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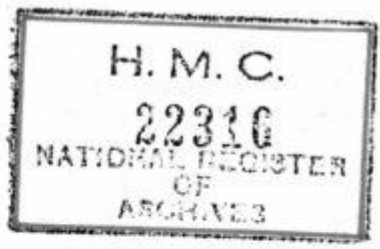
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Records of Grose Holdings Ltd.,
Motor Engineers, Coachbuilders and
Automobile Distributors, of
Queens Park Parade, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.

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Mr. Joseph G. Grose, who began work as a leather currier in Ambush Street, St. James' End, Northampton became interested in bicycle racing, breaking national records on his "Penny Farthing" bicycle. As his interest in bicycling grew, he decided to start his own business to build and repair cycles in a small lock-up shop in St. James' End. During the 1880's, he became friendly with J.K. Starley, a noted cycle racer and the designer of Rover cycles, for which Joseph Grose became the Northampton agent.

With the national craze for bicycling, Joseph Grose moved his business to 63, Gold Street selling several well known makes of bicycle and his own models from the West Bridge Cycle Depot.

In 1897 Mr. Grose invented the Grose patent gear case. This case, made of patent leather, covered the cycle's driving mechanism to protect ladies skirts from catching in the chain. The case was shown at the Stanley Cycle Show at Crystal Palace, London and sold in large numbers to the Coventry Cycle Manufacturers. It was so successful that the Grose Gear Case Company Ltd. was formed in July, 1897 to manufacture the case. The case was later used to cover the greasy chain drives of early motor cars, so enabling long-term production of the gearcase.

Through business connections with the French Motor and Cycle Industry, Mr. Grose built one of the first motor cars in England in the period 1897-1899, using an imported Benz engine.

In February, 1900 the Company's name was changed to Grose Ltd. The gearcase business was sold and the factory in Pike Lane, Northampton was adapted to manufacture "Grose" Steel Studded Non-Skid Tyres, which Mr. Grose had invented for his newly built motor cars. These cars were built using readymade chassis, one particular speciality being to build detachable bodies enabling tradesmen to use a vehicle as a delivery box-van during the week, changing it for a four-seater tonneau body for Sundays.

The business continued to expand into the areas of motorcycle sales and repairs, coachbuilding, commercial vehicles, omnibus building and operating. A fleet of taxi-cabs was purchased in 1908 and operated from Pike Lane, the first motor taxi-cabs in Northampton. In 1912, Grose Ltd. registered its subsidiary company, Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd., whose buses operated on local routes until 1928. Many of these buses had Grose-built bodies.

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In 1924, Grose Ltd. purchased the Crofts Carriage Works in Kingsthorpe Hollow, producing customers special orders for high-class bodies on Rolls Royce, Daimler and other well known chassis. Double and single deck coach bodies and ambulance bodies were also built. Many of the car bodies made during the 1920's and 1930's were named after Northamptonshire villages, e.g. the "Harlestone", a 1932 sports four-seater coupe and the "Sywell", a four-seater sports saloon based on the Alvis Firefly.

Many prizes were obtained for cars shown at the Motor Shows at Olympia and Earls Court and from entries in car races.

By the late 1920's, Joseph Grose's children had entered the business, Will Grose as Managing Director, Frank Grose as Sales Director and Kate as Company Secretary.

In 1938 the Marefair and Pike Lane workshops were enlarged to become one of the most modern motor trade premises in Britain. Mr. J. Grose died in 1939 and his children continued to run the Company.

The name of Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd. was changed to Northampton Motor Services Ltd. in 1943 to operate the Daimler, Lanchester, Aston Martin and Lagonda dealerships. In 1950 the Headlands Garage Ltd., Kettering was purchased and the name changed to Grose (Kettering) Ltd.

During the period 1958-59 all three members of the Grose family operating the business died and the third generation, Mr. W.L. Grose and Mr. J.S. Grose then took charge.

In 1963 the Company changed its name to Grose Holdings Ltd. and moved to new premises at Queens Park Parade, Kingsthorpe in 1965. The coachwork premises in Kingsthorpe were sold in 1969. Also during that year Westonia Garage in Weston Favell was purchased and the British Leyland Specialist Car Division and the Roll Royce and Bentley dealerships were transferred from Queens Park Parade to Grose Westonia Ltd., along with the Triumph main dealership.

