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A. SINDALL AND CO. TRIMMING MANUFACTURER

RECORDS 1914 - 1980

Acc No 1983/52,  
1981/14



Dates of deposit: March 1981; December 1983 (See below for details)

Deposited by : Sindalls (1981) and Bridges, Sawtell and Adams via B-itish Records Association.

Conditions of deposit: Donation (1981/14), Permanent loan (1983/52)

Access: Records closed until 30 years old.

## Introduction

The firm was established in 1864 in domestic premises on the Hackney Road by the grandfather of the last owner, who had previously worked for a trimmings maker in Newgate Street. By 1909 Sindall moved to Middleton Road, Dalston, where a small two storey factory was constructed.

Under the direction of the founder's son, the firm expanded during and after the First World War, and installed several belt driven power looms. Initially after the death of the founder, George Sindall, in February 1914 the business was jointly run by Albert Alexander Sindall and Harold Francis Sindall, who entered into partnership in that year. However disagreement arose between the brothers and the partnership was dissolved. Albert Sindall carried on the business alone until his death in 1929, when his son A.Sindall took over.

The business remained at Albert Road (renamed Middleton Road, so that the later address was 116-118 Middleton Road) and during the later 1920s and 1930s Sindall's was the largest manufacturer of trimmings in London, employing about fifty people. They maintained a steady output until the late 1960s and 1970s when cheaper imported goods from India and Pakistan entered the market and this together with changes in fashion in items like dressing gowns resulted in a fall in demand.

In 1976 Mr Sindall sold the business to a Nottingham manufacturer specialising in large scale production of braids and trimmings. The firm finally closed down in 1981 and most of the machinery and stock moved to Nottingham.

## Cross references

Sindall's were approached by the Museum of London in 1980-81 and acquired a collection of machines and equipment used by the firm, together with some of the records. These are listed here in an additional section to the main list. They also made photographic records and produced a report (from which this introduction has taken information). A copy of the report is in the local history book collection. Selected photographs are in the visual collection. Hackney Archives Department made an oral history tape with Mr Sindall, which may be consulted on request. A video film of the premises was made by the Greater London Industrial Archaeological Society (Copy at H.A.D.)

## The Deposit

D/B/SIN 1-3 Is the B.R.A. Accession, 1983/52. D/B/SIN 4 is Acc 1981/14

Listed by : FT/ Introduction; DLM

Date : April - October 1984

D/B/SIN/1      PARTNERSHIP RECORDS

## 1 &amp; 2      Articles of Partnership

26 June 1914

Albert Alexander Sindall and Harold Francis Sindall both of 36, Albert Road, Dalston, agreeing to continue the business of Silk Trimming Manufacturers.

(i) reciting will of George Bernard Sindall, 11 Jan 1913, bequeathing business at 36, 36a and 38 Albert Road, Dalston to his sons aforementioned.

(ii) recording death of George Bernard Sindall, 17 Feb, 1914.

## 3.      Dissolution of Partnership

2 July 1927

Albert Alexander Sindall and Harold Francis Sindall dissolving, as from 30 June 1927, the partnership entered into, 26 June 1914, (see D/B/SIN/1/1 above). The business to be carried on henceforth solely by Albert Sindall.

## 4.      Papers relating to the financial affairs of H.F. Sindall.

1923 - 1928

Including statements of account and forged cheques, relating to the financial irregularities on the part of Harold Francis Sindall. Such misdemeanours resulted in the dissolution of Partnership (D/B/SIN/1/3 above).

D/B/SIN/2      PROPERTY RECORDS

Relating to premises situate in Albion Road and Malvern Road.

## 1.      Mortgage

18 March 1921

Albert Alexander Sindall and Annie Rawlinson Dibdin of property 47, 49, 55, 57 Albion Road to secure sum of £700.

(i) relating conveyance, 18 March 1921, Eleanor Annie Bell to Albert Alexander Sindall of property 55, 57 Albion Road, Dalston.

