Ship Building, Ship Repair and Allied Industries: Sources

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Staff Records 1930-63
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Photographs 1944-63
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Bow MacLachlan & Co Ltd; shipbuilders, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 135)
Catalogue of ships early 20th century
Flying Eagle plans 1929
Plans of Thistle Works, Paisley 1928

British Marine Salvage Co Ltd; Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 95/2)
Minutes and accounts 1888-1924

Clydedock Engineering Ltd; ship repairers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 251)
Contract and tender records 1972-84
Cost sheets, summaries and weekly returns files 1978-82
Photographs and negatives 1988
Publicity material 1988
Reports and work regulations agreements and manuals 1970-86

Denny, William & Brothers Ltd; shipbuilders, and marine engineers, Dumbarton, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 3)
Financial records 1844-1941
Legal records lands and property owned by the company 1680-1958
Miscellaneous 1954-92
Photographs 1870-1957
Production records 1862-1957
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Douglas & Brittain & Co; sail and hatch cover manufacturers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 54)
Journal 1908-41
Dumbarton Rope Work Co; rope and sail manufacturers, Dumbarton, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 70)

Contract of copartnery: Peter Denny and John McAusland 1862
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Ferguson Brothers (Port Glasgow) Ltd; shipbuilders, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 321 and GD 323/14)

**GD 321**

- Board records 1904-1963
- Costing records for ships nos. 101-427 (incomplete) 1894-1942
- Financial records including annual accounts, ledgers, day books 1903-63
- Account books, journals and wage books
- Photographs including ships nos. 153-256
- Publicity materials and press cuttings 20th century
- Ship records including estimate books, specifications, technical data, particulars’ books ships nos. 105-393 (incomplete)
- There are also a large number of plans and drawings for designs of proposed ships including steamers, dredgers, barges, floating cranes etc
- Plans also exist for ships nos.153-421 c1948-80

**GD 323/14**

- Board records 1965-77
- Company secretary’s file 1970-80
- Directors’ correspondence files 1972-79
- Directors’ reports and accounts 1970-77

Firth of Clyde Drydock Ltd; dry dock operators, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 239/2)

- Fairplay shipping journal including article on company mid-20th century
- Notes on company history and contracts 20th century
- Notes on company services and facilities mid-20th century
- Photographs and slides mid 20th century

Fleming & Ferguson Ltd; shipbuilders, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 207)

- Material cost books 1913-61
- Memoranda, articles and annual returns 1950-82
- Miscellaneous photographs, catalogues and drawings 1896-1960s
- Navigation plans c1894-52
- Outside order books 1931-55
- Plans 1917-58
- Ship plans nos. 1-703 (not inclusive)
- Trim and stability books yard nos.761-799 (not inclusive)
- Vessel particulars 1880-1964
- Weights and cost sheets 1912-66

Glasgow Salvage Association; Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 95/1)

- Minutes 1892-1941

Harland & Wolff plc; shipbuilders, Govan, Glasgow and Belfast, Northern Ireland (GUAS Ref: UGD 241)

- Accounts 1924
- Estimating notebooks 1923-56
- Photograph albums of ship yards and individual ships c1950-62
Hastie, John & Co Ltd; steering gear manufacturers, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: GD 444)
Administrative records 1879-1953
Microfilm of drawings and gear order books
Photographs 20th century
Publicity materials and technical instructions 1890s-1975
Technical books 1873-1976
Technical drawings 1872-1969

Henderson, D & W & Co Ltd; shipbuilders, repairers and marine engineers, Glasgow, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: UGD 239/1)
Contract notebook 1873-82
Foreman lists 1991
Genealogy charts for Henderson, Todd and McGregor families 20th century
List of vessels built 1834-91
Notes on vessel particulars 1834-1931
Pay rate notes 1946-91
Pencil sketch of Meadowside Dry Dock 1951
Photographs late 20th century
Shipyard plans 1880
Unpublished company histories with maps and illustrations 1991-93

Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders of Scotland; trade association, Glasgow, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: UGD 168)
Financial Records 1857-1952
Minutes 1857-1959
Proceedings book 1893-1896
Roll book 1902-45

Klebingat, Captain Fred K., fl 1909-1965, ship’s captain and author, Cape Horn, Chile (GUAS Ref: UGC 89)
Research material relating to the sailing ship Falls of Clyde 1960s

Lamont, James & Co Ltd; shipbuilders and repairers, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: UGD 140)
Annual reports
Board reports
Board correspondence
Calendars
Cash books
Correspondence 1943-75
Dock records
Estimates 1929-78
Job books
Journals
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Ship files 1947-78
Ship plans (ship nos. 367-445) 1932-74
Lamont, James & Co Ltd; shipbuilders and repairers, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 140) (continued)

