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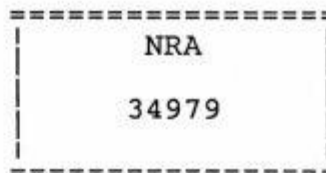
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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

DEPOSITED IN THE MONMOUTHSHIRE RECORD OFFICE, NEWPORT

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Administration.

- D. 169. 0027 18 October 1883 - 29 August 1899
Minute Book of Directors of Messrs. J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd.

Minutes of General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company and of
Extraordinary General Meetings, 18 October 1883 - 20 December
1898.
- D. 169. 0028 3 March 1885 - 29 January 1908
Copy Letter Book (Out)

Mainly letters written by F.W. Raikes concerning plant, employment
of girls, processes, workmen, Association of Nail Manufacturers,
sale of works at Newport, formation of new company.
- D. 169. 0039 1903 - 1904
Bills of Costs

of Messrs. Colborne, Coulman & Lawrence in respect of: a)
completion of Articles of Association 1903, b) Issue of further
debentures 1904 and c) Inquiry into death of John Nelson, a
workman 1904.

Management and Development.

- D. 169. 0003 7 April 1849
Agreement
(1) J.J. Cordes & Co.
(2) Richard Michell.

Michell to give his faithful and confidential services to J.J.
Cordes and Co. and to receive wages therefore at the rate of

35/- a week, 6 working days of 10 hours a day, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., with allowances for overtime.

Michell not to be bound by Agreement if wages not paid punctually. May be discharged if irregular in attendance or inattentive to his work. To remain in force for 10 years and a penalty of £1000 for breach of engagement.

D. 169. 0004

1 June 1841

Head of Agreement (Copy)

between J.J. Cordes, H. Ewbank and John Edward Lee.

Lee to become a partner for 14 years in the Newport Nail, Spike and Rivet concern conducted by J.J. Cordes & Co.

To provide £4,000 capital and receive 1/16th of the new profits (minimum £800). Lee to be entitled to retire in ill health on giving notice.

Management of business at Newport to be under the control of the majority of the partners but until the majority of them shall be fit to make alterations the partnership to be carried on by Cordes and Lee.

Original signed by Ewbank, Cordes and Lee.

F.H. Mitchell concurring in the arrangement.

D. 169. 0029

14 November 1848

Book of Rules and Regulations

Detailing Working hours, piece work, conduct, fines and forfeit money for boys and the duties etc., of the fitter, mechanic, tenders and feeders, furnace mason, rod sorter, clerk of the yard, firemen, and list of fines.

D. 169. 0006

1 March 1853

Heads of Arrangement

between J.J. Cordes, F.H. Mitchell, J.E. Lee, T. Cordes and F.I. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell to receive certain sums of money. A new partnership to be formed commencing on 1 June 1853 of J.J. Cordes, F.H. Mitchell, J.E. Lee, T. Cordes and F.I. Mitchell. (J.J. Cordes, F.H. Mitchell and J.E. Lee to have $\frac{1}{3}$ each. T. Cordes and F.I. Mitchell to have $\frac{1}{3}$ each). The new firm to purchase the lease of the works at Newport and the old plant from F.H. Mitchell and Henry Ewbank. J.J. Cordes and J.E. Lee giving the time necessary for the effectual working of their departments to receive £500 per annum salaries. T. Cordes and F.I. Mitchell to receive £150 per annum salaries. New partners to provide £40,000 for floating capital etc.

D. 169. 0031

1847 - 1853
Bundle of Papers

being mainly correspondence relating to the financial arrangements of the new agreement of 1853 but containing also accounts relating to the Rotary engine 1841 - 1847; Particulars of the accounts relating to the 30 h.p. No. 1 Rotary engine 1841 - 1852; statement of Balances to 31 May 1852.

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D. 169. 0025

13 July 1903
Agreement for Sale and Purchase.

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- (1) J.J. Cordes and Co. Ltd.,
 - (2) John Paton of Pontypool co. Mon, Merchant.

of goodwill and trademarks, all leasehold land, equipment etc., contracts and engagements for a sum of £20,000 except office furniture etc.