(ii) Relating lease, 24 March 1853, Thomas Rhodes, William Arthur Rhodes to George Hudson

D/B/SIN/2      PROPERTY RECORDS ,      contd

## 1. contd      Mortgage

- (ii)      of property 17, 18 Albion Cottages, Albion Road, for rent of £9 p.a.
- (iii)      Reciting assignment, 9 December 1918, William Henry Hunt to Albert Alexander Sindall of property 47, 49 Albion Road (formerly 17, 18 Albion Cottages).

2 &amp; 3      Lease for 67 years (and counterpart)      30 Dec 1922

Sir Richard George Musgrave to Albert Alexander Sindall of property 47, 49 Albion Road (formerly 17, 18 Albion Cottages) at rent of £22 p.a.

4 &amp; 5      Underlease for 63 years (and counterpart)      4 March 1924

Albert Alexander Sindall and Albert Wilson to May Blanche Pearce of property 49, Albion Road, at a rent of £7 p.a.

- (i)      reciting lease D/B/SIN/2/2
- (ii)      reciting sale Albert Alexander Sindall to Albert Wilson of property 49 Albion Road for sum of £350 and rent of £7 p.a.
- (iii)      reciting assignment Albert Wilson to May Blanche Pearce of property 49 Albion Road, for sum of £450

6 &amp; 7      Memorandum of Agreement (and counterpart)      15 Nov 1927

Sir Nigel Courtenay Musgrave and Albert Alexander Sindall, relating to alterations to be made to property 47, Albion Road, according to specifications set out in the schedule.

Also

Consent to extension of time for carrying out the said alterations.

12 May 1931  
9 March 1936



D/B/SIN/2      PROPERTY RECORDS      contd

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| 8. | Lease for 21 years | 30 Nov 1918 |
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Henry Durell to Albert Alexander Sindall  
of property 'Clifton House', 17 Malvern  
Road, Dalston at rent of £40 p.a.

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| 9. | Land certificate | 1970 |
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Relating to 17 Malvern Road, Dalston

- (i) Proprietor 1928: George Harry Burghes
- (ii) Proprietors 1943: Cecil Alexander Sindall and Redvers George Sindall.
- (iii) Records death of Redvers George Sindall, 17 April 1957.

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| 10. | Land Certificate | 1970 |
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Relating to 47, 49 Albion Road, Dalston

Proprietors 1932: Cecil Alexander Sindall and Redvers George Sindall.

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| 11. | Papers | 1943 - 1952 |
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Including War Damages Commission Records,  
and Land Charges search records, relating  
to property 47, 49 Albion Road

D/B/SIN/3      EXECUTORS PAPERS

Re. the estate of George Barnard Sindall

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|----|-----------|-------------|
| 1. | Bank Book | 1914 - 1920 |
|----|-----------|-------------|

The London and South Western Bank Ltd.  
in account with the executors of the will  
of George Sindall.

contd

- Harold Francis Sindall and Albert Alexander Sindall. The former being indebted to the latter, assigns as security his 1/5 share in the residuary estate of his father to which he is entitled under the will of George Barnard Sindall, 11 Jan 1913. (see D/B/SIN/1/1 (1)).

- Harold Francis Sindall to Albert Alexander Sindall, of goods, chattels and effects at 65, Sunnyside Road, Green Lane, Ilford, because of debts totalling £300.

Schedule records goods etc. in detail.

- Albert Alexander Sindall to Messrs F. Duke and Son<sup>6</sup>, as to assignment to them of three Life Policies, by Harold Francis Sindall.

- Harold Francis Sindall to Robert Hodder,  
of £50 upon his share of the residuary  
estate of his father.

- Harold Francis Sindall to Fanny May Hodder, Edith May Sindall, Ethel Louise Hibbard and the executors of the will of the late Albert Alexander Sindall. Discharge of his 1/5 share in the residuary estate of George Barnard Thomas Sindall for sum of £100.

D/B/SIN/3      EXECUTORS PAPERS      contd

## 7.      Schedule of Deeds

Relating to deeds originally comprised  
in one bundle B.R.A. 2098, D. 2743,  
No. 17a.

D/B/SIN/4      BUSINESS PAPERS

Each number represents one of the  
correspondence files kept by  
A Sindall and Co., 116/118 Middleton  
Road, Dalston.

