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Henry Sykes established a small engineering business in Upper Thames Street, London, in 1857, manufacturing (for sale or hire) pumps, portable steam engines, hoists, cranes and similar equipment. In 1868 the business transferred to Bankside, Southwark, and began the construction of the deep well pumps with which Sykes' name was to become closely associated. Henry Sykes jnr. took over control of the firm in 1885 and shortly afterwards entered partnership with Edmund Jackson. For the next forty years Jackson contributed largely, not only to the firm's capital, but also to its design engineering. In 1897 Henry Sykes Ltd. was incorporated and two years' later opened a branch factory in Emerson Street, Southwark (closed in 1920). Despite the acquisition of further premises in Southwark Street and Charlton, Bankside remained the company's headquarters until 1957 when all operations were removed to Charlton.

The manufacture of pumps has been Sykes' mainstay throughout its existence, but a wide variety of other types of machinery has been produced, including cranes, steel windmills and winches for barrage balloons. The Henry Sykes Group Ltd. now comprises a diversity of engineering enterprises, active throughout the world.

(i) Financial records.

1/1	1880-1902	Ways and means book (general ledger, including lists of machines sold and hired out).
1/2	1872-1879	Volume (Bankside summary) comprising monthly balance sheets and lists of machines sold and hired out.
1/3	1869	Volume containing 1869 balance sheet.
1/4	1903-1942	Volume comprising, inter alia: Balance sheets and trading accounts Summary of wages and stores Annual hire earnings and debits Maintenance expenses Employees' average earnings.

1/5	1895-1907	Private ledger.
1/6	1923-1938	Cash book.
	<u>(ii) Wage records.</u>	
2/1	1928-1955	Salaries book.
2/2	1895-1909	Wages book.
2/3	1916-1948	Volume comprising: 1916-1917, 1944 Works register of all male employees over 16 years of age. 1941-1948 Correspondence (tipped in) with engineering unions and the Ministry of Labour relating to wage rates.
	<u>(iii) Miscellaneous records.</u>	
3/1	1897	Memorandum and articles of association, Henry Sykes Ltd.
3/2	1868	Lease of 66 Bankside, Southwark, by Henry Sykes from the Phoenix Gas, Light and Coke Co., including a ground plan of the premises.
3/3	1881-1943	Folder containing miscellaneous papers, including: 1881 Correspondence relating to the lease of 66 Bankside. 1919 Notice of the 47-hour week working arrangements. 1921 Notices relating to the miners' strike. 1943 List of employees.
3/4	1899	Plan of proposed drainage to Messrs. Sykes' factory, Emerson Street, Southwark.
3/5	1880-1904	Album of newspaper cuttings relating to Henry Sykes Ltd.
3/6	1905-1931	" " " "

(iv) Catalogues and photographs.

4/1	n.d., c.1880	Illustrated catalogue of products.
4/2	1905	" " "
4/3	n.d., c.1920	" " "
4/4	n.d., c.1925	" " " (including handwritten notes on costing).
4/5	n.d., c.1930	Illustrated catalogue of products.
4/6	n.d., c.1930	" " "
4/7	n.d., c.1925	" " "
4/8	n.d., c.1928	" " "
4/9	n.d., c.1890	Album of photographs of Sykes' products, as supplied and on site.
4/10	1917-1928	" " "
4/11	1929-1938	" " "
4/12	1937-1939	" " "
4/13	n.d., c.1940-1950	" " "
4/14	1909	Photographs of works for Kinning Park Pumping Station, Glasgow (2 items).
4/15	1919	Photograph of unidentified construction work in Glasgow.
4/16	n.d., c.1910	Glass negatives of Sykes' windmills (7 items).
4/17	n.d., c.1900-1920	Glass negatives of Sykes' pumps and locomotive boilers (18 items).
4/18	n.d., c.1890-1940	Photographs of Sykes' pumps (ram, diaphragm, centrifugal, bucket, chain and Tripulse), windmills, hoists, piledriving equipment, cranes, boilers, petrol engines and other machines (c.50 items).
4/19	n.d., c.1900	Group photographs of Henry Sykes, jnr. and employees (2 items).

		<u>(v) Order and estimate records.</u>			
5/1	1913-1924	Hire record book no.3 (record of all machines manufactured, with details of hirer or buyer).			
5/2	1919-1929	"	"	"	no.4.
5/3	1926-1934	"	"	"	no.5.
5/4	1931-1937	"	"	"	no.6.
5/5	1935-1938	"	"	"	no.7.
5/6	1937-1939	"	"	"	no.8.
5/7	1924-1929	Estimate book.			
5/8	1929-1933	"	"		
5/9	1933-1937	"	"		
5/10	1934-1936	"	"		
5/11	1936-1937	"	"		
5/12	1937-1938	"	"		
5/13	1937-1942	"	"		
5/14	1938	"	"		
5/15	1942-1948	"	"		
5/16	1948-1954	"	"		
5/17	1954-1958	"	"		