In 1973 Grose Westonia Ltd. was disposed of and in 1974 the firm of Skurray's Ltd. of Swindon and Marlborough, Vauxhall and Bedford main dealers was acquired. In 1975 Grose Ipswich Ltd. came into being, Grose Ltd. having acquired H.E. Nunn Ltd. of Ipswich. Also in 1975, the tenancy of Cannons Service Station, Newport Pagnell was taken over.

Today Grose Ltd. in Northampton are main dealers for Vauxhall Cars and Bedford Commercial vehicles, with a Vauxhall main dealership in Kettering, a Datsun main dealership in Corby and a Volkswagen dealership in Newport Pagnell.

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A Account Books

- 1 *Wages Book: July 1904-May 1908
A weekly account of wages paid, giving names of employees, hours worked and amount paid per hour.
- 2 *Payments Cash Books: a)July 1957-Sept 1962
b)Oct 1962-May 1967
Gives names of suppliers, etc., to whom payments made and the amounts. Totalled monthly.
- 3 *Purchase Ledger Journal: July 1963-July 1972
Gives monthly account of purchases made from suppliers, with references to other ledgers no longer in existence.
- 4 *Petty Cash Books: a)May 1961-Feb 1964
b)Feb 1964-May 1967
Daily account of all sundry expenses divided into categories, balanced every month.
- 5 *Cash Book (Grose (Kettering) Ltd.): Jan 1969-March 1973
A general daily record of all credits (left) and debits (right) divided into categories, balanced every month, Jan-April 1969.
Expenses only recorded, May 1969-March 1973.

B Articles

- 1 Article "Salute the Motor Pioneers of 50 Years Ago" from the Northampton Independent Golden Jubilee Number July 8th. 1955
(Xerox copy obtained for the Record Office.)
- 2 Article "1896 - The First Car Arrives in Northampton" from Auto '72, a Mercury and Herald Review. 1972
(Xerox copy obtained for the Record Office.)
- 3 *Article "The Garage Which Began Before Northampton Saw Its First Car" from Aug 1977
Northampton and County Independent.
- 4 *Typed History of Grose Holdings Ltd. c.1976

* - Items deposited at the Record Office

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C Photographs and Miscellaneous Items
kept in Albums

(Retained by Grose Holdings Ltd.)

Album 1

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| 1 | Typed history of Grose Ltd. | |
| 2 | Photograph of J.G. Grose on a Penny Farthing after a cycle race. | 1883 |
| 3 | Photograph of J.G. Grose on a Penny Farthing after the race at Crystal Palace. | 1884 |
| 4 | Photograph of the cyclists (including J.G. Grose) at the 50 mile Bicycle Championships at Aylestone, Leicester. | 1885 |
| 5 | Cycle race programme. | 1878 |
| 6 | Price list of D. Rudge Ball-Bearings. | 1881 |
| 7 | Photograph of J.G. or J. Grose's lock-up shop at West Bridge, St. James' End, Northampton. | 1888 |
| 8 | 3 cycle transfers of J. Grose of Marefair. | - |
| 9 | Application to the Patents Office by J. Grose for patent for new adjustable chain, chain-wheel cover and lubricator for cycles. Acceptance of application. | Dec 1892 |
| 10 | Photograph of J.G. Grose, Mrs. Grose, Miss K. Grose and W.T. Grose on cycles. | 1896 |
| 11 | Photograph of W.T. Grose on his cycle built by J.G. Grose. | 1892 |
| 12 | Photograph of the premises at 63, Gold Street, looking up Gold Street. | c.1896 |
| 13 | Artists impression of J. Grose's Patent Gear Case Cycle Works, Gold Street and Horseshoe Street. | 1896 |
| 14 | Letterhead on order form. | June 1896 |
| 15 | Photograph of the "Grose" Car built by J.G. Grose. | 1897 |
| 16 | Prospectus for shareholders of the Grose Gear Case Co. Ltd. | 1897 |