D. 169. 0024

28 August 1903
Schedule

of Agreements, Contracts of Sales, Contracts of Purchases and Memoranda of Agreements etc., between J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd. and others.

D. 169. 0026

1 October 1903
Assignment (Copy)

- (1) J.J. Cordes and Co. Ltd.,
- (2) Robert Tait of 2 Clifton Place, Newport, Secretary.
- (3) John Paton of Pontypool co. Mon. Merchant.
- (4) Cordes (Dos Werks) Ltd.

£20,000. All premises, interest and goodwill of J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd., in the trade of nail, spike and rivet merchants carried on by them at the Dos Werks, Newport, and the trade connection therewith and the sole and exclusive right to use their brands and trade-marks etc.

D. 169. 0038

1903 - 1904
Bundle of Papers

relating to the liquidation of J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd., and including valuers reports, copies of London Gazette and Local Newspapers, liquidators accounts etc.

Property

D. 169. 0001

5 December 1835

Lease for 90 years (Copy)

- (1) Sir Charles Morgan of Tredegar co. Mon. Bart. and Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan of Ruperra Castle co. Glam. Esq.
- (2) Henry Ewbank and James Jamieson Cordes of Idol Lane in City of London, Merchants.

All that piece of land containing 4 acres 1 rood 2 perches exclusive of the road or way of 25 feet wide set out on the west side thereof, and also all that other piece of land adjoining, containing 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches also exclusive of the roadway and also two other pieces of land adjoining containing 3 acres 2 roods and 2 roods and 3 perches, all situate in the Borough of Newport co. Mon. and are now or late in occupation of Mr. William Brewer and are bounded on the North and East by the Monmouthshire Canal and the Newport Gas Works on the South by gardens belonging to certain houses in Mill Street and on the West by the said road. Rent £108. 17s. per annum being at the rate of £9 an acre for the first two mentioned pieces of ground upon which it is intended to build and £5 an acre for the remainder on which it was not intended to build at that time but at an increased rent of £9 an acre should it be built upon. Ewbank and Cordes within two years are to erect a factory and workmens cottages at an expense of at least £2,000.

D. 169. 0002

2 November 1836

Lease for 90 years.

- (1) The Company of the Monmouthshire Canal Navigation.
- (2) Henry Ewbank and James Jamieson Cordes of Idol Lane in the City of London, Merchants.

All that triangular close of land situated near the town on Newport co. Mon. containing 13 perches bounded on the East by the Monmouthshire Canal and on all other parts by land of Sir Charles Morgan now leased to Ewbank and Cordes (as shown on a plan). Rent £2. 2s. per annum.

D. 169. 0007

1776 - 1853

Schedule

of Title Deeds and Documents relating to lands and premises in the parishes of Malpas, Newport (High Street, Mill Street and Market Street) and Bassaleg co. Mon. belonging to the Misses. Noeholas in Mortgage to Sir Thomas Phillips and Thomas Smith, Esq.

D. 169. 0012

31 October 1855.

Assignment

- (1) Henry Ewbank of Idol Lane in City of London, Merchant and James Jamieson Cordes of Newport co. Mon., Merchant.
- (2) Francis Henry Mitchell of Upper Wimpole Street co. Middx., Esq., and John Edward Lee of Newport, Merchant.

of a triangular piece of land leased from the Mornmouthshire Canal Navigation Company as in D. 169. 0002.

169. 0015

1 May 1856.

Letter

from Charles M.R. Morgan
to Messrs. J.J. Cordes & Co.

declining to purchase a piece of land containing 2 roods 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, part of piece of land containing 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches and situate in the par. of Newport devised by his father and himself to Messrs. Ewbank and Cordes in 1835.

169. 0016

7 July 1856

Consent

- (1) Sir Charles Morgan Robinson Morgan of Tredegar Park op. Mon. Bart.
- (2) The Newport (Mornmouthshire) Gas Company.

Reciting Lease of 25 November 1843 relating to premises at Mill Street Newport (Gas Works) and giving consent for pulling down various buildings to enable the road leading to the gas works to be widened.

