

## **ARCH: HOOP**

### **Records of Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders)**

Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd., traces its history back to 1807 and the firm of J & G Adams. In 1830, under the direction of George Adams and George Hooper, the firm became known as Adams & Hooper and was located in the Haymarket, London.

In 1846, George Adams withdrew from the company after a long illness. When Adams died the business became known as Hooper and Company and in 1896 it was registered under the name of Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd. George Northgate Hooper, a son of George Hooper, joined the company in the 1840s.

In 1830 the company was awarded its first royal warrant of appointment as coachbuilder to King William IV. Royal warrants were granted to the firm continuously under seven reigns throughout the next 130 years.

With the advent of the automobile, Hooper & Co., like other carriage makers, began to build custom bodies for automobiles, using mostly British chassis, particularly Daimler and Rolls-Royce. Two of the first automobile bodies built by Hooper were for Edward VII, first as Prince of Wales and subsequently as King. Both of these were mounted on Daimler Chassis.

In 1933 a modern factory was built at Acton, London although the old Chelsea works were kept on until 1947. In 1938 Hooper's took over Barker & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd., an old and distinguished company which was founded in 1710. Hooper's showrooms at 54 St. James's Street, Piccadilly, became a popular London attraction with its fine displays of automobiles and carriages.

At the end of World War II, Hooper & Co. was acquired by the Birmingham Small Arms Company. Some of the most noteworthy bodies built during this period were for Sir Bernard and Lady Docker on the Daimler chassis. Sir Bernard was chairman of the Birmingham Small Arms Company.

Production of custom-built car bodies ceased in 1959, mainly because of ever-increasing production costs, the growth of the mass-produced car market and the lack of craftsmen able to maintain the company's high standards. The company continued as motorcar dealers and distributors.

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<b>1</b>	<b>1879 - 1922</b>	<b>Order books</b>
		Order books in date order giving customer's name, details of purchase, hire or repair required, charge made, details of vehicle (carriage or motor car). Each volume indexed by customer's name. 10 vols.
1/1		Vol 9 1879 – 1882
1/2		Vol 12 1887 – 1889
1/3		Vol 13 1889 – 1891
1/4		Vol 16 1895 – 1897
1/5		Vol 24 1907 – 1908
1/6		Vol 26 1909 – 1910
1/7		Vol 27 1910 – 1912
1/8		Vol 29 1913 – 1914
1/9		Vol 31 1915 – 1919
1/10		Vol 33 1920 – 1922
<b>2</b>		<b>Production records</b>
2/1	1840 – 1844	Record of work done. Arranged by date, gives name of customer, work required (mainly repairs) and date work completed, or name of customer, vehicle hired and date returned. With index by customer's name
2/2	1887 Jan - 1893 Nov	Carriage delivery book. Organised by date giving details of new and second hand carriages sold, carriage type, name and address of customer, and running total of carriages sold for each year. Includes annual summary of work delivered and in hand
2/3	1896 Feb - 1898 Feb	Carriage number book no. 1. No. 3001 to No. 3200. Arranged by carriage number, giving customer's name, date ordered, date delivered and brief details of painting and trimmings, lamps etc
2/4	1924 Oct - [1954]	New motor body number register. Gives body number, body type, chassis type, customer and date. Includes index by customer's name. 2 vols.  /1 No. 6202, 1924 Oct to 8901, 1938 Oct  /2 No. 8902, 1937 Jun to 10078 [1954]
2/5	1903 Jun - 1924 Mar	Motor body delivery book. Organised by date, gives date charged, customer's name, body type, chassis type, agent's name. With index by customer's name