Technical records
Yard plans 1907-74

Lithgows Ltd; shipbuilders and engineers, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 320, GD 323/13 and UGD 223)

GD 320
Administrative files 1875-1970
Board papers 1942-68
Costing records for:
- Russell & Co/Lithgows Ltd ship nos. 1-1166 (incomplete) 1875-1960
- William Hamilton & Co Ltd ship nos. 299-527 (incomplete) 1913-63
- Robert Duncan & Co ship nos. 1-400 (complete) 1863-1931
- Dunlop Bremner & Co Ltd ship nos. 269-354 1911-32
- and miscellaneous others
Financial records 1876-1968
Labour wages etc 1902-68
Photographs of ships and staff; publicity and press cuttings 1952-72
and miscellaneous material.
Plant and property records 1879-1989
Shareholdings, investments, subsidiary and 169 associated company records 1878-1957
Robert Duncan & Co Ltd, enquiries, estimates quotations and admiralty contracts 1891-1969
Sir James Lithgow personal and business papers

GD 323/13
Board papers 1966-80
Company secretary’s file 1961-81
Directors’ correspondence files 1964-80
Directors’ reports and accounts 1966-82
Estimating department records 1950-81
Financial records 1967-81
Photographs and photograph albums of ships, shipyards, personnel and other miscellaneous subject 1960s-80s
Planning department files 1973-81
Plant and property records 1962-81
Purchasing department files 1961-72

UGD 223
Board papers 1904-75
Financial records 1900-46
Instalment book for Dunlop Bremner & Co Ltd 1911-25
Minutes of Glasgow Iron & Steel Co Ltd 1941-47
Minutes of J Broadfoot & Sons Ltd 1949-75
Share certificate book for the Kindiesel Shipping Co Ltd 1936-62
Shareholdings, transfer and investments records 1878-1928

Lithgow, Sir James; shipbuilder and industrialist, 1883-1952 (GUAS Ref: DC 35)
Admiralty correspondence & papers 1940-45
British Employers Confederation correspondence and papers 1909-69
Business correspondence and papers 1909-69
Correspondence with Winston Churchill regarding the Finance Bill 1929
Family correspondence and papers 1891-1959
National Shipbuilders Security Ltd board papers 1940-43
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Speeches and articles 1925-52
Territorial Army correspondence and papers 1902-52
Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association; Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 95/1)
Attendance registers 1924-46
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MacCallum, P & Sons Ltd; iron & steel stockholders, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 171/1)
Abstract logs 1936-72
Contract books 1896-1965
Correspondence 1912-31
Financial records 1879-1974
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Legal papers relating to the MacCallum family and business 1867-1950
Memorandum and articles of association 1907
Minutes 1907-72
Office plans 1907-19
Photographs of letters regarding early iron and steel business 1782
Press cuttings 1935-79
Register of members 1907-49
Stock lists 1907-60

Papers of John Russell McKellar, John Brown Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd employee, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGC 97)
Company documents Feb 1946
McKellar's personal and family documents 1891- c 1930
Correspondence 1909- 1950
Menu from The Imperial Room Royal York Hotel, Toronto Jul 1939
Cards c 1930s
Programme, List of members and details of participating companies for the Autumn Meeting of The Institute of Metals, Glasgow Sep 1939
Photographs c 1920s- 1970s
Newspaper cutting May 1955
Publications 1905- 1939
Films c 20th century

Miscellaneous Ship Plans built on the River Clyde; Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 130/5)
Miscellaneous collections of plans and drawings, largely undated. 1885-1916
Includes plans of dredgers, steamers and hopper barges

Mowat, James M; (fl. 1917-1967), Technical Director, William Beardmore & Co Ltd, steel and iron manufacturers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 137)
Administrative Records 1879-1967
Metallurgical and research department reports 1944-67
Photographs 1899-1950
Plans 1941-44
Production Records 1936-65
Publications 1923-75

Murdoch & Murray; shipbuilders, Port Glasgow and Dumbarton, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGC 38)
Clyde Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd cost books c1918-22
Correspondence 1925
Costs books c1877-1925
Costs sheets 1901-23
Miscellaneous cash & note books 1892-1944
Records of payments c1896-1921
Specifications c1899-1907

Napier Collection (includes Robert Napier & Sons, shipbuilders) (GUAS Ref: DC 90)

Netherlands India Dry Dock Co; building contractors, Amsterdam, Netherlands (GUAS Ref: UGD 67)
Administrative Records 1873-78
Russel, D M Marine (Rosneath) Ltd; boat builders, yacht charterers and slipperers, Rosneath, Argyll & Bute, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 205)