D. 169. 0017

6 August 1856

Demise

- (1) Newport (Mon) Gas Company
- (2) James Jamieson Cordes of Borough of Newport, Merchant, Francis Henry Mitchell of Upper Wimpole Street co. Middx., Esq., and John Edward Lee, Thomas Cordes and Frank Johnstone Mitchell all of Newport, Merchants. (J.J. Cordes & Co.)

£200. Free liberty and right of way for agents, workmen etc., to pass from the property of Messrs. J.J. Cordes & Co., over the new road proposed to be constructed by the Gas Company, 68 years. £10 per annum.

Endorsed: 2 November 1894.

Release by the Gas Company from the payment of rent on payment of £50 and the taking over of the road as a public highway by Newport Corporation.

D. 169. 0020

28 July 1876
Consent

of Newport Gas Company that Messrs. J.J. Cordes & Co., shall be at liberty to build up to the boundary of their land and acknowledgment by Cordes & Co. that they have built a stable or other building against and upon the wall of the Gas Company (Plan).

Endorsed. With an assignment of the above Consent from F.H. Mitchell, R.W. Hamilton, T. Cordes, J.E. Lee, F.J. Mitchell and E.A. Lee to T. Cordes, J.E. Lee, F.J. Mitchell and E.A. Lee dated 6 August 1883.

D. 169. 0032

20 May 1884
Plan

of the Dos Works (in the Borough of Newport) and adjacent locality. Drawn by Messrs. William Graham Son and Hitchcox of Newport Mon.

D. 169. 0021

19 March 1892
Consent (Letter)

of Henry John Davies for the boundary line of Messrs. Cordes & Co. Ltd., property on the West side to run in a straight line from the corner of the wall in the yard behind the Dos Cottages to the point where the wood fencing now commences.

D. 169. 0022

20 August 1897

- (1) Great Western Railway Co. by Joseph Wilkinson their general manager and agent.
- (2) J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd., of the Dos Works, Newport, by Francis Walter Raikes their general manager and agent.

£1250. For laying down and constructing across the railway, canal and land the junctions and sidings with the necessary operational gear to connect the works of the Company with the railway. Tenants to remove existing apparatus.

D. 169. 0023

30 January 1900
Agreement

- (1) Great Western Railway Co.
- (2) J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd., Dos Works, Newport.

for the retention of the stonework projecting into the Mornmouthshire Canal where an old bridge stood and for the construction of a movable gangway to span the canal to be used only on

exceptional occasions such as holidays or when locomotives are not in steam so that the drawbridge is not usable.

Personal and Private.

D. 169. 0005

28 October 1850

Assignment upon Trusts.

- (1) J.J. Cordes of Newport
- (2) Mary Cordes his wife.
- (3) Sir Thomas Phillips of the Inner Temple, London, Knight, and Thomas Smith of 32 Gloucester Square co. Middx. Esq.

the property or patrimony to which Mary Cordes may be entitled by virtue of the wills of Jonathan and Lydia Lucas her parents.

D. 169. 0035

1844 - 1853

Bundle of Papers relating to the naturalization of John Jamieson Cordes. Including copy of the Act to amend the Laws relating to Aliens, 1844. Correspondence, Memorial to the Home Secretary. Declaration in support of Memorial, Declaration of Householders (Charles Octavius Swinnerton Morgan of the Friars, Newport and Thomas Pope, vicar of Christchurch, Newport, Frederick Justice of Belle Vue House, Newport and Henry John Davis of Newport, Solicitor) in support of Memorial, Certificate of Naturalization signed "Palmerston", 1853.

J.J. Cordes was a native of the "Republic of North America", was 54 years old in 1853 and was a manufacturer employing upwards of 300 men and supporting a free school for 400 children. He has resided in the United Kingdom for 30 years.

No. of items - 10

169. 0037

29 March 1854

Notice of Sale

Lucas Cordes

to Thomas Smith of 21 Hyde Park Square co. Middx. Esq., and James Jamieson Cordes the elder of the Woodlands co. Mon.

of the sale of his half share in the London, Brighton and South Coast Shores which they held as Trustees for himself and his brother (John Jamieson Cordes the younger of Caius College, Cambridge) to John Jamieson Cordes the elder.

