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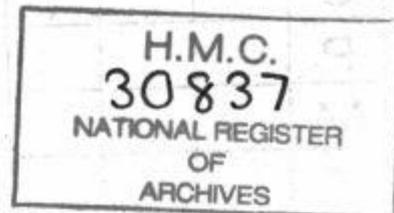
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Summary list of the records
of
JOHN LOWE & BROS
rope manufacturers
of Wribbenhall, Worcs

in
BEWDLEY MUSEUM

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INTRODUCTION

Although 1801 is recognised as the date of origin of John Lowe & Bros the firm had in fact been in existence some thirty years previously and claimed two hundred years of rope-making when it closed in 1972. Begun by the Lowe family, it was later taken over by the Hector family, but the name Lowe was retained.

Steam-driven machinery was introduced in 1871 and converted to an electric motor in 1950. Prosperity was at its peak before and after the first World War, but fell after the second World War when prices of raw materials rose and the use of rope for river traffic and for agriculture declined. After the death of JAE Hector in 1971 the premises were sold in 1972 and the records placed in Bewdley Museum, where they may be seen by appointment.

SUMMARY LIST

1. Copy letter book 1900-09
2. Copy letter book 1909-18, with loose letters 1887-97
3. Copy letter book 1918-29
4. Cash book 1845-77 including partnership and rent agreements etc 1849-69
5. Cash book 1877-80
6. Cash book 1880-82
7. Cash book 1882-85
8. Cash book 1898-1908
9. Cash book 1909-22
10. Cash book 1910-21
11. Cash day book 1877-80 including price lists of products 1877-84
12. Cash day book 1893-95
13. Petty cash book 1894-1901
14. Bank book 1874-81
15. Bank account book 1892-94, including executors accounts
16. Bank account book 1898-1905
17. Bank account book 1905-11
18. Volume of receipt stubs 1940s
19. Accounts rendered 1868-1912
20. Accounts rendered 1912-25
21. Service accounts 1877-78
22. Account book 1888-92
23. Ledger 1875-c1904

24. Ledger and sales account 1880-1938
25. Goods received ledger 1863-98
26. Goods received ledger 1879-97
27. Purchase ledger 1895
28. Customers ledger 1888-92
29. Sales ledger 1880-97
30. Cash sales ledger 1885-98
31. Date stamp impressions 1960
32. Stock book 1875-82
33. Stock taking accounts 1884-95
34. Stock book 1896-1911 including some loose stock papers
35. Order book 1833-38
36. Order book 1862-98
37. Order book 1862-1901
38. Order book 1880-84
39. Order book 1883
40. Order book 1884-88
41. Order book 1893-96
42. Order book 1895-98
43. Order book 1898-1901
44. Order book 1899-1902
45. Order book 1901-04
46. Order book 1904-07
47. Order book 1907-10
48. Order book 1910-14
49. Order book 1912-14
50. Order book 1914-19

51. Order book 1916-18
52. Order book 1919-20
53. Order book 1919-24
54. Order book 1921-22
55. Order book 1924-28
56. Order book 1928-34
57. Customer order book 1896-98
58. Day order book 1902-05
59. Order book for carpet works 1930-35
60. Pocket memorandum book c1908-22
61. Day book including wages 1877-99
62. Wages book 1899-1908.