dec. 1910	Annual reports of directors and statements of accounts
72	Apr. 1949	Articles of Association; printed
73/1-9	Jan. 1908 - Apr. 1908	Broken file of correspondence and tenders re erection and completion of new stables, offices etc. at Hythe Rd.
74	Jan. 1931	Rough accounts; 1 sheet
75	Mar. 1931	Draft minutes; 1 sheet
76	ND [after 1930]	Advertisement postcard; coloured
77	24 Mar. 1950	Article re firm from <u>Middlesex Independent and West London Star</u>
78	1950	Pamphlet re firm

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DD/47/ 79	Apr. 1950	Price list [includes 2 photographs of war damage]
80	ND [1953]	Price list: coronation packs

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER: Presented by Mrs. M. B. Whittington, of 50 Townshend Road, N.W.8, as director and former Chairman of the firm of John Burgess & Son Ltd., manufacturers of food products, of Shaftesbury Road, N.18. 7th December, 1959.

ADDRESS OF CUSTODIAN: Central (Carnegie) Library, Brook Green Road, Hammersmith, W.6.

CLASSIFICATION: BUSINESS

JOHN BURGESS AND SON LTD.

- 1-3. 1901-1950. Three volumes of the minutes of the meetings of the directors (who were also the sole shareholders), beginning with the incorporation of the concern into a company in 1901, under the Companies Acts 1862-1900. The registered offices of the Company were then at 107 Strand, but in 1908 offices and factory were moved to Hythe Road, Willesden Junction, Hammersmith.
- Notes: 1901. Resolutions and allocation of shares. Difficulties in finding a storage place for drums of anchovies as the smell annoyed the neighbours. Eventually the firm rented a railway arch in Wandsworth road, belonging to the London Dover and Chatham railway.
1902. Travellers for the firm were paid a weekly wage of three pounds. No work was done for five days at the coronation of King Edward VII.
1903. Trade bad; the price of anchovies rose fifty per cent.
1905. One representative appointed to cover all the northern area at a weekly wage of six pounds. Experiments in manufacturing various kinds of soups were not entirely successful.
1906. Advertising methods discussed; sales improved through improved type of traveller, but subsequent difficulties due in part to this factor.
1911. Agency established in Canada.
1919. Nine representatives in the United Kingdom.
1923. South African agency established.
1925. Reference to small pox epidemic in the district.
1928. Messrs. Geoffrey Aste & Company of New York, offered either to purchase the business, or to invest capital in it, but on the directors' intimating their willingness to form a subsidiary company of John Burgess & Son in America, jointly, the proposal appears to have lapsed. Proposal received from George Mason & Company to amalgamate the two firms, but the directors decided against it, although willing to consider an offer of purchase.
1934. Agencies in India and Australasia. The minutes of the following years trace the gradual expansion of the firm's activities and organisation, despite the fluctuation in trading conditions, particularly in the northern area. This is reflected in wages scales.
4. 1887-1935, 1941-1950. Sixty annual Balance sheets.
5. 1901-1903, 1905-1908, 1910. Eight Directors' Annual Reports and Accounts. The Report for 1901 is the only original one, signed by the Chairman James L. Brooks, the rest being cyclostyled copies.
6. 1908. Folder containing nine papers, being correspondence about the factory at Hythe Road, including an estimate of the cost of building the stables, storage shed, stable yard, and roadway, and three tenders for the erection and completion of the stables and offices. Illustrated bill heads. With a brochure outlining the