

## Shipping Companies: Sources

### How to use this list of sources

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.

#### **Adamson, James and William Robertson; photographers, c.1880s-1930s, Scotland (GUAS Ref: DC 101)**

Glass negatives of various ships in Greenock, Gourock and West Renfrewshire	1880s-1930s
Glass negatives of people, scenes and buildings in Greenock, Gourock and West Renfrewshire	1880s-1930s
Photograph album containing pictures of ships and scenes	late 19th, early 20th century

#### **Anchor Line Ltd; shipping company, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/1)**

Accident report	1921
Administration files	1935-77
Advertising boards	1871-1939
Advertising scrapbooks	1934-65
Artefacts	1942
Bills of Lading	1881-1934
Blanche for payment of one penny for properties of Thomas Dedington	1577
Board papers	1894-1970
Brochures and leaflets	1882-1965
Christmas cards	1929
Commercial device and House Flag	1881
Embarkation papers	1963
Fleet particulars	1856-1972
Formation papers	1935
Historical files	1856-1972
Invitation cards	1956-59
Maps and track cards	1888-1962
Menus and wine lists	1886-1975
Newspaper cuttings	1831-1967
Official registers	1854-1977
Passage tickets	1866-1955
Passenger lists	1893-1965
Pensions	1944-66
Personnel papers	1861-1967
Photographs of cruises	1928-39
Photographs of events	1938-c70
Photographs of offices	1900-51
Photographs of personnel	1922-42
Photographs of vessels	1839-1986
Pilotage records	1962-79
Plans	1904-48
Posters	1914-50s
Programmes	1932-65
Promotional items	1950-78
Promotional items for other companies	1935-36
Publications	1872-1968
Shareholding papers	1935-65
Ship files	1937-70

**Anchor Line Ltd; shipping company, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/1) (continued)**

Shipping conferences	1887-1975
Ships' logs	1870-1961
Voyage particulars	1937-67
War service	1900-48

**Ardgowan Shipping Co Ltd and Blackhall Shipping Co Ltd; Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: GD 323/11)**

Directors' correspondence files	1974-77
Directors' reports and accounts	1974-75

**British Corporation; shipping surveyors, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 304)**

Survey reports	1891-1949
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**Burntisland Pier & Ferry Co; ferry and pier operators, Edinburgh, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 56)**

Minute book	1839
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**Campbell, J M & Sons; shipowners, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 55)**

Miscellaneous administrative records including insurance documents, account statements, ship specifications etc	1851-1926
Photographs	1880-1958

**Campbell, William (Port Glasgow) Ltd; coal and coke merchant and shipping agent, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 176/3 and UGD 176/1/15/3)**

Annual reports and accounts	1966-81
Letter book	1887-1942
Minute book	1917-47

**Clyde Navigation Trust; waterway managers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 35)**

Administrative papers	1827-1951
Correspondence	c1936-43
Financial papers	c1935-51

**Clyde Shipping Co Ltd; shipowners and shipping agents, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 176/1)**

Abstract and analysis ledgers	1929-74
Agreements	1868-1960
Annual and extraordinary meeting records	1847-1981
Balance sheets	1929-57
Cashbooks	1858-1981
Casualty books	1912-68
Clyde Shipping Co Ltd group accounts	1963-83
Clyde Shipping Co Ltd group taxation records	1923-83
Detailed accounts and end of year statements	1950-78
Directors' minutes	1893-1974
Directors' reports and accounts	1947-87
General ledgers	1914-79
Insurance accounts	1961-66
Insurance claim – vessels	1935-72
Investment records	1894-1980
Journals	1916-63
Labour, industrial action, accident, wage agreements and employers' meeting subject files	1925-45
Memorandum and articles of association	1893-1976
Miscellaneous accounts	1945-73
Other ledgers	1937-78
Pension records (investments)	1947-80
Private ledgers	1872-1946
Share records	1853-1974
Staff, wages and salary records	1856-1981
Trading and freight records	1859-1974
Towing records	1867-1979