D. 169. 0008

28 April 1855

Mortgage

- (1) Lucas Cordes of 12 Grays Inn Square, Esq.
- (2) Robert Cooke of 18 Warwick Street, Regent Street, Gent.

£60, on security of one undivided third part in certain property, monies, estate, interest and effects to which Lucas Cordes is entitled by virtue of a Settlement of 1850. (See D. 169. 0005)

169. 0009

13 June 1855

Mortgage

- (1) Lucas Cordes
- (2) Robert Cook

£40, (together with a sum of £60 already secured) on certain monies, stocks, funds and premises comprised in another indenture (see D. 169. 0008).

D. 169. 0010

27 August 1855

Reassignment

- (1) Robert Cooke of 18 Warwick Street, Regent Street co. Middx., Esq.
- (2) Lucas Cordes of 12 Grays Inn Square co. Middx. Esq.

£100 of security mentioned in D. 169. 0008.

D. 169. 0011

7 September 1855

Settlement (Attested Copy)

- (1) James Jamieson Cordes of the Woodlands co. Mon. Esq.
- (2) Mary Cordes his wife.
- (3) Sir Thomas Phillips of Inner Temple, London, Knight and Thomas Smith of 21 Hyde Park Square co. Middx. Esq.

Loss of indenture of 28 October 1850. Term of Settlement the same as in D. 169. 0005. Together with Declaration dated 3 December 1855 of Lucas Cordes that he has done nothing to affect his share of the Settlement.

D. 169. 0013

13 November 1855

Mortgage

- (1) Lucas Cordes of 12 Grays Inn Square co. Middx. Gent, one of the sons of James Jamieson Cordes of Newport co. Mon. and Mary his wife.
- (2) John Lamp Wright of 1-Kings Road, Bedford Row co. Middx. Gent.
- (3) John Wright of the Middle Temple, Esq., Barrister-at-Law and Stephen Ayles of Ringwood co. Hants., Gent.

£25 and £525. All that $\frac{1}{3}$ share to which Lucas Cordes is entitled

by virtue of Settlement of 1850 (D. 169. 0005) and £4649
Buckinghamshire Railway stock.

13 February 1869.

Endorsed with Indenture of repayment of £550 between (1) Stephen
Ayles and Marie Hope Cordes of Bath co. Som., widow and executrix
of Lucas Cordes (Dated 22.6.1864)

D. 169. 0014

3 December 1855

Notice of Assignment

- (1) Lucas Cordes
- (2) Sir Thomas Phillips of the Inner Temple, London and Thomas
Smith of 21 Hyde Park Square co. Middx.

That Lucas Cordes had assigned his entitlement of the Settlement
of 28 October 1850 (D. 169. 0005) as security to John Wright
and Stephen Ayles for the sum of £550.

D. 169. 0018

27 May 1857

Contract for Sale and Purchase

Acknowledging that James Jamieson Cordes has purchased Brynglas
Mansion House and Estate (21 acres 2 roods 1 perch) situate in
parish of Malpas for the sum of £6300.

(Auction of estate of Mr. James Brown)

D. 169. 0019

24 June 1859

Order of Court of Quarter Sessions

for stopping up so much of a footpath leading from Newport to
Caerleon and Ponthir as passes through a lane or roadway
belonging to James Jamieson Cordes Esq., at Brynglas in par.
Malpas.

D. 169. 0030

1868 - 1874

Bank Pass Book

Messrs. Smith, Payne & Smiths in account with Thomas Cordes Esq.

General

D. 169. 0036

21 July 1914

Copy of

Monmouthshire Evening Post Newspaper containing an account of
the Development of Messrs. Cordes (Dow Works) Ltd.

D. 169. 0033

1952 - 1956
Correspondence

with the Board of Trade etc., relating to the history of the firm of Messrs. Cordes (Dos Works) Ltd. Including a copy of the South Wales News Newspaper of 23 June 1924, containing an account of the development of the firm.