- 2/6 1924 Jan - 1941 Jun New motor body delivery register. Organised by date, gives delivery date, customer's name, agent's name, body type, body number, chassis type, chassis number, hp. With index by customer's name. 2 vols.
- /1 1924 Jan - 1931 Oct
- /2 1932 Jan - 1941 Jun
- 2/7 1927 - 1930 Motor body production. No. 6900 to No. 7475. Organised by body number, gives customer's name, agent, type of body, chassis type, date of order, dates at which body arrived in various shops in the works, bodymaker, date chassis received, and dates body and chassis assembled
- 2/8 1932 - 1959 [Record of] chassis received. Organised by date for chassis received and by body number and date for deliveries made; gives date chassis received, work carried out and deliveries made. 2 vols.
- /1 1932 - 1939
- /2 1946 - 1959
- 2/9 1930 - 1938 Records of numbers of cars delivered. Organised by year and including annual summary
- 2/10 Post war specifications for car body designs. 2 binders.
- Daimler specifications
- /1 No. 101 - 140
- /2 No. 141 - 176
- /3 No. 177 - 190
- Bentley specifications
- /4 No. 601 - 642
- Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith
- /5 No. 801, 802, 901 - 940
- /6 No. 941 - 980A
- /7 No. 981 - 1013
- /8 No. 990 for design number 8390
- /9 No. 1014 - 1025
- Rolls-Royce Phantom IV

/10 No. 401 – 414, 421

Rolls-Royce Silver Dawn and Silver Cloud

/11 701, 702, 711 - 724

/12 Miscellaneous chassis including Armstrong Siddeley, Austin, Cadillac etc

- 2/11 1949 - 1957 Memos and instructions to works re ordering chassis
- 2/12 1921-1959 ['Body number registers' (3). Actually photos of pages of actual registers. First covers 7301 (1929) to 9120 (1939); second covers 9121 (1939) to 10,296 (1959). They give body no., customer, date, body type, drawing no., chassis type and no., and Hooper photo number where known. A third 'register' has been compiled by archive staff based on details taken from elsewhere in this archive (and occasionally on information supplied by enquirers). It covers 5271 (1921) to 7300 (1929), although the early years are sparse. /1 and /2 duplicate 4/2/1-2]

**3 Financial records**

- 3/1 1828 - 1845 Prime cost book. Arranged by date, giving detailed costs of materials and processes necessary in meeting orders
- 3/2 [1855] Smith's journeyman's prices [for the use of the piecework smith]. Arranged by carriage type giving prices for work involved in making various metal components. [Watermark 1855]. With index by spring and carriage type
- 3/3 1864 - 1907 Ledger. Arranged by date and customer's name, giving amount of money owing and amount of money paid. 2 vols.
- /1 1864 - 1899
- /2 1900 - 1907
- 3/4 1922 - 1944 Sales sheets. Arranged by date, giving customer, type of motor car body, spare parts or accessories sold, repairs carried out and cost of same. Includes detailed specifications of car bodies. 35 vols.
- /1 Vol 20 1922 Jul - Dec
- /2 Vol 21 1923 Jan - Jun
- /3 Vol 22 1923 Jul - Dec
- /4 Vol 23 1924 Jan - Jun
- /5 Vol 24 1924 Jul - Dec
- /6 Vol 25 1925 Jan - Jun

/7 Vol 26 1925 Jul - Dec  
/8 Vol 27 1926 Jan - Jun  
/9 Vol 28 1926 Jul - Dec  
/10 Vol 29 1927 Jan - Jun  
/11 Vol 30 1927 Jul - Dec  
/12 Vol 31 1928 Jan - Jun  
/13 Vol 32 1928 Jul - Dec  
/14 Vol 33 1929 Jan - Jun  
/15 Vol 34 1929 Jul - Dec  
/16 Vol 35 1930 Jan - Jun  
/17 Vol 36 1930 Jul - Dec  
/18 Vol 37 1931 Jan - Dec  
/19 Vol 38 1932 Jan - Dec  
/20 Vol 39 1933 Jan - Jun  
/21 Vol 40 1933 Jul - Dec  
/22 Vol 41 1934 Jan - Jun  
/23 Vol 42 1934 Jul - Dec  
/24 Vol 43 1935 Jan - Jun  
/25 Vol 44 1935 Jul - Dec  
/26 Vol 45 1936 Jan - Jun  
/27 Vol 46 1936 Jul - Dec  
/28 Vol 47 1937 Jan - Jun  
/29 Vol 48 1937 Jul - Dec  
/30 Vol 49 1938 Jan - Jun  
/31 Vol 50 1938 Jul - Dec  
/32 Vol 54 1941 Jan - Dec