- Boat show records: 1978-82
- Brokerage and charter records: 1977-82
- Correspondence: 1977-82
- Correspondence with government and local government bodies: 1977-82
- Drawings: c1960s-80s
- Employment records: 1977-82
- Mooring and winters storage files: 1975-83
- Quotations: 1961-82
- Trade catalogues: c1960s-80s

Scott and Sons (Bowling) Ltd; shipbuilding and repair company, Bowling, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 323/5 and GD 322)

**GD 323/5**
- Board papers: 1978-79
- Company secretary's files: 1958-84
- Directors' reports and accounts: 1968-82

**GD 322**
- Contract day books: 1857-1973
- Contract files for ships nos. 352-453 (not inclusive): 1885-1956
- Estimates and quotations: 1850-1976
- Invoice books, 1945-1963
- Ledgers, journals and cash books: 1857-1967
- Letter books: 1945-63
- Photographs: 1850-1976
- Plans for ships nos. 25-454 (not inclusive): 1859-1970
- Publicity, press cuttings and historical data: 1900-70
- Correspondence including private business, estimates and tenders, engines, admiralty, mercantile and secretary and accounts departments: 1853-1974
- Technical data for ships nos. 33-454: 1959-1969

Scotts Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd; Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 319)

- Account books: 1870-1959
- Administrative papers including yard, properties and plans, labour, wages: 1818-1881
- Welfare and conditions, patents and agreements: 1859-1969
- Annual balances, profit & loss accounts: 1900-70
- Arrangements for launches: 1859-1969
- Cash books: 1925-68
- Cinematographic film: 1851-1969
- Correspondence including private business, estimates and tenders, engines, admiralty, mercantile and secretary and accounts departments: 1859-1978
- Cost books: 1825-1978
- Drawings: Engines of c90 ships: c1869-1960s
- Drawings: Hulls of new ships, refits and conversions and Admiralty contracts: 1853-1974
- Drawings: Hulls undertaken by Greenock Dockyard Co Ltd of ship nos 211-511 (not inclusive): c1869-1960s
- Enquiries, tenders, contracts and specifications: 1853-1974
- Inventories and valuations: 1883-1980
- Journals: 1802-1970
- Ledgers: 1780-1967
- Letter books: 1798-1950
- Microfilm of financial records, wage books etc: 1941-46
- Minute books: 1903-57
- Miscellaneous material concerning the shipyard, vessels and other shipyards: 1837-1900
Scotts Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd; Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 319) (continued)
Photographs and negatives of ships, machinery, dockyards, personnel and miscellaneous images 20th century
Press cuttings for Scotts and Greenock Dockyard Co 1849-1962
Publications from Scotts, Scott-Lithgow and Reports of the British Shipbuilding Research Association 1856-1962
Salaries and wages 1903-69
Shareholders records 1899-1964
Technical documents relating to engines nos 571-571 (not inclusive) 1922-82
Trials programmes 1946-66

Service, T M; (fl.1889-fl.1939), director of William Beardmore & Co Ltd, steel and iron manufacturers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 127)
Catalogues 1910
Drawings of Beardmore aircraft engines undated
Photographs 1901-16

Ship and Engine Photographs; circa 1900-1965 (GUAS Ref: UGD 149)
Alexander Stephens & Sons 1950-60s
Lobnitz & Co 1900-34
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Simons-Lobnitz Ltd; shipbuilders, Renfrew, Renfrewshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 215)
Board and administrative papers 1959-75
Estimates and enquiries: working papers 1959-64
Financial papers 1959-70
Financial records 1895-1967
Ledgers 1959-60
Photographs 1959-71
Production records 1959-65
Ship plans nos. 1160-1176

Shipbuilding Industry Training Board (GUAS Ref: UGC 60)
Shipbuilding Industry Training Board training policy statements c.1960s-70s
Shipbuilding Industry Training Board training booklets, pamphlets and newsletters c.1960s-82
Shipbuilding Industry Training Board engineering technician's guides c.1970s
Training and employment review papers c.1960s-1970s

Simons, William & Co Ltd; ship and dredger builders, Renfrew, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 114, UGD 115, UGD 130/2, UGD 149/3, UGD 251, UGD 356 and UCS 004)
Apprentice time books 1912-33
Board and administrative papers 1957-63
Estimates and enquiries: working papers 1920-60
Financial papers 1931-59
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Photographs 1867-1959
Ship plans nos. 140-812 (not inclusive) 1930-63
Wages and salary records