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C	<u>Photographs and Miscellaneous Items</u> <u>kept in Albums (cont.)</u> <u>Album 1 (cont.)</u>	
17	Photograph of Grose Gear Case Ltd. at the National Cycle Show, Crystal Palace.	1897
18	As above.	1898
19	Advertisement for "Grose" one minute detachable motor chain case.	1897
20	Photograph of J.G. Grose riding one of the first motor vehicles in Northampton.	1896
21	Cutting from "Bicycling News" re J.G. Grose and his invention of the gear case.	Jan 1900
22	2 photographs, advertisement and cutting from the local newspaper, of Pike Lane factory for the manufacture of "Grose" (Patent) Steel Studded Non-skid Tyres.	1900
23	Photograph of "Grose" quick-grip motor cycle emergency gaiters.	c.1900
24	Advertisement for "Grose" detachable tyre jacket.	c.1900
25	Price list of Grose goods.	1905
26	Price list of Grose tyres.	1907
27	Advertisement for Grose original non-skid tyres.	c.1907
28	Photograph of medal given to J.G. Grose at Crystal Palace for producing non-skid tyres.	1905
29	Cutting from newspaper re car non-skid tyre tests at Crystal Palace.	1905
30	Cutting from "Automobile Notes" re the non-skid tyres.	1905
31	Letter from Bozier Engineering Co. Ltd. to J.G. Grose re car travelling from Land's End to John O'Groats wearing "Grose" non-skid tyres.	April 1904
32	Photograph of Edward VIII leaving Sir Henry Rawlinson, after visiting the Staff College, getting into a car wearing "Grose" non-skid tyres.	June 26th. 1905

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33	Letter from B. Burbidge, St. Leonards, Sussex, ex-employee of Grose's to W.T. Grose describing early details of the firm's history.	23rd. March 1944
	<u>Photographs (except where indicated)</u>	
34	Daimler and Darracq cars owned by J.G. Grose.	c.1909
35	J.G. Grose and his family in a 8 h.p. Deauville car.	c.1909
36	A New Orleans car.	-
37	J.G. and W.T. Grose at Yarmouth and one of their cars.	-
38	A Marshall car	c.1910
39	A Sunbeam car.	c.1910
40	A 10 h.p. Deauville.	1906
41	" " " "	1906
42	A De Dion car from Paris	c.1906
43	" " " " " "	c.1906
44	The Grose workshop and De Dion and Panhard cars and a motorcycle.	1906
45	A Renault.	1903
46	8 h.p. Energie	c.1903
47	A Vinot-Deguinard	c.1903
48	Receipt for damage to street fruit stall in London caused by the canopy of a Panhard car.	1903
49	J.G. Grose driving a Vinot-Deguinard.	1903
50	Grose car hire shop.	1909
51	Auction catalogue of 8 cars and a motor bicycle at 1, Pike Lane.	1905

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	<u>Photographs</u> (except where indicated) (cont.)	
52	J. Grose with Panhard and Daimler cars at Dunchurch (2 views).	1898
53	Architects letter to J. Grose re conversion of the Marefair premises to vehicle showrooms with the plans.	1910
54	The new showrooms	1911-1912
55	The showrooms interior (2 views).	1911
56	The new tyre store	1911
57	The slope from the showroom to the repair works.	1911
58	The entrance to the repair works	1911
59	Pike Lane entrance to the repair works	1911
60	The repair works (2 views)	1911
61	Booklet about the new showrooms with photographs	1912
62	W.T. Grose in a Renault	1912
63	Agreement made between Renault Ltd. and J.G. Grose.	1913
64	Advertisement for the new showroom from the Northampton Independent.	1915
65	Letterhead of the Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd.	c.1920
66	Daimler Bus, one of the fleet owned by J.G. Grose.	c.1920
67	2 lists of some buses operated by the Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd.	-
68	List of the Company Bus Fleet	1925
69	List of services operated by the Bus Company	-
70	Motor Omnibus licence	1924