/33 Vol 55 1942 Jan - Dec

/34 Vol 56 1943 Jan - Dec

/35 Vol 57 1944 Jan - Dec

3/5 1936 - 1938 Costings of standard saloon body manufacture. Arranged by car type, giving costs of timber, jigs and patterns, glue, smith's, bodymaker's, painter's, and mounter's time

#### 4 Drawing registers

4/1 Customer name list – Scale drawings. No 5594 - . Alphabetical list of customers with drawing numbers to indicate scale drawings produced for them. Asterisks indicate those bodies actually built

4/2 1929 – 1959 Drawing number index. Photographic copies of scale drawing number register arranged in body number order; gives body number, customer's name, date of issue, type of body, scale drawing number, type of chassis, chassis number. [See 2/12]

/1 No. 7301, 1929 – No. 8700, 1936

/2 No. 8701, 1936 – No. 10268, 1959

4/3 1958 – 1959 Full size drawings, Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd., No. 10269, 1958 – 10300, 1959. Arranged in body number order, gives customer's name, type of body, date of delivery, design number, chassis and chassis number [wanting]

#### 5 Photographs and art work

5/1 1897 – 1937 Monograms, crests and coronets etc. Hand-drawn designs arranged by date. With index by customer's name.

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5/2 c.1920 – 1953 Photographs of motor vehicles previously in 10 albums, now in 2 ring binders, each photo in plastic sleeve

5/2/1-37 1909 - 1920 Photos of Hooper-bodied cars with Rolls-Royce chassis

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chassis no.</u>	<u>Body no.</u>	<u>Coach-work</u>	<u>Owner</u>
/1	1909 (built 1913 Sept)	60934	5079	double land'tte	J C Williams
/2	1910	-	-	double phaeton	-
/3A	1911	1496	5028	enc. drive	James N

				land'tte	Horlick
/3B	"	"	"	" , hood closed	"
	(built 1913 Apr)				
/4	1912	2111	-	limo	A R Stephenson
/5	1912	2116	-	O/D limo	C H Sloane Stanley
/6	1912	2131	-	"	Sr. Juan Sanchez, Madrid
/7	1913	2240	5063	enc. limo	Duchess of Manchester
/8	1913	2360E	5017	sal. limo	Sir Herbert Holt, Montreal
/9	1913	2520E	5039	O/D limo	Earl of Cadogan
/10	1913	2559	5061	O/D landaulette	Sir A Mortimer Singer
/11	1913	2592	5071	cabriolet	Hon. Francis McLaren MP
/12	1913	2616	5078	O/D limo	Earl of Derby
/13	1913	2633	5077	L. to E. torpedo	Arthur Brown
/14	1913	2644E	5112	O/D limo	Comm. F G Bourne
/15	1913	15 MA	5111	double phaeton	Lt. Col. Sir Courtauld Thomson
/16	1913	53 MA	5126	O/D limo	Lord Haversham
/17A	1913-14	-	-	2-str cab hood up	Lord Furness
/17B	"			" hood down	"
/18	1913-14	-	-	sal. limo	-



/19	1913-14	-	-	limo landaulette	-
/20A	1913-14	-	-	cabriolet dual crests colonial bonnet, hood up	-
/20B	"			" hood down	-
/21	1914	1 AB	5116	O/D landaulette	Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda
/22	1914	49 EB	5129	double phaeton	A Hanbury, trials car. Capt. Richard Hennessy
/23A	1914	7 PB	5123	Cabriolet hood up	Prince Yousoupoff
/23B	"	"	"	" hood down	"
/24	1914	16 GB	-	saloon	J B Duke, New York
/25A	1915	31 BD (Reg. no. LP 4621)	-	double phaeton, hood up	Viscount Furness
/25B	"	"		" hood down	"
	(built 1919 Feb)				
/26	1915	7 CB	-	torpedo phaeton	T J S Roberts
/27	1915	10 CB (Reg. no. R 2494)	-	O/D limo	Dr W L Croll
/28	1915	37 CB	-	O/D limo extra long frame	R W Schuette, New York
/29	1919	29 PP	-	O/D limo	Capt H Loeffler