Simpsons & Lawrence, yacht equipment manufacturers and chandlers (GUAS Ref: UGC 75)
Financial records relating to Simpson-Lawrence Limited, including annual accounts and reports, salary books, and price lists 1911-1994
Catalogues for goods produced by Simpson-Lawrence Limited 1912-1995
A company history and expansion plan relating to Simpson-Lawrence Limited 1963-1973
Publicity papers for Simpson-Lawrence Limited 1987
Photographs of Simpson-Lawrence Limited 1961-1980
Simpsons & Lawrence, yacht equipment manufacturers and chandlers (GUAS Ref: UGC 75) (continued)

Financial papers relating to James Lawrence, including ledgers, annual accounts and wages books 1893-1936
A letter book of James Lawrence 1908-1911

Stephen, Alexander & Sons Ltd; shipbuilders and engineers, Linthouse, Govan, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 4)

Annual reports and statements of accounts 1946-52
Company magazine 1919-54
Day books 1824-51
Diaries 1859-99
Family papers 1857-86
General agreements for contracts 1899-1938
Letter books 1856-1932
Materials 1898-1976
Minute books 1892-1932
Photographs 1873-1960
Plans 1903-74
Press cuttings and press releases 1883-1965
Private cash books 1917-22
Registers of members 1900-25
Tender books 1918-68

Stephen, Alexander Murray, Sir; 1892-1974, Chairman of Alexander Stephen & Sons Ltd, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 6)

Electrical papers 1929-48
Miscellaneous notes and letter books 1925-61
Transport papers 1938-48

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd; shipbuilders and engineers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 355 and UCS 5)

Administrative files 1966-73
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Liquidation papers 1971-83
Minute books 1967-73

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd; shipbuilders and engineers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 355 and UCS 5) (continued)

Press cuttings books 1966-71
Publicity materials 1968-71
Technical files 1961-72

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd, Clydebank Division; shipbuilders, Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 348 and UCS 1)

Administrative files 1903-69
Annual general meetings, directors' reports, accounts 1930-67
Apprentice registers 1888-1969
Board papers: James & George Thomson Ltd 1863-1900
Board papers: Clydebank Engineering & Shipping Co Ltd 1896-1966
Board papers: John Brown Engineering (Clydebank) Ltd 1902-68
Clydebank property, workers' houses etc. files 1855-1946
Contract records 1899-1962
Cost books 1881-1970
Enquiries, tender and contract files 1886-1973
Financial records 1846-1969
Letter books of the Directors and Secretary; customer letter books 1857-1968
general letter books and registers of correspondence
Minute and agenda books 1890-1971
News cuttings, launch invitations and brochures 1880-1970
Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd, Clydebank Division; shipbuilders, Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 348 and UCS 1) (continued)

- Photographs (prints, negatives and albums) including ships nos. 184-740 1880-1972
- and miscellaneous others
- Plans, including ship plans (ships nos. 599-1025), small boat plans 1852-1970
- standard tracings (293 drawings)
- Plant and property registers 1899-1917
- Production records 1871-1973
- Publications 1893-1970
- Reports to board and committee 1930-62
- Shipyard diaries 1871-1968
- Shipyard and plant files 1884-1967
- Staff and staff wages records 1853-1967
- Valuation books 1884-1967

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd, Linthouse Division; shipbuilders, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 349 and UCS 3)

- Board papers, reports etc 1850-1981
- Cinematographic film 20th century
- Correspondence files 1914-66
- Engine drawings (engines nos. 453-635, incomplete) 1825-1966
- Enquiries, estimates and tender files 1916-68
- Financial records 1848-1979
- Microfilms of engines drawings nos. 549-656 1852-1968
- Particulars of vessels and historical notes 1936-67
- Photographs (negatives and prints) 1825-1966
- Production records 1911-68
- Ships files (ships nos. 454-698, incomplete) 1927-70
- Ship plans (ships nos. 468-701, incomplete) 1813-1946
- Staff records and wages books chiefly those of Alexander Stephen Junior (1883-1899)
- Specification files 1862-1966

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Shop Stewards Committee; Govan, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 181)

- Transcripts of Shop Stewards Committee meetings and discussions of the shop stewards and workers during the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in 1971-72

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Work-in, Transcripts of Media Reports of the; Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 180)

- Transcripts made by the British Broadcasting Corporation of television and radio news reports, documentaries, interviews, and press statements relating to the work-in at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders 1971-72

Yarrow & Co Ltd; shipbuilders, engineers and boilermakers, Scotstoun, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 266)

- Minute books 1997-1965
- Photographs and staff dinner presentation album 1905
- Private ledgers 1895-1919
- Technical sheets nos. 1457-1957 1839-1961