

Ship Building, Ship Repair and Allied Industries: Sources

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This is a list of some of the collections that may provide a useful starting point when researching this subject. It gives the collection reference and a brief description of the kinds of records held in the collections. More detailed lists are available in the searchroom and from our [online catalogue](#). Enquiries should be directed to the Duty Archivist - see contact details at the end of this source list.

Ailsa Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd, Troon; East Ayrshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 400)

Agreements, specifications and guidance drawings for hulls nos. 472-524

Board papers	1957-65
Builder's certificates	1919-57
Company diaries	1887-1947
Cost books	1910-19, 1950-64
Data books	1887-1949
Engineer's record book	1910-82
Estimate books	1954-80
Financial records	1926-42
Instruction manuals	1891-1980
Launching particular books	1921-53
Letter books	1949-71
Licensing records	1951-61
Minute books	1901-76
Offsets from loft	1922-68
Particular books	1883-1910
Photographs	1940-64
Publicity material and press cuttings	1883-1986
Salaries books	1909-65
Shareholding records	1901-78
Shareholding records, financial records and project subject files for Barclay & Company (Kilmarnock) Ltd	1933-71
Subject files	1918-63
Valuation books	1906-66
Wood and spar books	1901-10
Workmen's houses rent rolls	1925-38

Ardrossan Dockyard Ltd; shipbuilders, Ardrossan, North Ayrshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 190)

Annual reports	1916-21
Photograph albums	c1910-22
Photographs of guests at launching parties	c1940-60
Photographs of ships' launches	c1940-c62
Photographs of ships' interiors	1949-c60
Photographs of ships' machinery	c1959-c60
Photographs of ships' decks and holds	c1960

**Beardmore, William & Co Ltd; steel manufacturers and engineers, Glasgow, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: UGD 100/1 and UGD 179)**

Agenda books	1903-29
Annual general meeting and press reports	1930-48
Armour plate extension files	1936-57
Catalogues	c1914-27
Directors' attendance books	1913-40
Financial records	1901-65
Minutes	1902-76
Miscellaneous volumes and files including legal agreements correspondence, financial and printed ephemera	1864-1969
Photographs	c1910-32
Plans of diesel locomotive	1930
Press cuttings	1900-65
Salary records	1902-37
Visitors' books	1914-68

**Blythwood Shipbuilding Co Ltd; shipbuilders, Scotstoun, Glasgow, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: UGD 124)**

Staff Records	1930-63
Production Records	1922-64
Photographs	1944-63
Plans	1922-64

Bow MacLachlan & Co Ltd; shipbuilders, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 135)

Catalogue of ships	early 20 th century
<i>Flying Eagle</i> 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
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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
Staff records	1844-1940

**Douglas & Brittain & Co; sail and hatch cover manufacturers, Glasgow, Scotland
(GUAS Ref: UGD 54)**

Journal	1908-41
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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
Contract of copartnery: David Croll, Amsterdam, engineer, and John Hamilton, Broomielaw, rope and sail maker, John McAusland, engineer, William Denny, engineer and shipbuilder, Walter Brock, engineer and shipbulder, Anthony Inglis, engineer and shipbuilder and John Inglis, engineer and shipbuilder, concerning the business of the rope and sail manufacturers firm of Hamilton & Co	1877

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 account books, journals and wage books	1903-63
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	1904-61
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)

<i>Fairplay</i> shipping journal including article on company	mid-20 th century
Notes on company history and contracts	20th century
Notes on company services and facilities	mid-20 th century
Photographs and slides	mid 20 th 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
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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
Shipyards 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 <i>Falls of Clyde</i>	1960s
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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	
Launch records	c1946-78
Materials books	1947-78
Memorandum and articles of association	1925
Minute books	
Nominal accounts	
Order books	1955-80
Personnel records	1947-81
Purchase books	
Photographs	
Publicity materials	
Private ledgers	
Registers of directors and members	
Sales records	
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
and miscellaneous material. 1952-72

Plant and property records 1879-1989

Shareholdings, investments, subsidiary and 169 associated
company records 1878-1957

Ship agreements for Russell & Co/Lithgows Ltd, William Hamilton & Co Ltd 1875-1970

Robert Duncan & Co Ltd, enquiries, estimates quotations and
admiralty contracts

Sir James Lithgow personal and business papers 1891-1969

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

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

Presscuttings 1931-52

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
Minutes	1942-46

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
Insurance records	1918-74
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	1939
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
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Russel, D M Marine (Rosneath) Ltd; boat builders, yacht charterers and slippers, 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)	
Estimates and quotations	1885-1956
Invoice books, 1945-1963	
Ledgers, journals and cash books	1857-1967
Letter books	1945-63
Photographs	
Plans for ships nos. 25-454 (not inclusive)	
Publications including British Ship Research Association reports and Lloyds Register	1959-70
Publicity, press cuttings and historical data	1850-1976
Salary and wages records	1949-64
Stockbooks	1926-42
Technical data for ships nos. 33-454	1869-1969

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 welfare and conditions, patents and agreements	1818-1981
Annual balances, profit & loss accounts	1859-1969
Arrangements for launches	1925-68
Cash books	1851-1969
Cinematographic film	1962
Correspondence including private business, estimates and tenders, engines, admiralty, mercantile and secretary and accounts departments	1900-70
Cost books	1825-1978
Drawings: Engines of c90 ships	
Drawings: Hulls of new ships, refits and conversions and Admiralty contracts	c1869-1960s
Drawings: Hulls undertaken by Greenock Dockyard Co Ltd of ship nos 211-511 (not inclusive)	
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
William Simons & Co Ltd	1926-60

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
Ledgers	1901-56
Minute books	1901-56
Photographs	1867-1959
Ship plans nos. 140-812 (not inclusive)	
Wages and salary records	1930-63

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)
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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
Board papers	1965-77
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 general letter books and registers of correspondence	1857-1968
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 and miscellaneous others	1880-1972
Plans, including ship plans (ships nos. 599-1025), small boat plans standard tracings (293 drawings)	1852-1970
Plant and property registers	1899-1917
Production records	1871-1973
Publications	1893-1970
Reports to board and committee	1930-62
Shipyards diaries	1871-1968
Shipyards 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)	
Enquiries, estimates and tender files	1916-68
Financial records	1848-1979
Microfilms of engines drawings nos. 549-656	
Particulars of vessels and historical notes	1852-1968
Photographs (negatives and prints)	1936-67
Production records	1825-1966
Ships files (ships nos. 454-698, incomplete)	1911-68
Ship plans (ships nos. 468-701, incomplete)	
Staff records and wages books	1927-70
Stephen family notebooks and correspondence chiefly those of Alexander Stephen Junior	1813-1946 (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
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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
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Yarrow & Co Ltd; shipbuilders, engineers and boilermakers, Scotstoun, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 266)

Minute books	1897-1965
Photographs and staff dinner presentation album	1905
Private ledgers	1895-1919
Technical sheets nos. 1457-1957	1839-1961