**Clyde Shipping Co Ltd; shipowners and shipping agents, Glasgow, Scotland  
(GUAS Ref: UGD 176/1) (continued)**

Trial balances	1928-74
Vessel logs	1957-68
Vessel records	1840-1960
Workmen's compensation records	1937-60

**Ministry of Transport records including:**

Annual reports and circulars of trade associations	1904-30
Boat account and analysis books	1948-72
Charter parties	c1940-45
Correspondence - claims and charters	1938-61
Miscellaneous presscuttings, correspondence, published histories and publicity materials	1819-c90
Passenger handbooks and guides	1885-1928
Presscuttings	1945-60
Rates department correspondence	1904-63
Registers of sailings and vessel movements	1856-1968
Secretary's correspondence	1873-1980
Vessel journals	1940-47
Vessel logs	1945-46
Voyage accounts and expenses	1941-73

**The collection also includes a large body of annual reports and board papers of subsidiary and associated companies of Clyde Shipping Co Ltd. Along with these records, there are often subject files created by Clyde Shipping Co Ltd regarding each individual company. Records exist for the following companies:**

Beaton, Neil (Portree) Ltd	1953-73
Campbell, William (Port Glasgow) Ltd	1966-81
Cargo International (Cork) Ltd	1969-81
Cargo Services Ltd	1974-80
Casey Travel Ltd	1979-80
Clyde Shipping Ireland Ltd	1970-80
Clyde Shipping Tugs Ltd	1974-80
Cooper Brothers Ltd	1977-80
Cork Offshore Services Ltd	1975-80
Cork Seabase Ltd	1977-78
Eglinton Limestone Co Ltd	1955-73
Eglinton Store Group	1973-84
FACE Ltd (Freight and Cargo Express)	1980-81
Farrell, Matthew & Son (Waterford) Ltd	1975-80
Forth Tugs Ltd	1977-82
Franco Irish Food Industries Study Group Ltd	1961-69
Fraser & Borthwick Ltd	1958-73
Grangemouth & Forth Towing Ltd	1959-77
Heyn, G & Sons Ltd	1969-73
Hipavia S A	1973-79
Hunt, S & M (Transport) Ltd	1975-78
Irish Mainport Holdings Ltd	1970-81
Irish Offshore Driving Contracts Ltd	1980
Irish Stand-by Boats Ltd	1977-78
Irvine Shipping & Trading Co Ltd, The	1939-81
Kenny (Stevedores) Ltd	1965-75
LAS Air Cargo Ltd	1966-81
LAS Chartering Ltd	1966-81
LAS Group	1966-71
LAS Overseas Ltd	1962-80
LAS Transport Co Ltd	1968-69
Lawson-Batey Tugs Ltd	1981-83
Light Shipping Co Ltd (see UGD 176/2/2)	1966-74

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Line 3 Ltd	1970-79
London Scottish Lines Ltd	1957-61
Mannia Oil Distributors Ltd	1979
Marine Transport Services Ltd	1959-80
Martrans Engineering Co Ltd	1980-81
McAlpine, R L & Co Ltd	1969-81
Peden, J A Ltd	1964-81
Plastic Rotational Mouldings Ltd	1963-73
Powers Coal Ltd	1953-74
Quarry Industries (Belfast) Ltd	1972-80
Ronayne Shipping Ltd	1975-80
Rossmann Renovo Ltd	1973
Rastrom Forwarding Ltd	1982
Scott & Co, James (Cobh) Ltd	1976-80
Scott & Co, James (Cork) Ltd	1976-79
Seahorse Ltd	1976-80
Shetland Towage Ltd	1975-83
Simpson-Lawrence Ltd	c1970-85
Toriginol (UK) Ltd	1966
Tralee Seabase Ltd	1978
Waterford Steamship Co Ltd	1902
Waterford Stevedores Ltd	1975-78