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C	<u>Photographs and Miscellaneous Items kept in Albums (cont.) Album 1 (cont.)</u>	
	<u>Photographs</u> (except where indicated) (cont.)	
71	Letter from W. Crook to J. Grose re offer for buses.	1920
72	Letter from National Omnibus and Transport Co. Ltd. to J. Grose after the purchase of buses.	-
73	Letter from Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd. to W. Richardson, Hind Hotel, Wellingborough re options for takeover of the Bus Company.	Nov 1920
74	Letter from Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd. to W.G. Grose.	1927
75	Letter from London Public Omnibus Co. Ltd. to Grose.	1927
76	Letter from Northampton Omnibus Co. Ltd. to Grose.	1927
77	Page from the fleet record book of United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. showing some of the buses taken over from the Northampton Omnibus Co. Ltd.	1928
78	Ford T Ambulance Body in front of the General Hospital.	1914-18
79	Ambulance in the Pike Lane Garage.	1914-18
80	Booklet about Grose Ltd.	-
	<u>Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies upon other chassis</u> (except where indicated)	
81	Buick-Six 4 door Saloon	1918
82	Buick-Six Limousine Coupe	1918
83	Calcott Drophead Coupe (2 views)	1919
84	4 Light Drophead Coupe (2 views)	1919
85	Rover 8 h.p. Hard Top (2 views)	1919
86	Sports 2 seater (2 views)	1919
87	4 Light Drophead Coupe	1919

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88	Darracq	1920
89	Sports 2 seater (2 views)	1920
90	Morris 4 seater Saloon	1920
91	Citroen (2 views)	1921
92	Alvis 2 seater Sports (3 views)	1920
93	Ford T 2 seater Sports	1923
94	Rover 4/5 seater Sports	1923
95	Statement of Accounts re voluntary liquidation of Crofts Motor Carriage Works Ltd.	1924
96	Crofts Carriage Works, Kingsthorpe Road (2 views).	1924
97	Artists impression of the works as taken over by Grose Ltd.	1924
98	The new paintshop and bodyshop, Kingsthorpe Road.	1924
99	The new commercial bodyshop.	1924
100	Renault Saloon	1924
101	Darracq 2 seater Sports	1924
102	" " " " at Olympia.	1924
103	Alvis 2 seater at Olympia.	1924
104	Alvis Limousine Coupe (3 views)	1924
105	Sports 2 seater.	1924
106	Booklet and artist's impression of the Grose Ltd. new coachworks.	1924
107	Lanchester Pullman Saloon (2 views).	1925
108	Leyland 8 Saloon.	1925

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upon other chassis (except where indicated)
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109	Talbot 4 seater Sports (2 views)	1925
110	Crossley 4 seater Saloon Sports (4 views)	1925
111	Vauxhall 2 seater Sports (2 views)	1925
112	Talbot Saloon (2 views)	1925
113	Darracq Drophead Coupe at Olympia.	1925
114	Crossley Saloon	1926
115	Crossley Drophead Coupe	1926
116	Talbot 4 seater	1926
117	Rover 4 seater Drophead Coupe (3 views)	1926
118	Limousine Coupe	1926
119	Dodge Bros. Laundulette and Rover 4/5 seater	1926
120	Marefair showrooms	1928
121	The Garage entrance from Horsemarket (2 views)	1928
122	The main garage	1928
123	Pike Lane repair shop	1928
124	Horsemarket Garage	1928
125	The machine shop, Pike Lane	1928
126	The Electricians shop, Pike Lane	1928
127	The tyre shop, Pike Lane (2 views)	1928
128	Darracq Six Special 4 seater Sports (2 views)	1928
129	Darracq Six Special Saloon	1928
130	Hillman 2 door Coupe	1928
131	Darracq Six Special Sports (3 views)	1928

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132	Buick 4 seater Coupe at Olympia (2 views).	1929
133	Vauxhall 4 seater Saloon at Olympia (2 views)	1929
134	Marquette 4 seater Coupe (2 views)	1929
135	Buick Laundelet	1929
136	Buick folding roof Saloon	1930
137	Mercedes 4 seater Coupe	1930
138	La Salle Saloon	1930
139	Buick 4 seater Drophead Coupe (3 views)	1930
140	Talbot Darracq 4 seater Saloon (3 views)	1930
141	"Brampton" 4 seater Coupe advertisement	1930
142	Vauxhall Light-Six 4 seater	1930
143	"Brampton" Coupe	1930
144	Rover Drophead Coupe	1930
145	Rover "Kingsley" Drophead Coupe	1930
146	Vauxhall Cadet 4 seater Coupe (2 views)	1931
147	Lanchester 4 seater Sports Saloon	1931
148	Daimler 4 seater Sports Saloon	1931
149	Alvis Speed 20 Sports (2 views)	1931
150	Rolls Royce Saloon (2 views)	1931
151	Rover Drophead Coupe (2 views)	1936
152	Rover "Meteor" 4 seater Coupe	1932
153	Talbot Saloon Sports (2 views)	1932
154	Talbot 4 seater (2 views)	1932

