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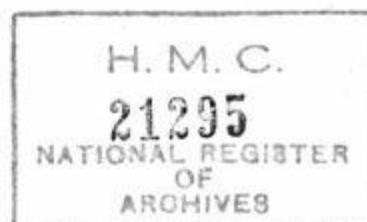
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Records of Floore Industrial Co-Operative
Society and Its Weedon Bec Branch, 1863-1885

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Little is known about Floore Industrial Co-Operative Society, above that contained in the books and ledgers. As far as one is able to gather, the Society began in 1863, and was wound up sometime after the quarterly balance sheet was produced for December, 1884, as this shows that the concern was then bankrupt. It appears to have been a private concern with no link to other co-op firms, with the exception of a branch at Weedon Bec.

The shop sold a very wide range of goods, including all groceries, bread, etc., to ink, gunpowder, and also catered for such new hobbies as photography.

Some interesting entries:

Photographs on 20th Sept, 1881	7/=
Frying pans 2 @ 9½d	1/7
Holland 4½ @ 6½d	2/5½
Bacon 264 lbs @ 6¾d	£7.8.8

The books were kept in a fairly meticulous manner, are well audited, and comprise seven volumes in all. In addition to this, there is a box containing the Treasurer's Vouchers for Purchases (5); The Share Certificates (1); A Miscellaneous Bundle, including bills, withdrawal notices of shareholders, receipts and membership forms (10) and two small Canvas Bags, one white, one black, each holding small rectangular wooden blocks of the same colours, which the Northampton Co-Op suggests were used for the purchase of bread, by way of buying ones tokens at the shop and thereby qualifying for dividend stamps.

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The site of the Co-Op. at Floore is not known, and the only entry in "Kellys Directory", is for the year 1884, when Charles Mawby was the manager and in 1877 The Post Office Directory states that the manager was a W.M. Chandler. No more than this is known, and searches in various archives have proved unsuccessful.

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FLOORE CO-OP.

- 1 Bundle of Share Certificates 1864-1875
(incomplete) (in box)
- 2 Members Share Account Book: Dec 1870-Sept 1884
Contains individual account
of every member, with index
at front of book. Each account
shows dividend payments, interest
on capital, with payments made
every quarter, starting on
20/12/70. Also includes note
re: discrepancy over monies for
shares owned by Thos. Capel and
G.B. Bazeley.
- 3 Treasurer's Receipts and Payments June 1865-Jan 1885
Book:
Beginning: receipts and disbursements
for grocery account of stores at Floore
and Weedon (named 1865-6 only) being
reckoned up at end of each quarter.
Rest of book devoted to totals of
cash received and payments made;
value of fixtures and stock in
Jan. 1885.
Index at front, showing that Butchering
accounts (back section of book) are
missing.
- 4 Treasurer's Day Book: June 1865-Sept 1873
Receipts and expenditure set out
on two pages of four columns each.
Lefthand side: date receipts from
Floore or Weedon; cash; share income
etc.; cross ref. page nos. to ledger.
Righthand side: expenditure set out
in similar manner, totalled up
quarterly.

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FLOORE CO-OP. (cont.)

- 5 Treasurer's Vouchers for Purchases March 1880-Sept 1884
(in box):
Quarterly bills paid by Floore Co-Op.
for items purchased, including receipts
for rent of premises.
Notes by A.A. Mawby (manager) adding
up expenditure for the quarter, inclusive
of wages for Manageress.
Dates of vouchers held:
12/3/1880 to 31/5/1880
30/12/1880 to 24/3/1881
31/3/1881 to 23/6/1881
30/6/1881 to 22/9/1881
29/9/1881 to 22/12/1881
29/12/1881 to 23/3/1882
30/3/1882 to 22/6/1882
28/9/1882 to 21/12/1882
15/12/1882 to 15/3/1883
29/3/1883 to 21/6/1883
28/6/1883 to 20/9/1883
27/9/1883 to 20/12/1883
10/1/1884 to 18/9/1884*
26/6/1884 to 18/9/1884
*contains committee members list,
dated 20/3/1884, and receipts to
Floore Co-Op.
- 6 General Ledger No.1: Aug 1864-Dec 1870
Showing: audits and stocktakes;
assets and liabilities; cash received;
committee expenses; discount; dividends
to non members; empties a/c; fire
insurance; coal and gas; interest on
loan; rent for store; withdrawals;
sundries a/c.
Also: a/c for bread and flour; brushes
and brooms; candles and oil; empties;
rule and entrance money; personal a/c's;
business a/c's and a/c for treasurer and
manager.

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FLOORE CO-OP.(cont.)

- 7 General Ledger No.2: Dec 1870-Dec 1884
Showing: auditing; assets and liabilities; withdrawals; sundry expenses; rent of premises; wages; committee expenses; store cash a/c; bills paid for bread and flour; drugs; butter and eggs; groceries; drapery; including sundry goods-stamps, carriage; candles and oil; and working expenses. Also included is information on dividends payable to non members and the treasurer and manager in account with the Floore Industrial Co-Operative Society. The quarterly balance sheet for December 1884, shows that the concern was bankrupt.
- 8 Stocktaking Book: Nov 1863-Oct 1874
Opening 81 pages deals with personal accounts of individual shareholders, 1863-1868. Main bulk of book shows cost and selling prices in 5 columns, the whole containing miscellaneous items. Later in book, there is a column for profit. End of book: small section showing money paid from August 1864 to March 1866, by new purchasers without books.
- 9 Stocktaking Book: June 1880-March 1884
Shows regular 3 monthly stocktake on or about 20th month, 22/6/1880-20/3/1883, 4 columns, goods; quantity; price per lb., etc; total. After 20/3/1883, 6 columns additions of price at which they will be sold and total at which sold out. (cont.)

