

## FALKIRK ARCHIVES

### Records of Businesses

#### Potteries Finding Aid

##### Barbara Davidson Pottery

Barbara Davidson established a pottery in Larbert in 1970s. The Company was incorporated in 1988 with the registration number SC114011.

| <i>Reference No</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Description</i>   |
|---------------------|-------------|--|
| A068.01             | (1970s)     | Catalogue: Barbara Davidson hand thrown pottery  |
| A068.02             | (1970s)     | Catalogue: Barbara Davidson Clouds pottery (range of ovenproof, hand thrown, hand decorated stoneware) |
| A068.03             | (1980s)     | Catalogue: Larbert Pottery. Includes range of custom designed mugs, bowls and dishes.                  |

##### Bo'ness Industrial Pottery Society

Bo'ness Industrial Pottery Society was formed by Bo'ness Co-op Society following meeting in March 1887. The pottery was built at Grangepans in 1889. the company went into liquidation in 1894.

West Lothian Pottery Co took over pottery at Grangepans established by the Bo'ness Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd from 1897 to 1929.

The collection consists of photocopies of documents and secondary research undertaken by Gerard Quail.

| <i>Reference No</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Description</i>   |
|---------------------|-------------|--|
| A044.001            | 1796        | Photocopy of extract registered agreement between Thomas Cowan, proprietor of pottery in Borrowstounness and James Anderson potter [employment contract]   |
| A044.002            | 10 Mar 1797 | Photocopy of petition to Court of Session of Thomas Cowan, merchant in Borrowstounness against James Anderson, potter reclaiming against interlocutor of the Inner House   |
| A044.003            | 09 Feb 1797 | Photocopy of petition to Court of Session of James Anderson, potter in Borrowstounness against Lord Craig's interlocutor on behalf of Thomas Cowan   |
| A044.004            | Jul 1978    | Photocopy of article on the Borrowstounness potters wage dispute by Gerard Quail   |
| A044.005            | 1975        | Typescript article on the West Lothian Pottery Co Ltd, 1896-1930 by Gerard Quail (Duplicate of A044.08)  |
| A044.006            | 1975        | Letter, P.M.Cadell, Natural Library of Scotland to W. A. Cadell of Grange, relating to potteries in Bridgeness, with attached photocopied documents concerning title to land occupied by West Lothian Pottery Co Ltd |
| A044.009            | 1979        | Typescript article "Bo'ness Industrial Co-operative Company Ltd, Grangepans" by G. Quail for Scottish Pottery Society Newsletter, April 1979   |
| A044.010            | 1826-1827   | Photocopy of typed and ms notes relating to accounts and   |

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|          |                           | photocopy of extracts from Court of Session showing debts due by James Cuming, 1826-1827 (SRO Ref: CS 236/23/4)                                    |
| A044.011 | (19th Century) {nd}       | Photocopy of news cutting and typed notes relating to lease of pottery and dwelling house in Bo'ness following sequestration of James Cuming & Co  |
| A044.012 | 1826                      | Photocopy of extracts from Court of Session valuation of stock utensils and materials at pottery works, J.Cuming & Co (SRO Ref:CS236/23/4)         |
| A044.013 | (Circa 1827) {nd}         | Photocopy of typescript notes and news cutting relating to sequestration of estates of James Cuming & Co   |
| A044.014 | (Early 20th Century) {nd} | Photocopy of p.64 of "The Pottery Gazette and Glass Trade review" with advert for Charles W. McNay & Sons Bridgeness Pottery, Bo'ness)             |
| A044.015 | 01 Dec 1904               | Photocopy of pp1335-6 of "The Pottery Gazette" with article on Charles W. McNay & Sons, Bridgeness Pottery, Bo'ness                                |
| A044.016 | (Early 20th Century) {nd} | Photocopy of adverts for John Marshall & Co, Earthenware Manufacturers, Bo'ness Pottery  |
| A044.017 | (20th Century) {nd}       | Typescript article "The Borrowstounness Potters Wage Dispute" by G.Quail   |
| A057.001 | Mid 20th Century {nd}     | Article on Bo'ness Pottery. Includes transcripts of documents (no source given) relating to the pottery in the nineteenth century                  |
| A057.002 | 09 Feb 1797               | Photocopy of petition to Court of Session of James Anderson, potter in Borrowstounness against Lord Craig's interlocutor on behalf of Thomas Cowan |

### **C W McNay & Sons**

Pottery company, Bo'ness. Watson McNay left Bo'ness Pottery to establish Bridgeness Pottery in 1886. He brought four workers with him. When the Bo'ness Pottery closed in 1899, Bridgeness acquired much of its trade. Bridgeness Pottery closed in the 1950s. Bridgeness Pottery produced tableware and a wide selection of transfer designs and embossed plain whiteware. Whiteware was produced for the armed forces and Woolworth's. It also produced cottage ornaments such as cats, wally dugs and parrots.

| <i>Reference No</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Description</i>     |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| A025.003            | 1905        | Earthenware Price List |

### **Sherwin & Cotton**

| <i>Reference No</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Description</i>  |
|---------------------|-------------|---|
| A625.002            | Mar 1935    | Details of Sherwin and Cotton Kilns for Tiles. Scale 0.5"=1ft |
| A625.001            | Mar 1935    | Details of Sherwin and Cotton Kilns for Tiles Scale 0.5"=1ft  |

**Southhook Potteries Ltd**

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|----------|-------------|---|
| A236.001 | 1950s {nd}  | Catalogue : Pipes, Fittings, Chimney Cans & C.  |
| A236.003 | 1950s? {nd} | Illustrated book of typograph parts. Typograph G M B H<br>Composing Machine Factory, Berlin N W 87  |
| A236.002 | 11 Oct 1955 | Letter, to George V Renton, Bo'ness Burgh Surveyor,<br>accompanying catalogue of drainage goods, chimney cans,<br>cable conduits, cattle troughs etc. |