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155	Rover "Gazelle" Sports Coupe (2 views)	1932
156	Alvis 4 seater Sports Coupe (3 views)	1932
157	Talbot Sports Coupe at Olympia (2 views)	1932
158	Rover Drophead Coupe	1932
159	Rover "Gazelle" Sports Coupe	1933
160	Talbot 2 seater (2 views)	1933
161	Rover Drophead Coupe (3 views)	1933
162	Talbot 4 seater Saloon (2 views)	1933
163	Vauxhall Big Six "Alderton" Fixed Head Coupe with advertisement	1934
164	Vauxhall Big Six "Coton" Saloon at Olympia (2 views)	1934
165	Vauxhall Big Six "Lamport" Coupe at Olympia (8 views)	1934
166	Lanchester Light Six Sports Saloon	1936
167	Alvis "Firebird" 2 door Coupe	1936
168	Lagonda 4 seater Sports Coupe	1936
169	Invieta Drophead Coupe (2 views)	1936
170	Riley "Kestrel" Drophead Coupe and advertise- ment, at Olympia (3 views)	1936
171	Alvis "Firefly" 4 door Saloon (4 views)	1936
172	Specification for Vauxhall 3 seater Coupe	1936
173	Hillman Limousine	1936
174	Riley "Kestrel" 2 door Coupe (2 views)	1936

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Album 2

1 Typed history of Grose Ltd.

Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies
upon other chassis

2	Box van of G.S. Whiting & Co., Piano Galleries 32, Abington Street	1924
3	Ford box van of Horton & Arlidge, Northampton	1924
4	Berleit bus of Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd.	1924
5	Peerless 20 seater coach	1925
6	Maudslay box van of the British Shoe Co. Ltd.	1925
7	Chevrolet box van of Thompsons Footwear Ser- vice Ltd.	1925
8	Chevrolet travelling shop of the Empire Meat Co. Ltd. (2 views)	1925
9	Chevrolet box van of Cantilever Shoes	1926
10	Chevrolet 14 seater bus (3 views)	1926
11	Dodge Graham 20 seater bus (2 views)	1927
12	GMC 25 seater all weather coach (2 views)	1928
13	Van of Horton & Arlidge	1928
14	Chevrolet 14 seater bus (2 views)	1929
15	Star 20 seater bus of Edwards Bros.	1929
16	Chevrolet refuse truck of the County Borough of Northampton Highways Dept.	1929
17	Chevrolet Hound van of the Pytchley Hunt (4 views)	1930
18	Dennis 20 seater coach	1930
19	Daimler 30 seater coach	1930
20	GMC 14 seater coach	1930

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	<u>Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies</u> <u>upon other chassis (cont.)</u>	
21	GMC 20 seater coach (2 views)	1930
22	Bedford fabric-covered van	1930
23	GMC 20 seater bus (4 views)	1930
24	Advertisement for a 20 seater bus made by Grose's	1930
25	Guy 24 seater bus	1930
26	Guy 54 seater double-decker bus of Northampton Corporation Transport (3 views)	1930
27	Guy 54 seater double-decker bus	1931
28	Article in Northants Journal of Commerce re coaches	-
29	Morris Minor advertising and delivery van of "Chilvern" cottage cheese	1931
30	Commer box van of the British Shoe Co. Ltd.	1931
31	Petrol Tanker of Pullmore Motor Spirit (2 views)	1931
32	Bedford Travellers Brougham body with adver- tisement (2 views)	1931
33	GMC 20 seater bus	1931
34	GMC 24 seater coach	1931
35	Advertisement for GMC 20 seater bus	1931
36	Coaches at Olympia Show	1931
37	Chevrolet box van at Olympia (2 views)	1931
38	Crossley 32 seater coach of Jelley's Coach- ways, Cosgrove	1931
39	Tilling Stevens 32 seater bus	1931
40	Dennis 24 seater N.C.T. bus	1932