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|----|---|-------------|
| 1. | Correspondence with companies A - B<br><i>(Photographs stored at P9069)</i>           | 1929 - 1980 |
| 2. | Correspondence with companies C - D   | 1936 - 1980 |
| 3. | Correspondence with companies E - H   | 1930 - 1980 |
| 4. | Correspondence with companies I - L   | 1931 - 1978 |
| 5. | Correspondence with companies M - S   | 1936 - 1979 |
| 6. | Correspondence with companies T - Z   | 1941 - 1980 |
| 7. | Correspondence with official departments  | 1937 - 1949 |
| 8. | Correspondence with Hawley and Johnson<br>Limited. Dyers, of Woodgate, Leicester.     | 1957 - 1979 |
| 9. | Correspondence with Holland and Webb<br>Limited.<br>Yarn manufacturers of Nottingham. | 1956 - 1969 |

D/B/SIN/4      BUSINESS PAPERS      contd

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|-------|---|-------------|
| 10.   | Correspondence with Simon May and Co. Ltd. of Weekday Cross, Nottingham. Also with J.A. Hampson, of 21 Hucknall Road, Nottingham. | 1957 - 1970 |
| 11.   | Correspondence with James Pearsall and Co. Ltd., Silk Manufacturers of London and Taunton.  | 1957 - 1966 |
| 12.   | Correspondence with James Pearsall and Co. Ltd., Silk Manufacturers of London and Taunton.  | 1957 - 1973 |
| 13.   | Correspondence with Weldon and Wilkinson Ltd., Dyers and Finishers of Nottingham (formerly with Henry Ashwell and Co. Ltd).       | 1959 - 1979 |
| 14.   | Correspondence with George Wigley and Sons, Spinners and Doublers of Nottingham.  | 1956 - 1972 |
| 15.   | Correspondence with:-   |             |
| (i)   | William Ackroyd and Co. Ltd<br>Worsted spinners, Otley.   | 1969 - 1974 |
| (ii)  | George Anderton and Son Ltd<br>Worsted spinners, Clackheaton  | 1957 - 1963 |
| (iii) | W.H. Barraclough and Sons Ltd<br>Mohair spinners, Bradford  | 1962 - 1970 |
| (iv)  | Thomas Bland and Son Ltd<br>Worsted spinners, Keighley  | 1962 - 1971 |
| (v)   | Charles Hanson and Co. Ltd.<br>Mohair spinners, Keighley  | 1952 - 1970 |
| (vi)  | J.H. Knowles and R.B. Knowles<br>Worsted spinners, Bradford   | 1963 - 1980 |



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D/B/SIN 5

A SINDALL & CO, TRIMMING MANUFACTURERS  
ADDITIONAL RECORDS 1868 - 1987

Date of deposit: September 1991

Deposited by: Alan Clack

Condition of deposit: Purchase

Access: Open

Introduction

For history of firm see D/B/SIN 1. This group of records were acquired from a dealer; presumably after disposal by the family.

- 5/1 Album of collected records and photographs 1868 - 1981  
Includes order to George Sindall, 1868, trade cards,  
family and staff photographs c1910-30s; details of  
centenary celebrations in 1964; bw and col photographs  
of works and looms c1981.  
1 vol
- 5/2 As above 1944 - 1981  
Includes col photographs of trimmings in situ; copy of  
war time greeting card, 1944; staff party c 1970 and  
correspondence with Victoria & Albert Museum and Museum  
of London on donation of trimming samples and other  
objects and records.  
1 vol
- 5/3 History of G & A Sindall, 1864 - 1987 by Cecil Sindall 1987  
Typescript history from foundation to sale of business  
to Nottingham Braid Co in 1976 and transfer of business  
to Nottingham in 1981.  
Typescript.
- 5/4 Col photos of braid samplers c1980  
2 col photographs
- 5/5 TRimmings samples 1909, 1976  
1 sheet and one envelope
- 5/6 Ephemera: calendar c1937 (with tassle sample) and printed 1920s - 1937  
postcard 1920s.  
2 items
- 5/7 Dictionary of trimmings - extract from "Smallwares and 1947  
accessories" 1947  
Duplicated typescript
- before list 2 ending  
inc

D/B/SIN 5

- 5/8 W.Parker, wholesale upholstery trimming manufacturers of the Grove, Hackney. Price list (includes col engravings of trimmings. c1880  
Firm listed at Ash Grove in 1872; no later entries traced, gone from the Grove by 1890.  
1 item (collected by A.Sindall).
- 5/9 Family photographs and negatives c1920s - 40s  
Includes some factory outings and backgarden views (possibly Middleton Road) .remainder holidays.  
48 envelopes.