/30	1919	28 LW (Reg. no. BK 500)	-	sal. limo (ex-Hooper stand, Olympia)	Sir Wm Dupree
/31	1919	30 LW (Reg. no. R 3490)	-	phaeton	A Hanbury, trials car sold to R V Wilson
/32	1920	20 CW (Reg. no. K 77)	-	O/D limo	Sir William Cain
/33	1920	28 CW (Reg. no. R 3709)	-	brougham	Arthur Muhlenkamp
/34	1920	80 CW	-	O/D limo	Maj. Sir John Ward
/35	1920	- (1 of 3 tourers on chassis 73 TW, 49 CW & 7 FW)	-	phaeton	Consul C Rosenlew, Finland
/36	1920	5 FW (Reg. no. R 3723)	-	enc. limo	Mrs Marie Sauber
/37	1920	-	-	phaeton	Capt. Strong

5/2/38 - 75 c.1909 - 1920

Photos of Hooper-bodied cars with non-Rolls-Royce chassis

	<u>Chassis type</u>	<u>Coach- work</u>	<u>Owner</u>
/38	10 HP Renault	brougham	Sir John Kelk
/39	10/14 HP Renault	"	Earl of Bradford
/40	12 HP Renault	"	Dr Pena, Buenos Aires
/41	Renault	"	Renault Ltd
/42	"	"	J W McConnell
/43	16/20 HP Wolseley	"	Rhodes H Cobb

/44	30/98 HP Vauxhall	4-str interior driven cabriolet	Sir Coleridge Kennard
/45	Peugeot	cabriolet	G V Morgan
/46	Vauxhall	"	R L Gunther
/47	Sunbeam	2-str cabriolet	H.E. Chilean Ambassador Sr. Don Augustin Edwards
/48	Daimler	"	Miss Kinnell
/49	16/20 HP Wolseley	limo. land'tte	Maj. Connop
/50	15 HP C.G.V.	single land'tte	A L Allen
/51	18 HP Wolseley- Siddeley	"	Miss Alice De Rothschild
/52	15 HP Carron	"	-
/53	Vauxhall	"	Miss Musgrave
/54	Wolseley	"	David Gubbay
/55	Itala	double land'tte	Marquis of Londonderry
/56	Austin	"	Otto Beit
/57	Maudslay	limo	D S Ellsworth
/58	Hotchkiss	"	Col. Sir Edward Cotton Jodrell
/59	Benz	"	Sir William Eden
/60	Wolseley	"	M P Rodocanachi
/61	La Buire	"	Hugh Andrews
/62	Armstrong Siddeley	"	Col. Micklem
/63	Wolseley	"	Earl of Scarborough

64	Napier	luggage omnibus	Earl of Derby
/65	18 HP Renault	torpedo phaeton	J Coxon
/66	Oakland	double phaeton	A W Merry
/67	Daimler	phaeton	Duchy of Cornwall
/68	Sunbeam	double phaeton	Mrs Sawbridge
/69	Mercedes	saloon limo	W A Drayton
/70	Napier	"	Bernard Isaac
/71	18 HP Renault	"	W H Hilliers
/72	25/50 HP Talbot	"	S Levy
/73	-	shooting brake	Lord Wolverton
/74	Dennis	"	P Vaughan Morgan
/75	Renault	"	Sir John Aird

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Untitled photo album containing 21 photos:

1. Interior
2. Interior (H1248: 20hp Austin, enc. limo)
3. Interior
4. Rolls-Royce, side view
5. Advertisement: Hooper touring limo on Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, design no. 8283
6. Rolls-Royce, oblique side view
7. Advertisement: Hooper touring limo on 1950 Cadillac 130 in. wheelbase, design no. 8268
8. Rolls-Royce, side view
9. Advertisement: Hooper 4-door sports saloon on Bentley Mk. VI, design no. 8284

10. Bentley, side view
11. Advertisement: Hooper 7 passenger limo on 1950 Cadillac 146¾ in. wheelbase, design no. 8285
12. Daimler, oblique side view
13. Advertisement: Hooper 2-door sports saloon on Bentley Mk. VI, design no. 8282
14. Bentley, side view
15. Advertisement: Hooper sedanca on Daimler 36hp straight eight, design no. 8267
16. Daimler, side view
17. Advertisement: Hooper 2-door convertible on special series Daimler
18. Daimler, side view
19. Advertisement: shows an interior
20. Interior - rear seating
21. Hooper 2-door sports saloon on Daimler special series, design no. 8254

