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Records of Messrs. Burrows Bros., Drapers,
of 41, Gold Street, Northampton

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The drapery business of Burrows Bros. closed in 1977, after just over a century. David Edwin Burrows began the business at 2, The Drapery, Northampton, in a shop rented from Mr. A. Gardner, as recorded in the Improvement Commissioners Rate Book for July, 1873. In 1884, the firm was moved to 6, Gold Street, subsequently changing premises several times. Northampton directories show the firm at 38/40, Gold Street in 1890, 38, Gold Street in 1894, 60, Gold Street in 1898, and finally, 41, Gold Street in 1929/30.

Burrows Bros. also operated a goods delivery service for their customers who lived in the country, within a radius of about 15 miles, and mainly in the south and west of the county. Goods were taken to one or two centres within each village, these acting as collection points for all customers in that village. The need for this service, however, had fallen considerably by the 1940's, when it was then discontinued.

The firm also owned a millinery shop at 205, Wellingborough Road, known as "Dorothea". Mrs Dorothy Lilian Burrows was its proprietress. The shop, which is first mentioned in a Northampton directory of 1928, closed down in 1952.

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BURROWS BROS.

- 1 Suppliers Accounts Ledger: ML 2203
Indexed accounts held by Burrows with suppliers and wholesalers, giving date and amount of invoices, date and method of payment, with amount of discount; Jan 1931-Jul 1937
- 2 Suppliers Accounts Ledger: ML 2204
Indexed accounts held by Burrows with suppliers and wholesalers, giving date and method of payment, with amount of discount; Feb 1944-Apr 1950
- 3 Suppliers Accounts Ledger: ML 2205
Indexed accounts held by Burrows with suppliers and wholesalers, giving date and method of payment, with amount of discount (P.T.= purchase tax); May 1950-Oct 1955
- 4 Cashbook (Payments to Suppliers): ML 2206
Gives amount of each bill owed, with a column for purchase tax. Folio references are to Suppliers Accounts Ledger. At the back of the book are listed goods returned to suppliers and their cost; Oct 1947-Aug 1950
- 5 Customers Accounts Ledger: ML 2207
Customers to whom Burrows delivered goods. Gives names and addresses, in villages, of person to whom goods delivered, which provided a collection point for a number of people within the village. Names of persons ordering the goods, with their payments by instalments shown, plus total payment. There is a column for page references to cash books no longer existing. The business tapers off in the 1940's; Jul 1921-Oct 1947

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BURROWS BROS. (cont.)

- 6 Cashbook: ML 2208
Daily income of takings with amounts paid into the bank, totalled monthly. Payments to suppliers, with amount of discount allowed to them, and other sundry payments, also totalled monthly. Folio numbers refer to Suppliers Accounts Ledger; Jul 1935-Nov 1944
- 7 Cashbook: ML 2209
Daily income of takings with amounts paid into the bank, totalled monthly. Payments to suppliers, with amount of discount allowed to them, and other sundry payments, also totalled monthly. Folio numbers refer to Suppliers Accounts Ledger; Dec 1944-May 1952
- 8 Stockbook: ML 2210
Yearly stocktaking recording all items of drapery in stock, current selling price of each item, and total value. At the other end is a list of invoices from suppliers Sep 1921-May 1922; 1920-1956
- 9 "DOROTHEA" Cash Book: ML 2211
Gives daily income and expenditure in columns of takings, wages paid, rates paid, utilities paid, amounts paid into bank and payments to suppliers; Mar 1940-Oct 1949
- 10 Cashbook: ML 2212
Gives all daily income and expenditure totalled monthly. Lists daily takings and amounts paid into the bank. Gives payments to suppliers, with amounts of discount allowed, plus sundry payments; Aug 1945-Dec 1952 (overlaps with ML 2211)
- 11 Cutting from the "Chronicle and Echo" newspaper (16.7.1977) re: closure of Burrows Bros. and other Northampton shops.