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	<u>Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies upon other chassis (cont.)</u>	
41	Star 25 seater Deluxe Saloon	1932
42	Commer Invader 20 seater coach	1932
43	Commer 20 seater coach	1932
44	Bedford 14 seater coach (2 views)	1932
45	Bedford 20 seater coach	1932
46	Bedford 20 seater bus with advertisement (2 views)	1932
47	Hillman Minx advertising van	1932
48	Bedford box van of Tilley's Bakeries, Kettering	1932
49	Box van of W.W. Chamberlain & Son Ltd., Rushden	1932
50	Guy 52 seater double-decker bus of N.C.T.	1933
51	Daimler 32 seater coach	1933
52	Bedford 14 seater coach (4 views)	1933
53	Bedford refuse truck of Raunds U.D.C. (2 views)	1933
54	Bedford flat truck of Bagshaw & Son	1933
55	Bedford dropside truck of F. Tilley, Wolverton, fuel, wood and coal	1933
56	Bedford travelling shop of Kings of Brackley and Syresham	1933
57	Bedford van of Yarde & Co., florists of Northampton	1933
58	Bedford van of Scroxtton's Carriers, Rushden	1933
59	Bedford van of PX Express Carriers, Rushden	1933
60	Bedford van of F. & C.H. Cave, furnishers of Northampton	1933

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	<u>Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies</u> <u>upon other chassis (cont.)</u>	
61	Bedford van of Lack Bros., Rushden	1933
62	Bedford van of P. Westley, removals, of Stony Stratford.	1933
63	Maudslay 32 seater coach of York Bros. Ltd.	1934
64	Leyland 28 seater coach of S. Smith, Irth- lingborough (2 views)	1934
65	Commer 20 seater bus	1934
66	Thorneycroft 20 seater bus	1934
67	Commer 24 seater bus of G. Robinson, Rushden (2 views)	1934
68	Commer 25 seater coach	1934
69	Commer flat truck and cab	1934
70	Bedford dropside truck of Paragreen & Mitchell, carriers, of Irthlingborough	1934
71	Commer box van	1934
72	Bedford dropside truck of Ellis & Everard, Northampton	1934
73	Bedford van of PX Express Carriers, Rushden	1934
74	Commer travelling showroom of Campbells fur- nishing stores (2 views)	1934
75	Bedford van of J.S. Owen, carriers, of Northampton (2 views)	1934
76	Bedford double-decker cattle truck for J.G. Prisley, Hanslope (4 views)	1934
77	Commer 20 seater coach at Olympia	1934
78	Maudslay 32 seater coach at Olympia	1935
79	Maudslay 32 seater coach of Hall Bros. (2 views)	1935

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80	Commer 20 seater coach outside Overstone School	1935
81	Maudslay 32 seater coach of York Bros. Ltd.	1935
82	Maudslay 32 seater coach of Kingston, Blakesley	1935
83	Guy 20 seater coach of Frank Coales, Aldwinckle	1935
84	Bedford 20 seater coach of W. Rice, Wollaston	1935
85	Thornycroft 20 seater coach of Creamline Coaches	1935
86	Guy 20 seater coach of G. Smith, Westoning, Beds.	1935
87	Maudslay 28 seater coach	1935
88	26 seater bus of Browns Coachways, Wolverton	1935
89	Albion box van of Parsonsons, furnishers, of Northampton	1935
90	Bedford tipping and dropside trucks of N.C.C.	1935
91	Commer Estate car (2 views)	1935
92	Commer Ambulance (3 views)	1935
93	Maudslay 32 seater coach	1936
94	Albion 28 seater coach	1936
95	Bedford 20 seater coach (3 views)	1936
96	Maudslay 32 seater coach of Hall Bros., South Shields	1937
97	Leyland 32 seater coach (2 views)	1937
98	Bedford Ambulance, Finedon	1937
99	Bedford box van	1937
100	Bedford truck of N.C.T. Gas Corp.—putting up decorations on the facade of the Wedgewood Cafe, Abington Street.	1937

