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Records of Bellamy and Sons,
Printers and Stationers, of
High Street and Queen Street, Wellingborough

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The business is first recorded in a Northants Directory of 1847 as "John Sanders, printer and stationer of 21, Silver Street, Wellingborough". By 1859, Mr. Sanders was also agent to the General Fire and Life Assurance Company and the County Hailstorm Insurance Company. About 1867/68, John Sanders went into partnership with James Hall Bellamy and the business is recorded in a Directory of 1869 as:-

" Sanders and Bellamy - letterpress and copper plate printers, bookbinders, book sellers and stationers, depot for the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Religious Tract Society and Sunday School Union, agents for the General Fire and Life and European Life and Guarantee Offices."

At this time, John Sanders also seems to have run a coal merchant business at 13, Church Street, Wellingborough, known as Sanders and Company.

By 1894 the printing business was called Sanders, Bellamy and Sons and by 1898 as Bellamy and Sons. The firm moved to 10, Market Street between 1915-1920 until it was taken over in 1961 by the Frostwick Press. The Frostwick Press was founded in 1932 by Mr. H.V. Frostwick at 22, Market Street until it moved to the High Street in 1959, where it is run today by the son of the founder, Mr. R.N. Frostwick.

The Frostwick Press consists of a stationery shop and printing works, producing anything from business cards, accounts books and invitations to novels and poetry books. About 50% of the printing is done today by lithomachines installed about 1970.

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Bellamy & Sons

A) Printing Works Account Books

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| 1 | <u>Daybook</u>
A daily account of printed goods produced for customers. Shows the date, the quantity and type of goods printed, the name and address of the customer and the cost. | Sept 1963-
April 1965 |
| 2 | <u>Customers Accounts Ledger</u>
Shows the date, the quantity and type of the printed and general stationery goods purchased by each customer and their cost. | Nov 1948-
April 1961 |
| 3 | <u>Customers Accounts Ledger A-M</u>
Shows the date, the quantity and type of the printed goods purchased by each customer and their cost. | Nov 1951-
Feb 1957 |
| 4 | <u>Customers Accounts Ledger Mc-Z</u>
Shows the date, the quantity and type of the printed goods purchased by each customer and their cost. | Jan 1953-
Oct 1956 |

B) Stationery Shop Account Books

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| 1 | <u>Payments to Suppliers Cash Book</u>
Shows the date of payment and bill number for each month, to which supplier the payment made and the amount. | Nov 1965-
April 1968 |
| 2 | <u>Customers Accounts Ledger</u>
Shows the type and quantity of stationery goods purchased by each customer, the date and the cost of the goods. | Sept 1960-
April 1963 |

C) Miscellaneous

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| 1 | <u>Newspaper Article</u>
"Printers in the 90's", with a photograph of the staff of Sanders, Bellamy & Sons outside the shop in 1896. The article, written by Mr. T. Mellows, a compositor/machine man on the staff, is also in the photograph.
(xerox obtained for the Record Office) | Oct 1936 |
| 2 | Re-print of the photograph taken in 1896 of the staff of Sander, Bellamy & Sons outside the shop. | Oct 1936 |