

Accounts of the Druce family of Winkfield, blacksmiths, 1865-1919.
(5 vols)

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DRUCE FAMILY OF WINKFIELD, BLACKSMITHS

[The Druce family was established in Winkfield from the 1680s, and were blacksmiths there from at least the early 18th century (Thomas Druce (1704-1781).] The firm carried out work including shoeing horses, forging chains and producing other wrought iron goods.

For accounts of Thomas Druce, 1792-1827 (incomplete), *see* D/EX455. (These probably relate to Thomas Druce (1737-1796) and his natural son Thomas Druce *als* Poynter, later known as Thomas Druce (1760-1844); Thomas married his son's mother in 1762.) Two ledgers remaining in private hands, 1774-1836, and a photograph of the Druce family, n.d., were microfilmed in 1982 (*see* T/F50). For a deed of partition of the property of Thomas Druce (1737-1796) between his three grandsons, including the blacksmith's shop as well as lands in Warfield and Winkfield, 1848, *see* D/EX520/2.

D/EZ159/1 was kept by Henry Druce (1794-1878), who succeeded his father Thomas Druce *als* Poynter as the village blacksmith in 1844. The remaining accounts in this collection were kept by George Druce (1838-1919), Henry's nephew. The business ceased to exist after George's death in 1919, as there was no suitable family member to take it on. The family sold the Old Forge in 1933 and it was converted into dwelling houses.]

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1	Ledger, January 1865-February 1875. (Arranged by client.) [For index, <i>see</i> Appendix I.]	1 vol	1865-1875
2	Ledger, March 1881-September 1889, and day book, June 1891-April 1892. (Ledger arranged by client and indexed.)	1 vol	1881-1892
3	Ledger, January 1886-May 1895. (Indexed (A-K only). Labelled 'Small Ledger'. Includes, at front, [wages?] accounts, June 1884-September 1885. Some pages have been torn out.)	1 vol	1884-1895
4	Day book, July 1906-October 1909.	1 vol	1906-1909
5	Day book, June 1912-November 1919.	1 vol	1912-1919

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