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	<u>Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies upon other chassis (cont.)</u>	
101	Bedford 25 seater coach (2 views)	1937
102	Bedford 26 seater safety coach shown at Earls Court	1938
103	Thornycroft 30 seater coach at Earls Court	1938
104	Albion 30 seater coach at Earls Court	1938
105	Vauxhall hearse and specification for its building	1938
106	Rolls Royce Ambulance (2 views)	1938
107	Pike Lane new extended service station (W.T. Grose in the centre) (2 views)	1938
108	Marefair and Pike Lane repair shops	1938
109	New carwash	1938
110	Pits in the new shop	1938
111	Man sealing batteries	1938
112	Reprint from Northampton Independent, "Perfect Service" about the new repair shop	March 24th. 1939
113	New stores behind the Marefair showrooms	1939
114	Vauxhall Ambulance (2 views)	1939
115	Article from Motor Transport re Grose's converting of vans to make ambulances	Sept 30th. 1939
116	The above article printed in Vauxhall-Bedford News	Nov 1939
117	The stretcher equipment in the new vans (4 views)	1939
118	Certificate of change of name of Northampton Motor Omnibus Co. Ltd. to Northampton Motor Services Ltd.	March 13th. 1943
119	Invitation and Luncheon Programme marking the 60th. Anniversary of Grose Ltd.'s association with the Rover Co. Ltd. of Coventry.	Sept 1945

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	<u>Photographs of Grose-built vehicle bodies upon other chassis (cont.)</u>	
120	Photograph of the inkstand presented by the Rover Co. Ltd. to Grose Ltd.	1945
121	S. Strickland, W.T. Grose, S.B. Willis and F. Lanchester at the Anniversary Dinner.	1945
122	Grose Ltd. Commercial Vehicle Service and Coachworks at Kingsthorpe (3 views)	1947
123	Invitation and Programme of Grose Ltd.'s Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.	1948
124	Racecard of meeting at the Salon Course	1948
125	Bedford van of Northants County Library (2 views)	1948
126	Bedford travelling shop of Northants Co-operative Society Ltd. (5 views)	1949
127	Land Rover hard top (2 views)	1950
128	Land Rover truck (2 views)	1951
129	Certificate of Incorporation of Grose (Kettering) Ltd.	March 1950
130	Headlands Garage, Kettering (4 views)	1950
131	The greasing bay at Kettering	1950
132	The wash bay at Kettering	1950
133	The showrooms at Kettering	1950
134	Bedford show van for Exide Batteries	1958
135	Invitation to the 75th. Anniversary Lunch of Grose Ltd.	Nov 1963
136	Article from the Chronicle & Echo re Anniversary Lunch.	1963
137	Table plan at the above lunch.	1963

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| 138 | Sir William Lyons, Mr. Jack Scott (Sales Director of Rolls Royce), Mr. C. Hockett (Mayor of Northampton) and Mr. E.T. Blackwell (Sales Director of Grose Ltd.) at the Anniversary Lunch. | 1963 |
| 139 | Article in the Evening Telegraph re 75 years of Grose Ltd. | Nov 1958 |
| 140 | Autovue secondhand car showroom, Kettering | 1963 |
| 141 | Park Service Station, Kettering | 1963 |
| 142 | The opening of the Grose Ltd. Vauxhall Showroom at Queen's Park Parade, Northampton with Mr. E.T. Blackwell, W.E.G. Dickens, J.S. Grose and W.L. Grose of Grose Ltd. and W. Swallow and G.E. Moore of Vauxhall Motors Ltd. (2 views) | 1965 |
| 143 | The new showrooms (4 views) | 1965 |
| 144 | The forecourt | 1965 |
| 145 | The Vauxhall demonstration fleet | 1965 |
| 146 | The retail parts counter | 1965 |
| 147 | The private car service reception (3 views) | 1965 |
| 148 | The workshop | 1965 |
| 149 | The commercial reception | 1965 |
| 150 | The Crypton tester | 1965 |
| 151 | The Diagnostic station | 1965 |
| 152 | Fashion show held at the showrooms | 1965 |
| 153 | Trade feature in the Evening Telegraph on Grose Ltd. | 1965 |
| 154 | Article on Grose Ltd. in "Motor Industry" | July 1965 |
| 155 | Collingtree Filling Station (4 views) | April 1968 |