**Comet, The; centenary of the launch of the steamboat, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 155)**

Newspaper articles	1912
Pamphlets	1912

**Currie Line Ltd; shipping company, Edinburgh, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/5)**

Alexander Currie's papers	1819-1905
Balance sheets	1849-1968
Currie family papers	1781-1967
Journals	1853-1969
Ledgers and cash books	1851-1970
Minutes and administrative records	1790-1977
Pension fund	1945-81
Photographs and press cuttings	1855-1972
Property (including plans and titles)	1736-1977
Sale of vessels	1921-70
Shareholders' Records	1933-74
Ships' records relating to individual vessels	1861-1968
Wages and personnel	1859-1971

**Ellerman & Bucknall (Steamships) Co Ltd; shipowners, London, England (GUAS Ref: UGD 131/3)**

Agency records	1936, 1946
Annual accounts	1901-37
Journals	1900-71
Ledgers	1896-1972
Memorandum and articles of association	1900-08
Minutes	1949-70
Publicity material	1892-1968
Share records	1909
Staff records	1907-31
Telegraph cable books	1892-1914
Trade agreements	1893-1938
Voyage records	1892-1943

**Ellerman City Line Ltd; shipowners, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 131/1)**

Account books	1879-1902
Agency agreements and correspondence	1933-55
Balance sheets, profit and loss accounts and steamers' trading accounts	1888-1933
Captain Francis Brown's papers	1828-1852
Cash department records	1892-1966
Colombo and Calcutta tea trade	1885-1932
Conference minimum rates books	1905-44
Contracts and berthage records	1912-38
Correspondence	1912-60
Directors minutes	1892-1969
Dundee jute imports	1861-1966
East India Steam Trade Conference	1927-38
Estimated daily running expenses for fleet	1929-70
Freight books	1901-25
General meetings minutes	1893-1969
George Smith and family papers	1808-94
Homeward earnings books	1925-46
Journals	1891-1923
List of agencies	1936, 1948
Loans, insurance policies and guarantees	1885-1948
Masters' wartime reports and correspondence	1940-48
Memoranda and articles of association and share records	1892-1970
Menus and wine lists	1930-39
Miscellaneous publications	1924-58
Notices to shippers	1905-39
Package re-measuring order books	1902-59
Particulars of fleet	1875-1950
Passenger lists and tickets	1904-06, 1954, 1955
Photographs and images of ships, masters and personnel	1771-1976
Presscuttings	1911-72
Publicity materials	1922-60
Quotations	1913-36
Records of The City Line (Travel) Ltd	1968-70
Register of ships	1952-72
Sailings and ship movement books	1883-1952
Sailings lists and sailing cards (incomplete)	1863-1955
Ship files	1839-1970
Ship plans	1936-60
Ship spar plans	1858-90
Sir John Ellerman's bequests to staff	1933
Sir John Ellerman's general notebooks	1911-76
Specifications books	1906-52
Staff records	1836-1971
Steamer plans and rate books	1925, 1929
The City Line miscellaneous historical papers	1869-1935
The City Line jubilee (1889) records	1889
The City Line centenary (1939) records	1939
Trade agreements	1936-70
War Service records	1939-45

**Ellerman Lines Ltd; shipowners, London, England and Glasgow, Scotland  
(GUAS Ref: UGD 131/2)**

Cabin plans and maps	1956-73
Company history	1970s
Correspondence	1954-59
Crew photographs	1891-1970s
Financial records	1938-81
Minutes	1901-22
Photographs, posters and postcards	1839-1970s
Presscuttings and publicity materials	1929-71
Publicity materials	1870s-1980s
Route maps	undated
Sailings books	1928-47
Share registers	1901-35
Share allotment book	c1900s
Voyage records	1936-58