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Untitled photo album containing 71 b&w photos:

1. Hooper limo, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith
2. Hooper limo, 27hp Daimler, 1946-49 (H2020)
3. Hooper 6 light limo, 36hp Daimler, 1946-49 (H2007)
4. Hooper 4 light limo, 36 hp Daimler, 1946-49
5. Hooper touring limo 'Teviot' I, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith 1947-50
6. Hooper touring limo 8034, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1946-48 (H2023)
- 7-9. 3 interior views
10. Hooper touring limo 'Spey', 36hp Daimler, 1949-52
11. untitled
- 12-15. N.S. Gulbenkian Esq. Special Hooper sedanca, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1947. (1 view is interior)
16. Hooper allweather limo, 40/50 Rolls-Royce Phantom III, 1946, for

- King of Arabia - side view (H2012)
17. - - - as above - - - - side view (H2013)
18. - - - as above - - - -  $\frac{3}{4}$  view rear (H2017)
19. - - - as above - - - - side view (H2014)
- 20-21. - - - as above - - - - interior views (H2016, 2015)
- 22-23. Hooper allweather, 36hp Daimler, 1947. Royal tour, S. Africa
24. Rolls-Royce Phantom III, sports enc. limo - interior (H1302)
25. - - - - " - - - -, sedanca - interior (H1559)
- 26-27. - - - - " - - - -, enc. limo - interior, combined radio & cocktail cabinet (H1332, H1333)
- 28-29. Interior views
30. Rolls-Royce Phantom III, landaulette - interior, invalid chain (H1510)
- 31-32. 40/50 Rolls-Royce, enc. limo - interior views (H1381, 1380)
33. Hooper limo, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1948-51
34. Hooper 4 light saloon. Bentley Mk VI, 1947-50
35. State landau
36. Earls Court 1948. Hooper drop head coupe, 36hp Daimler
37. Hooper saloon, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1949
38. Teviot II, Hooper touring limo, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1950-51
39. Hooper touring limo 'Spey', 27hp Daimler (SC ?)
40. Front end of 36hp Daimler
41. 'Spey'
42. Earls Court 1949. Hooper sports saloon, 2½ litre Daimler, 1949-52
43. Earls Court 1949, Hooper saloon, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith
44. Interior

45. Earls Court 1948. Hooper sports saloon, Bentley Mk VI, 1947-50
46. Teviot III. Hooper touring limo, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1951-53
47. Maharaja of Mysore. Hooper sports saloon, Bentley Mk VI
- 48-49. Saloon interiors. Bentley Mk VI
50. Maharaja of Mysore. Hooper sedanca coupe, Bentley Mk VI, 1949
51. Maharaja of Mysore. Hooper saloon, Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, 1949
- 52-53. Interior views
- 54-55. King George VI. Hooper drop head coupe, Daimler 2½ litre
- 56-57. Earls Court 1949. Hooper sedanca, 36hp Daimler
- 58-59. Earls Court 1950. Hooper 2 door & 4 door saloons, Bentley Mk VI, 1950-55 [both appear to be 2 door]
60. Geneva Show 1950. Hooper touring limo, 36hp Daimler (SC 7700)
- 61-64. Daimler, 36hp touring limo, Geneva Show, interior views (SC 7829, 7831, 7833)
65. Hooper saloon, 2½ litre Daimler, 1951. (SC 7681)
- 66-67. Hooper drop head coupe, 2½ litre Daimler, 1950-52 (SC 7765, 7767)
68. 'Teviot III' (SC 7828)
69. Hooper drop head coupe, 36hp Daimler (SC 7862)
70. Duke of Gloucester. Hooper limo, Rolls-Royce Phantom IV, 7 str. limo (SC 7968)
71. - - - as above - - - - interior (SC 7969)
- 5/4 Folder of typed lists of photographs, giving photo number, customer, type, chassis, body number, view taken and photographer [2 copies, to one of which have been added neg. nos. of many photos on Science Museum negatives]
- 5/5 NO. NOT USED
- 5/6 1950 Oct Design details of sedanca on Rolls-Royce Phantom IV, design no. 8293. [Hooper & Co. folder of line drawings with colour wash, each bearing initials R.A.U. (R.A. Unwin)]

