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U146

Records of C. and W. Pickup (Engineers) Ltd., Eccles, gear manufacturers, 1918-76, n.d.

Deposited: Paul Williamson, Esq., managing director, C. and W. Pickup (Engineers) Ltd., March, 1981 (gift).

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There is an embargo of 10 years on U146/F5-6 and /FZ1-2.

This firm was started under the name of Pickup Pattison in 1913 but was later owned by Charles Pickup and his brother William Pickup. (The brothers in addition owned a plastering concern in Eccles). Their brother Stanley was also employed by the firm. William Pickup's son, Mr. Frederick Pickup, was managing director before he sold the family interest in 1975. Two of Charles Pickup's sons emigrated after the second World War to the U.S.A. where they started a factory for making small precision gears.

The original site for the firm was Robert Street, Eccles, but it later moved to a site in Shakespeare Crescent, Patricroft, Eccles, which had been that of a blacksmith's stable. The firm's buildings were designed by Mr. Clifford Pickup.

Before the second World War, the firm produced replacement gears for buses, the customers including Manchester and Rochdale transport undertakings. It also made gears for Riley motor cars and gears for the power take-off units of hydraulic tippers. During the second World War it expanded considerably and its factory was extended. It manufactured timing gear for the diesel engines of tank-landing craft and gears for the scavenger pumps for submarines, work being inspected on behalf of the Royal Navy by an inspector. After the war its productions included the bevel gears of bacon slicers. From the introduction of "clocking in" c.1942 the total number of employees to 1981 amounted to nearly four hundred, to judge by the figure of clock numbers allocated.

(The information given above was supplied by Mr. Frederick Pickup, former managing director, Mr. Paul Williamson, managing director, Mr. George Gregory, works manager, and Mr. Stanley Pickup).

The firm became a limited company in 1936 (U146/AB1). It ceased trading at the end of March, 1981. Engineering Services (Loks) Ltd., Shakespeare Crescent, Eccles, was formed to lease from C. and W. Pickup (Engineers) Ltd. the assets of the latter firm.

Ten photographs of the factory which were taken during the second World War were received with these records and passed to the Local History Collection, Eccles Central Area Library. Other items were passed to the Social History collections of Salford Museums and Art Galleries and were given references from H142-1981 to H153-1981 (see A/TR304)

UNOFFICIAL COLLECTIONS

ADMINISTRATION

Byelaws and constitution

U146/AB1

Printed memorandum and articles of association of C. and W. Pickup (Engineers) Ltd. and of copy of certificate of incorporation (2 pamphlets)

1936

Administrative miscellanea and deposited papers

/AZ1

Visitors book (1 vol.)

1944-45

Such a book was required to be kept during the second World War so that, in the event of an air raid, the book might help to indicate who were or had been present in a factory.

/AZ2/1-2

Signed petitions by employees, one regarding hours of work, 1960, and one an increase in wages of one shilling per hour, n.d. (2 docs., U146/AZ2/1 repaired with cellotape)

1960, n.d.

BUSINESS

/B1

"Purchase orders" (for purchases by the firm), giving order no., date of order, 1958-68, date of delivery, 1958-69, name of supplier and type of "item" (1 vol., binding given way)

1958-69

/B2

"Orders 10 Sept., 1953 onwards", for orders from the firm, giving order no., date of order, 1953-65, date for "date completed", 1953-66, name of customer and type of "Requirements" (1 vol.)

1953-66

FINANCE

/F1

"Cash book" containing financial entries as follows:
 Brief entries for transactions with firms (incl. Browett Lindley and Co.) or other organisations, apparently mostly orders for goods or services, giving amount and, occasionally, type of goods or service and date of payment, entered on opening pages and later pages spread through the vol., 1918-21;
 Entries (one page headed "Journal") containing entries as for a journal, 1921-26;
 Entries spread through vol., apparently chiefly recording sales, for earlier years kept roughly (with brief attempt at analysis, e.g. "Plant", "Raw materials") but from 1937 better kept and giving date, name of customer, amount and monthly total, 1921-46
 (1 vol.)

1918-46

/F2

Cash book (1 vol.)

1940-50

/F3

Sheets of purchase ledger (1 bdle. found wrapped with U146/F4 in paper marked "Purchase and Sales Ledgers - Old Sheets")

1953-76

/F4

Sheets of sales ledger (1 bdle.)

1953-76

UNOFFICIAL COLLECTIONS

	FINANCE (contd.):	
U146/F5/1	Weekly wage sheets (1 looseleaf vol.)	1964-66
/2	Weekly wage sheets (1 bdle.)	1967-70
/F6	Book recording credit for holiday pay, entries made weekly for employees (1 vol.)	1947-56
/F7/1	analysis book for purchases (e.g. "Raw Materials", "Stationery"), incl. name of customer, reference to <u>Purchases</u> / <u>Ledger</u> and type of item (1 vol.)	1939-42
/2-9	Analysis books for purchases, largely as above (8 vols. marked 1-8)	1945-69
/FZ1	Written statements of wage rates (incl. brief list of names on one page) for years not indicated and "holiday rates" (noting some names) for years 1959-62 (1 small notebook)	1959-61, n.d.
/FZ2	Typed statements of wage rates for years 1961-65 (4 docs.)	1961, 1963-65
	LITERARY AND MISCELLANEOUS	
/Z1	Blank cards, statements and paper for letters, printed according to design of lettering introduced before 1975 (6 docs., 2 copies of each kind of stationery)	n.d.
/Z2	Blank invoices (small and large) and paper for letters printed according to designs of lettering introduced in 1975 or later (6 docs., 2 copies of each kind of stationery)	n.d.