**Ellerman & Papayanni Lines Ltd; shipowners, Liverpool, England (GUAS Ref: UGD 131/4)**

Agency records	1934
Financial records	1968-72
Minutes	1930-50
Notes on ships	undated
Photographs	1930s-40s
Share records	1932-47
Vessel particulars	1856-1937
Voyage records	1884-1932

**Forth Tugs Ltd; tug operators, Grangemouth, Falkirk, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 229)**

Agenda books	1915-72
Annual list and summary	1904-75
Balance sheets	1896-1971
Correspondence	1866-70
Journals	1895-1972
Ledgers	1895-1946
Minutes	1895-1983
Miscellaneous accounts	1861-73
Register of members	1895-1960
Register of transfers	1895-1970
Register of seals	1967
Share certificates	1924-84
Tug records	1861-74
Vessel registration records	1861-73

**Gibson, George & Co Ltd; shipping company, Edinburgh, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/7)**

Administrative records	1948-56
Personnel records	1924-56
Shareholders' records	1920-59
Ships' records	1919-65

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

Minutes	1892-1941
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**Glenlight Shipping Ltd; ship managers, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 176/2/1a)**

Annual reports and accounts	1970-81
Board papers and agreements	1949-76
Papers concerning Esso Bernicia/Stonechakker and legal proceedings	1978-84

**Hall Line Ltd; shipowners, Liverpool, England (GUAS Ref: UGD 131/6)**

Financial records	1963-67
Minutes	1899-1968
Photographs	1870-1907
Publicity materials	early 20th century
Share records	1889-1976
Ship records	1853-1943

**Isaac Line Ltd; shipping company, London, England (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/6)**

Financial records	1921-37
History of the Isaacs Family	c1700-1865
Minutes	1921-37
Shareholding records	1921-36

**Jane's Fighting Ships (GUAS Ref: UGD 295)**

Publications	1903-74
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**Kelvin Trawlers Ltd; steam trawler owners, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 216)**

Cash books	1946-52
Cash notebooks	1951-52
Fleetwood branch financial statements	1951-52
Journals	1946-52
Ledgers	1946-52

**Kindiesel Shipping Co Ltd; shipowners, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 171/3)**

Articles of association	1936
Financial records	1936-82
Minutes	1936-62
Registers of members	1963-62
Returns to registrar of companies	1957-62

**Langmuir, Graham Negative Collection; solicitor and steamer enthusiast, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 238)**

Photographs of vessels, groups of passengers, ship yards and harbours	20th century
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Photographs of vessels include ships built by the following Scottish shipyards:

- Scott & Sons (Bowling) Ltd, Bowling, West Dunbartonshire
- James & George Thomson Ltd, Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire
- Wood & Reid, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde
- Robertson & Co, London
- Caird & Co Ltd, Greenock, Inverclyde
- John Reid & Co; Blackwood & Gordon
- T Wingate & Co, Glasgow
- Robert Duncan & Co; H McIntyre & Co, Paisley, Renfrewshire, and Alloa, Clackmannanshire
- A & J Inglis, Glasgow

**Leith Hull & Hamburg Steam Packet Co Ltd; shipping company, Edinburgh, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/4)**

Accidents, damage and repairs	1839-1969
Certificate of Registry	1844-1949
Correspondence	1842-1917
Financial materials	1837-1969
Freight books	1919-40
Personal service records	1866-1942
Personnel records	1846-1970
Plans and property	1858-1947
Public relations material	1816-1928 and Undated (pre 1939)
Salaries and wages	1859-1969
Sale of vessels	1841-1900
Taxation records books	1898-1961

**Leith Hull & Hamburg Steam Packet Co Ltd; shipping company, Edinburgh, Scotland  
(GUAS Ref: UGD 255/4) (continued)**

Trading records	1851-1940
Vessel movements	1871-1957
Vessel particulars	1866-1949

**Light Shipping Ltd; shipowners, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland  
(GUAS Ref: UGD 176/2/2 and UGD 176/1/15/38)**