1. View of interior showing occasional seats and division cabinet
  2. Division showing cabinet interior with picnic fittings
  3. Folding centre armrest to rear seat showing ladies' vanity fittings & hinged mirror in lid
  4. Luggage boot with hinge-down lid & dust door showing suitcases
- 5/7 c.1950? Photographs of Daimlers, mostly Royal cars, presumably Hooper-bodied. Photos are by press agencies and professional photographers, often recording same event
- 5/7/1 [Wakefields, Ealing]
- a. unspecified car (2 copies)
  - b. unspecified car (3 copies)
- 5/7/2 [Central Press Photos Ltd., 119 Fleet St.]
- a. straight eight open tourer with all weather head - Royal car
  - b. display of 7 Royal cars
- [a - b were taken in an unspecified hangar-like location]
- c. Royal car being washed
  - d. 3 Royal cars at dockside, one about to be winched aboard ship
  - e. 12 Royal cars at dockside
- 5/7/3 [The Associated Press Ltd., 85 Fleet St.]
- a-c. straight eight enclosed landaulette - Royal car; location as 5/7/2a-b
- 5/7/4 [Keystone Press Agency Ltd., 4 - 7 Red Lion Court, Fleet St.]
- a. straight eight enclosed landaulette - Royal car
  - b. straight eight open tourer with all weather head - Royal car
- a - b location as 5/7/2a-b
- 5/7/5 [The "Topical" Press Agency Ltd., 20 & 21 Red Lion Court, Fleet St.]
- a. Royal car being winched aboard ship (2 views)
  - b. another Royal car being winched aboard ship
  - c. Royal car being washed at dockside
  - d. fleet of Royal cars at dockside (similar to 5/7/2e)



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[Publicity Designs, 120 St. Nicholas St., Coventry]

a-d. operatives at machinery, including gear-testing machine (4 photos)

e-h. machined parts (4 photos)

i-j. suspension (2 photos)

k-m. - untitled - (4 photos)

n-r. [straight eight open tourer with all weather head - Royal car (as 5/7/2a?)] (5 views)

s-t. display of Royal cars (location as 5/7/2a-b)

u. ante-room to display room of 5/7/2a-b. Display panel bears 'The Daimler factories, precision engineering'; another bears 'The Royal car'

v. line of 5 cars outside country house

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[H.R. Clayton, 57/61 Mortimer St., W1]

a-b. line of Royal cars at dockside (2 views)

c-d. cars being washed/inspected at dockside (2 views)

e. 'toffs' at side of car at dockside

f. car at dockside, view from above

g-k. cars being winched aboard ship (5 photos)

l. straight eight enclosed limousine - Royal car

m. straight eight enclosed landaulette - Royal car

n. Royal car

[l-n location as 5/7/2a-b]

o. 4 Royal cars parked (in Hyde Park?)

p. Royal car passing Hyde Park gates?

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[Promotional 'photo-cards']

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7.5 x 14cm

/1 35 years of Progress in Motor Car Design. A 6HP Daimler built in 1899 for HM King Edward VII and one of the latest 50HP Daimler cars with "Hooper" bodies built specially for His Majesty King George V [2 copies]