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D/B/SIN 6

A.SINDALL & CO. TRIMMING MANUFACTURERS  
ADDITIONAL RECORDS 1902 - 1938

Acc 1992/21

Date of deposit: August 1992

Deposited by Friends of Hackney Archives Dept

Condition of deposit: Purchase (By FOHA from A.J.Clack)

Access: USE OF UNDERTAKING NOT TO DISCLOSE FORMS UNTIL 2038  
otherwise open.

Introduction

For history of firm see D/B/SIN 1. This group of records were acquired by a dealer, who in turn obtained them from another source. Original source presumably the firm.

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| 6/1 | Factory and workshop general register.<br>Includes names, addresses, dates of first<br>employment, family, birth dates and details of<br>minor illnesses of employees under 18, accidents<br>(blank) and lime washing.<br>1 register | 1902 - 1906 |
| 6/2 | As above   | 1915 - 1933 |
| 6/3 | As above   | 1933 - 1938 |
| 6/4 | Misc accompanying leaflets on factory safety<br>and welfare.<br>1 bundle   | 1923        |

Listed:DLM  
August 1992

RECORDS OF A SINDALL & CO HELD AT  
THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

Note

For access to these records apply to the Modern Department of the Museum of London, and ask for Mr Christopher Ellmers, Senior Assistant Keeper (Tel 01 600 3699).

Numbers are those supplied by the Museum in a preliminary list.

1.	Letter book Including samples	Feb - Aug 1924
2.	Ditto	March- Nov 1924
3.	Ditto No samples	March 1924
4.	Letterbook Includes samples	July 1920 - March 1923
5.	Ditto	Feb 1926 - March 1927
6.	Ditto	July - Oct 1927
7.	Ditto	?March - Nov 1928
8.	Ditto	Oct 1927 - Nov 1928
9.	Ditto	Sept 1925 - Feb 1926
10.	Ditto	Mar - July 1927
11.	Costing book. Gives details of cost price and sale price of trimmings	Sept 1924 - June 1930
12.	Rough order or work book. With brief details of order.	Aug 1941.- Aug 1943
13.	Ditto	June 1940 - Sept 1941
14.	Ditto	Nov 1943 - April 1945
15.	Ditto	June 1939 - June 1940
16.	Ledger book With index of accounts	1937 - 1938
17.	Invoice book No 5	April 1939 - Jan 1940
18.	Ditto            No 4	Sept 1937 - April 1939
19.	Ditto            No 6	Nov 1940 - Nov 1943



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20.	Copy rough work book	Nov 1949 - Jan 1950
21.	Ditto	Oct 1950 - Nov 1951
22.	Ditto	Nov 1951 - Oct 1952
23.	Ditto	Dec 1952 - Jan 1959
24.	Cash book. With details of customers and weekly cash payments	April 1938 - Aug 1947
25.	Account book. Gives customers, account number and cost of goods	Oct 1938 - Sept 1941
26.	Ditto	April 1947 - Dec 1950
27.	Ditto Includes military trimmings and upholstery.	Jan 1941 - March 1947
28.	Ledger With index of accounts	Aug 1947 - Jan 1950
29.	Accident book Two pages only used.	Feb 1957 - Aug 1979
30.	'Board with purchase tax numbers'	c 1950
31.	Ledger With index of accounts	Nov 1940 - April 1944
32.	Ditto	July 1926 - Nov 1929
33.	Invoice book	July - Nov 1944
34.	Ditto	Oct 1942 - Oct 1943
35.	Ditto	Jan 1942 - Nov 1943
36.	Ditto	April - Nov 1943
37.	Bill from bicycle maker of Derby	Nov 1885
38.	Book giving details of methods of making types of cordage and tassle	1910 - 1940