Annual returns	1960-61
Board papers and agreements	1966
Company seal	mid 20th century
Correspondence files	1970-75
Directors' reports and accounts	1966-73
Journal	1960-68
Ledger	1954-60
Vessel diaries	1955-69
Vessel expenses and receipts	1951-64

**Lloyds Register (GUAS Ref: UGD 58)**

Annotated publications	1760-
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**MacDonald, Dan; fl.1900-1990, ship enthusiast, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: DC 188)**

Negatives of Clyde passenger vessels in colour	1864-1936
Negatives of merchant steam and motor vessels in black and white and colour	1788-1936
Negatives of miscellaneous sailing ships in black and white and colour	undated
Negatives of passenger vessels in black and white	1811-1953
Negatives of unidentified people in colour	1935
Negatives of unidentified vessels in black and white	undated
Negatives of various vessels, places and pictures	c1800-1907
Negatives of various vessels, views and people in black and white and in colour	undated
Negatives of views around Scotland in colour	1935-37
Plates of Yacht Racing on the Clyde, produced from photographs specially taken by Maclure Macdonald & Co	1897

**McLaren, Thomas & Co (Glasgow) Ltd; shipbrokers, Glasgow, Scotland  
(GUAS Ref: UGD 165, UGD 280, UGD 281, UGD 294, UGD 316 and UGD 317)**

Cash books	1878-1961
Day books	1878-1929
Ledgers	1878-1965
Plans	c1880-1960
Ship registers	c1925-72
Vessel notebooks	1904-53

**McQueen, Andrew; (1868-1933), steamship enthusiast (GUAS Ref: UGD 252)**

Articles/transcripts of lectures	c1890-1921
Literary works	c1890-1921
Notes and manuscripts concerning ships	1821-1946
Personal papers	1857-1937
Photograph albums	c1870-1921
Photographs	1872-1912

**Meighan Collection; ship plans and photographs, River Clyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 134)**

Plans of ships built by:	
• Denny, William & Brothers	1890
• Scotts of Bowling	1898
Photograph	1952
Photographs of ships built by John Brown & Co Ltd	1890-1935

**Miller, William; fl.1845, sea captain (GUAS Ref: UGD 65)**

Log book for the journey from Glasgow to Madeira and San Fernando  
and back again 1845

**Monarch Steamship Company Limited; shipowners, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGC 96)**

Arrivals and sailings books 1920-60  
Cash books and ledgers 1894-1967  
Contracts (Charter Parties) 1901-07  
Employment records 1916-33  
Letter books 1921-33  
Letters of registration and minute books 1902-56  
Photo album 1956-57  
Research files 1874-1999  
Voyage books 1926-42

**Montgomerie & Workman Ltd; ship and insurance brokers, London, England (GUAS Ref: UGD 131/7)**

Agreements 1900-62  
Correspondence 1920-51  
Ship records 1881-1946

**Moor Line Ltd; shipping company, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 255/3)**

Abstracts of logs 1955-64  
Agreements to build vessels 1921-46  
Annual report and accounts 1890-1967  
Cash books 1920-64  
Fleet particulars 1892-1952  
Insurance of vessels 1943-68  
Journals 1961-63  
Memorandum and Articles of Association 1892-1968  
Minutes 1889-1938  
Moor Investment Co 1917  
Personnel 1925-40  
Photographs of personnel undated  
Photographs of vessels 1848-1975  
Plans 1965  
Press cuttings 1950-66  
Shareholding papers 1847-1948  
Shipping conferences 1927  
Ships' log books 1954-62  
Statements of account for vessels 1886-1911  
Valuations 1917  
Vessel movements and voyage accounts 1912-34  
War service 1915, 1925