- /2 "Hooper" Enclosed Limousine on 25HP Straight Eight Daimler chassis [2 copies]
- /3 "Hooper" Enclosed Limousine (Seven seater, facing forward occasional seats) on 20/25HP Rolls-Royce chassis [2 copies]
- /4 "Hooper" Enclosed Limousine on Phantom III Rolls-Royce chassis, 'C' steering, with concealed grid [2 copies]
- /5 "Hooper" Sports Saloon on 25HP Straight Eight Daimler chassis
- 5/8/6 /6 "Hooper" Empress Saloon on Special Series 2½-litre Daimler. 9.5 x 16.5cm
- 5/8/7-15 9 x 21cm
- /7 Hooper Daimler Limousine
- /8 "Hooper" Enclosed Limousine on new DE 36HP Daimler Chassis
- /9 "Hooper" Sports Saloon on New 4¼ Litre Bentley Mark VI Chassis
- /10 Hooper Touring Limousine on DE 36HP Straight Eight Daimler Chassis [2 copies]
- /11 "Hooper" Touring Limousine on Roll-Royce "Silver Wraith" Chassis
- /12 "Hooper" Two Door Sports Saloon on Bentley Mark VI Chassis [artist's impression] [2 copies]
- /13 "Hooper" Two Door Sports Saloon on Bentley Mark VI Chassis [2 copies]
- /14 "Hooper" Touring Limousine on new DE 36HP Daimler Chassis
- 1949 /15 [Promotional card for Hooper & Co. at stand 116 at the Motor Show at Earl's Court, 28 Sept - 8 Oct] [2 copies]
- 5/9 [Miscellaneous photos of motor cars]
- /1 'Voisin de chez Gallé' [interior, front seat]
- /2 'Carrosserie Guettault' [interior, front seat]
- /3 [interior view of French? car 2 door fixed head coupé]
- /4 [Rolls-Royce Phantom III Sedan de Ville, built for Sclater-Booth, at Raglan Castle]
- /5 [Rolls-Royce Phantom III Sedan de Ville at Llanthony Abbey]
- [1912] /6 [Hooper-bodied open drive limousine Daimler for the King]
- [1912] /7 [Open drive limousine Daimler, possibly Hooper]

- [c. 1919] /8 Open drive limousine Daimler]
- [1920] /9 [Hooper-bodied Royal Daimler open drive limousine]
- [1921] /10 [Hooper-bodied Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost allweather] [2 copies]
- [1925] /11 Special patent Body on Hispano. Built by Marchand & Letourneur, Paris [for] H.H. Prince Cito [photo of artist's impression]
- [1925] /12 [----- as above -----, different model]
- [1926] /13 [Hooper-bodied Rolls-Royce Phantom I fabric saloon]
- [1926] /14 [Hooper-bodied Rolls-Royce Phantom I cabriolet]
- 1931 Apr /15 Five new cars: 7504, 7505, 7506, 7507, 7508. [Royal fleet at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace]
- [1932] /16 [20/25HP Rolls-Royce saloon (?) on alpine road, 10ft. snowbanks either side]
- [1932] /17 [airbrushed photo: Hooper-bodied 20/25 Rolls-Royce saloon]
- [1933] /18 [Hooper-bodied Rolls-Royce Phantom II limousine, reg. no. AXV 972, at the village green, Aldbury, near Tring]
- [c. 1933] /19 [Hooper-bodied Delage sedanca coupé - possibly Isotta-Fraschini]
- [1938] /20 [Hooper-bodied Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, chassis no WXA 35, reg. no. EYV 219]
- /21 [Hooper-bodied Phantom III salon] [2 views]
- [c. 1947] /22 [Royal Daimler landaulette outside Hooper's Park Royal works] [2 external, 2 internal views]
- [c. 1947] /23 [Royal Daimler limousine outside Hooper's Park Royal works] [1 external, 2 internal views]
- [c. 1947] /24 [Royal Daimler fleet, for tour of Australia & New Zealand, outside Hooper's Park Royal works] [2 views]
- [late 1940s] /25 [Royal Daimler 4 door cabriolet outside Hooper's Park Royal works]
- [late 1940s] /26 [Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith touring limousine outside Hooper's Park Royal works]

5/10 - Original Hooper photos of cars as they left the factory, often deliberately set against an imposing 'country house' or 'leafy lane' background, but also including car interiors, particularly in the 1950s. Arranged by 'H' or 'SC' numbers (4 boxes) or by drawing number (1 box). [c.1500 photos in total. Images can be identified by using the 'body number registers' at 2/12 or the index at 5/4]

<b>6</b>	<b>1830 - 1956</b>	<b>Royal Warrants</b>
/1		King George IV - 1830 Oct 19
/2		King George IV - 1831 Feb 13
/3		Queen Victoria - 1841 Sept 25
/4		Queen Victoria - 1844 Dec 29
/5		Prince Albert - 1850 Jan 25
/6		Queen Victoria - 1850 Feb 19
/7		Prince of Wales - 1863 Mar 2
/8		Queen Alexandra - 1890 Feb 23
/9		Duke of Connaught - 1891 Jun
/10		Duke of Edinburgh - 1893 Aug 1
/11		Prince of Wales - 1902 Mar 1
/12		King of Portugal - 1904 Jun 3
/13		Sultan of Jahore - 1905 Jan 1
/14		Don Alfonso XIII - 1912 Dec 12
/15		King George V - 1921 Jan 14
/16		King Gustav V (Sweden) - 1921 Dec 2
/17		King Fouad I - 1926 May 1
/18		Prince of Wales - 1932 Jun 9
/19		King George VI - 1946 Mar 1
/20		Queen Elizabeth II - 1956 Oct 16