No. of items - 8.

D. 169. 0034

2 October 1957
Cutting

from South Wales Argus Newspaper relating to the employment at Cordes Dos Works of workmen from Maindee.

Deeds relating to
Cordes (Dos) Works, Newport.

Deposited in
Monmouthshire Record Office

by

Messrs. Fennington & Son, 64 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

4 November 1962.

(Nos. 0001 - 0012 - an original bundle)

D. 372.0001

18 December 1840

Security

- (1) Henry Ewbank of Idol Lane in the city of London, merchant.
- (2) James Jamieson Cordes of Newport co. Mon., merchant.
- (3) Thomas Brame Oldfield of Champion Hill, Camberwell co. Surrey, Esq.

reciting grant of Letters Patent to J.J.C. in 1834 for improvement in the machinery for making nails, also grant of Letters Patent to Samuel Slocum of the New Road, St. Pancras, co. Mddx. engineer in 1835, also for improvements in the machinery for making nails. Which Letters Patent were assigned to Ewbank and Cordes in 1836 for the sum of £500. Factory erected on land leased by Morgans (of Tredegar); £10,000 loaned by Oldfield to Ewbank and Cordes; Bills of Exchange given as security. For securing £10,000 lent by Oldfield. Cordes & Ewbank assigned Letters Patent.

D. 372.0002

24 December 1841

Assignment

- (1) Henry Ewbank of Idol Lane in the city of London and James Jamieson Cordes of Newport, merchant.
- (2) Thomas Brame Oldfield of Champion Hill, Camberwell, co. Surrey, Esq.
- (3) Francis Henry Mitchell of Mincing Lane in the city of London, merchant.

reciting as before. F.H. Mitchell joined Ewbank and Cordes in 1841 as Nail spike and rivet manufacturers. £7,000 of the £10,000 has been repaid and Oldfield satisfied that a $\frac{7}{8}$ ths share in the patent is sufficient security for the remainder, Ewbank & Cordes assign to Mitchell $\frac{1}{8}$ th share in the Letters Patent, land, factory etc.

D. 372.0003

24 December 1841

Assignment and Charge

- (1) Henry Ewbank and James Jamieson Cordes.
- (2) Thomas Brame Oldfield.
- (3) John Edward Lee of Newport, merchant.
- (4) Rev. Edward William Stillingfleet of Hotham co. York.
- (5) William Herbert Stillingfleet of Lincoln's Inn co. Mddx. Esq.
- (6) Francis Henry Mitchell.
- (7) William Brodrick of Bow Church yard in city of London gent.

D. 372.0003 (cont.)

Reciting as before. Ewbank and Cordes are indebted to E.W. Stillingfleet in sum of £4,000 and to W.H. Stillingfleet in the sum of £7,000 which they now require to be repaid. This being inconvenient the sum is to be secured by an assignment. Mitchell should bring into the partnership £15,000 which was done; Ewbank and Cordes should contribute £20,000 which has not been done. Lee recently admitted to partnership. Ewbank & Cordes assign to Frederick 1/3ths share in the patent etc. to secure the repayment of the sums of £4,000 and £7,000.

D. 372.0004

29 March 1842

Mortgage

- (1) Henry Ewbank and J.J. Cordes.
 - (2) F.H. Mitchell.
 - (3) John Edward Lee.
 - (4) William Evans of Allestree Hall near Derby, Esq.
- £3,000. 1/3ths part in letters patent etc.

D. 372.0005

April 1842

Transfer of Mortgage

- (1) Thomas Brasse Oldfield.
- (2) Henry Ewbank.
- (3) John Jamieson Cordes.
- (4) Charles Robert Simpson of Liverpool co. Lancaster, merchant.
- (5) William Skinner Marshall of Hyde Park Square co. Mddx. Esq.

A debt of £3,000 still outstanding by Ewbank and Cordes being £2,500 to Oldfield and £500 to Simpson.
£3,000. Secured upon the before mentioned Letters Patent.