**Mossgiel Steamship Co Ltd; shipowners, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 131/8)**

Minutes 1907-75  
Photographs 1927, 1954  
Plans 1920-39  
Ship records 1921-51

**RMS Queen Elizabeth Historical Society; Virginia, United States of America (GUAS Ref: UGD 296)**

Drawings 1989  
Photographs 1989  
Plans 1989

**River Cart Navigation Trust; waterway managers, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 34)**

Draft provisional orders and correspondence 1908-20  
Papers and bills 1898-1920

**Ross & Marshall Ltd; shipowners, Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 176/2/1)**

Admiralty contracts	1911-12
Board papers	1907-64
Correspondence	1963-71
Directors' minutes	1907-72
Financial papers	1879-1981
General minutes	1907-63
Ledgers and journals	1874-1968
Letter books	1883-1942
Share records	1907-17
Vessel diaries	1880-81
Vessel mortgages and bills of sale records	1902-20

**Scottish National Antarctic Expedition; 1902-1904 (GUAS Ref: DC 404)**

Photographs of the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition consist of:

Adelie penguins, Emperor penguins	16 Oct 1903- 21 Mar 1904
Birds and penguins	22 Feb 1903- 30 Apr 1904
Crew and balloons, Mediterranean	7 Sep 1906- 9 Sep 1906
Gentoo Penguins, Jackass Penguins, Ringed Penguins	2 Apr 1903- 06 Feb 1904
Icebergs, <i>Scotia</i>	20 Feb 1903- 12 Mar 1904
Miscellaneous - Ships, ice, boy	Jan 1902- Jun 1904
Penguins	2 Apr 1903- 21 May 1904
Portobello, kite flying	
Saint Helena - Ships company ashore and tortoise	30 May 1904- 6 Jul 1904
<i>Scotia</i>	1902-04
Seals, sharks, sunfish, turtle, whales	1902-04
Shags	1902-04
Ship's company ashore	
Ships crew - leisure and work	23 Nov 1902- 4 Apr 1904
Switzerland, Mer de Glace	1905
SY <i>Scotia</i> beset and ships crew	1902-04
Unnamed ships, camps 5 and 6	1902-04
Various - on board and on land	
Views of land and sea	1902-04

**Scottish Transport ephemera (GUAS Ref: UGD 285)**

The collection contains material relating to shipping.

Shipping records include:

Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd

- Brochures 1904-1913,  
1973
- Published articles relating to individual ferries, steamers  
and shipbuilders 1866-1988
- Postcards of ships and docks 20th century

**Ship Photographs, Miscellaneous; River Clyde, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 253)**

Photographs of ships on the river Clyde, Scotland 1962-86

These photographs include ships of the:

- Clyde Passenger Ferries
- Cunard Line
- Elder Dempster Line

There are also views of the following Clyde shipyards:

- Barclay Curle & Co Ltd
- Brown, John & Co (Clydebank) Ltd
- Burns & Laird
- Connell, Charles & Co Ltd
- Govan Shipbuilders Ltd
- Stephen, Alexander & Sons Ltd

**Stewart, John & Co Shipbuilders Ltd; shipowners, Glasgow, Scotland (GUAS Ref: UGD 213)**

Cash books	1936-74
Charter parties	1964-74
Fleet particulars	1925-71
Insurance covers	1956-62
Journals	1938-72
Ledgers	1933-72
Master and chief engineers logs	1947-75
Press cuttings	1898-1935
Render book and damage claims	1936-75
Sale and purchase records	1949-55
Specifications	1942-70
Summary of voyage accounts	1943-71
Vessel diaries	1953-75
Vessel ledgers	1924-79
Voyage accounts	1937-74
Wage abstracts	1941-63

**Waterford Consortium; container service consortium, Waterford, Munster, Ireland (GUAS Ref: UGD 176/3)**

Records collated by Clyde Shipping Co Ltd as part of the Waterford Consortium:

Accounting records	1969-70
Board papers and agreements	1963-72
Correspondence	1964-75
Trade analysis records	1970-74