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156	New showrooms and office block at Park Service Station, Kettering (3 views)	1972
157	Trade feature on Grose Ltd. in the Chronicle and Echo	Nov 1972
158	The forecourt of Grose Ltd., Kingsthorpe	1972
159	Article in the Chronicle and Echo re Grose Ltd. selling Westonia Garage	April 1973
160	Westonia Garage (3 views)	1973
161	Announcement in the Chronicle and Echo that Grose Ltd. was taking over Skurrays Ltd. of Swindon and Marlborough	1974
162	Skurrays Ltd., Swindon	1974
163	Skurrays Ltd., Marlborough	1974
164	Aerial view of Skurrays Ltd., Swindon	1975
165	Grose Ipswich Ltd. (4 views)	1975
166	Typed speech by J.S. Grose on the opening of Grose Ipswich Ltd. Hadleigh Road, Ipswich	Feb 1978
	<u>Album 3 (concerning the sporting activities of Grose Ltd.)</u>	
1	Rover car catalogue	1905
2	Photographs of 1913 Darracq, 1903 Wolseley Berkeley Wagonette and a 1909 Renault	-
3	1903 Wolseley Berkeley Wagonette (2 views)	-
4	1904 Rover (11 views)	-
5	Certificate of date for 1904 Rover 2 seater	Sept 1950
6	1909 Renault	-
7	1913 Darracq	-
8	Article in the Northampton Independent "25 Years of Motoring"	1921

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9	Article in the Northampton Independent "85 miles an hour in country lane".	1924
10	Mrs. W.T. Grose in a Rover "Gazelle"	1932
11	Rover "Gazelle" coupe (3 views)	1932
12	Grose's entrant in the Scottish Rally	1933
13	Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Grose at the Rally (4 views)	1933
14	Grose's Vauxhall entrant at the Scottish Rally (4 views)	1934
15	The Scottish Rally (2 views)	1935
16	The Scottish Rally (3 views)	1936
17	A Grose 1902 Wolseley at the Edinburgh Cavalcade	1946
18	The Coventry-Birmingham Cavalcade(4 views)	1946
19	The London Jubilee Cavalcade (4 views)	1946
20	London-Brighton veteran car run	1946
21	A Grose Bentley in the Eastbourne Rally	1947
22	The Windsor Rally	1947
23	Mr. W.L. Grose driving in the London-Brighton veteran car run	1947
24	W.T. Grose & W.L. Grose driving in the London- Brighton veteran car run	1948
25	The London-Brighton veteran car run	1949
26	Le Touquet Rally	1949
27	Silverstone races	1949
28	London-Brighton veteran car run	1951

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29	Shelsley Walsh Rally	1951
30	Riley Motor Club Autumn Reliability Trail	1951
31	Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Grose on the London-Brighton run.	1952
32	Mr. W.G. Grose and Mrs. W.L. Grose on the London-Brighton run	1952
33	The Veteran Car Club Coronation Rally	1953
34	London-Brighton veteran car run	1953
35	London-Brighton veteran car run	1954
36	Kidbrooke-Hastings car run	1955
37	Shelsley Walsh Golden Jubilee Hill Climb	1955
38	London-Brighton veteran car run	1956
39	RAC Commemoration Run	1956
40	Vintage Car Rally, Castle Ashby	1972
	Photographs of Mr. J.S. Grose on motorbike scrambles at:-	
41	Cranford	1949
42	Sywell	1950
43	Sherington	1951
44	Hartley Witney, Hants.	1931
45	Sywell	1954
46	Wellingborough	1954
47	Houghton, Beds.	1954
48	Wood Burcote	1955
49	Market Harborough	1956

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| 50 | A Norton racing car (6 views) | 1948 |
| 51 | Silverstone races (6 views) | 1948 |
| 52 | W.L. Grose at Silverstone (12 views) | 1949 |
| 53 | Rouen d' Essart races (5 views) | 1950 |
| 54 | Silverstone races (2 views) | 1951 |
| 55 | Silverstone races (4 views) | 1953 |
| 56 | Silverstone races (3 views) | 1954 |
| 57 | Mallory Park races | 1956 |
| 58 | Silverstone races | 1956 |
| 59 | Silverstone races (3 views) | 1958 |

Album 4

A scrapbook of photographs concerning the opening of the Queen's Park Parade premises of Grose Ltd. 1965

Album 5

A scrapbook of telegrams, letters, invitations, etc. concerning the opening of the Queen's Park Parade premises of Grose Ltd. 1965

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| 1 | Brochure containing photographs and details of the new showrooms at Pike Lane. (Xerox copy obtained for the Record Office.) | 1912 |
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