D. 372.0006

18 June 1853

Assignment

- (1) Henry Ewbank and James Jamieson Cordes.
- (2) Francis Henry Mitchell of Upper Wimpole Street co. Mddx. Esq. and John Edward Lee of Newport.

Reciting as before. Ewbank, Cordes, Mitchell & Lee "some-time ago" dissolved their co-partnership and Mitchell & Lee became partners together as tenants under Ewbank and Cordes as to 1/3ths of the premises.

D. 372.0006 (cont.)

£12,000. All those $\frac{7}{8}$ ths shares of Ewbank and Cordes, but belonging in equity to Ewbank, of land and premises, the factories and buildings etc. at the Dos Works, Newport, for residue of term of 90 years from 1835.

D. 372.0007

2 September 1854

Reassignment and Release

- (1) William Evans.
- (2) Henry Ewbank.
- (3) Francis Henry Mitchell & John Edward Lee.

£2,000 (£1,500 to Ewbank and £2,500 to Evans)
all their subsisting rights by virtue of the Letters Patent in respect of $\frac{7}{8}$ ths share thereof and in the leasehold premises.

D. 372.0008

31 December 1854

Reassignment & Release

- (1) Jane Marshall of Plashwood Hall near Stowmarket co. Suffolk, widow and Robert Barry of Park Hill near Whitby co. York Esq.
- (2) Henry Ewbank and James Jamieson Cordes.
- (3) Francis Henry Mitchell and John Edward Lee.

£3,000. All subsisting rights, if any, under the Letters Patent and also the Leasehold premises (Cordes Dos works).

D. 372.0009

12 January 1855

Transfer of Mortgage

- (1) Rev. Edward William Stillingfleet.
- (2) Francis Henry Mitchell & John Edward Lee.
- (3) William Brodrick of Great Ormonde Street, co. Mddx., gent.

£4,000. All the mortgage debt of £4,000 owing to Edward William Stillingfleet by Ewbank and Cordes and secured upon $\frac{7}{8}$ ths share of the Letter Patent and premises.

D. 372.0010

September 1842

Extract

from Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury relating to the proving of the Will of William Herbert Stillingfleet formerly of Lincoln's Inn Fields but afterwards of Hon. Caple co. Hereford.
Will dated 28 November 1836.

D. 372.0011

July 1847

Extract

from the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury relating to the proving of the Will of Rev. Henry Anthony Stillingfleet late of par. How Caple co. Hereford.
(Executor of William Herbert Stillingfleet)
(Will dated 7 February 1846).

D. 372.0012

9 August 1855

Reassignment and Release

- (1) William Brodrick of Great Ormond Street co. Middx., gen
- (2) Rev. Edward William Stillingfleet.
- (3) Rev. Robert Callow Hathway of Kewstoke near Weston super Mare co. Som. and John Stratford Collins of Ross co. Hereford and Henry Ewbank.
- (4) Francis Henry Mitchell and John Edward Lee.

24,000 already paid (D. 372.0009) and £7,000. All subsisting rights and benefits by virtue of the Letters Patent of and in $\frac{1}{8}$ ths shares thereof and also $\frac{1}{8}$ ths shares of and in the leasehold premises etc. (Cordes Dos Works).

D. 372.0013

31 December 1853

Articles of copartnership

- (1) James Jamieson Cordes.
- (2) Francis Henry Mitchell.
- (3) John Edward Lee.
- (4) Thomas Cordes of Newport, merchant.
- (5) Frank Johnstone Mitchell of Newport, merchant.

In trade or business of nail, spike and rivet manufacturers from 1 June 1853. F.H. Mitchell - part time only - remainder whole time occupation. capital - 240,000 and the premises at the Dos Works, Newport. etc. etc.

D. 372.0014

31 December 1869

Articles of Copartnership

- (1) Thomas Cordes.
- (2) Francis Henry Mitchell.
- (3) John Edward Lee.
- (4) Frank Johnstone Mitchell.
- (5) Robert Wallace Hamilton of Newport, merchant.

As from 1 January 1870 for 14 years.

Hamilton to devote the whole of his time, the remainder "shall not be obliged to give any more time to the business than they shall think proper".
etc. etc.