**7 Selected information compiled from Hooper records**

/1	[List of cars bodied for Royalty from 1910 - 1935]  7 leaves, ts. (carbon copy)
/2	[List of Rolls-Royce Silver Wraiths with Hooper bodies, 1938 - 39. Gives body number, date, drawing number and photo number, where relevant]  2 leaves, ts.

/3 [List of Rolls-Royce Phantom III with Hooper bodies, 1935 - 51]. Gives body number, chassis number, drawing number and date.

5 leaves, ts. (photocopy)

**8 'Renderings' [original Hooper motorcar artwork design drawings]**

		Dwg no.	Type	Customer
/1	1926 Jun	3148A	coupe cabriolet 37.2 Hispano Suiza	G Lambert
/2	1929 May	4076A	sports coupe 20 HP Rolls-Royce rake steering	
/3	1929 Jun	4113	sedanca 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce long stg 'E' [see body nos. 7335, 7355, 7451-2]	A Jergens
/4	1929 Aug	4189	open touring body 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce long stg 'E'	Maharajah of Rewa
/5		4190	open touring body 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce short stg 'E'	[- - - " - - - ?]
/6	1929 Sept	4193	open touring body 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce long stg 'E'	Maharajah
/7	1929 Sept	4204	"	"
/8	1932 Aug	5122		Mssrs J Cockshoot & Co
/9	[1936]	6665*	sports enclosed limo 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'F' stg [see body nos. 8690, 8954]	
/10	[1936]	6803*	sedanca 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'E' stg [body no. 8763?]	[The Aga Khan?]
/11	[1937]	6898	sports enclosed limo 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III special 'F' stg [body no. 8821]	C Gilbert
/12	1937 Apr	7006*	sports sedanca 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'F' stg	
/13		7006 [7007?]		
/14		7008		
/15		7037A		

/16		7037B		
/17		7045A		
/18		7045B		
/19		7045C		
/20	[1937]	7059*	2-door saloon 4 litre Bentley [Earls Court Show] [body no. 8888. <u>See</u> also body no. 8889]	
/21	[1937]	7060	sedanca Phantom III Rolls-Royce [ <u>see</u> body nos. 8890, 8903]	Lady Wimborne
/22		7062*	allweather 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'F' stg	Capt A Mackintosh
/23		7070*	sports coupe cabriolet 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III special 'F' stg	
/24		7087*	2/3 seater coupe cabriolet 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III special 'F' stg	
/25		7102		
/26		7189	sedanca 25/30 HP Rolls-Royce	
/27		7189	"	Lady Watson
/28		7221*	enclosed limo 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'E' stg	Viscountess Wimborne
/29	[1938]	7315*	[sedanca 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce 'E' stg. Body no. 9010?]	
/30		7342	sports limo (4 light) 40-50 HP Rolls Royce Phantom III 'E' stg	
/31		7343	sports limo (6 light) 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'E' stg	Mrs Bell
/32	[1938-9]	7377?	limo (with boot) 25-30 HP Rolls-Royce Wraith	
/33	[1938]	7421A*	sedanca 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'C' stg [for R.R. World's Fair. Body no. 9081; <u>see</u> also body nos.	

			9036, 9056]	
/34	[1938]	7474	sports saloon 4¼ litre Bentley [body no. 9071]	A L Shutes
/35		7501	sedanca 25-30 HP Rolls- Royce Wraith	S F E Flatau
/36		7641*	limo 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce Phantom III 'E' stg	
/37		7648*	coupe cabriolet 25-30 HP Rolls-Royce Wraith	
/38		7650*		
/39		7678	touring saloon 4¼ litre Bentley	
/40		7681		
/41	[1939]	7682*	2-door saloon 4¼ litre Bentley [body no. 9142]	[L A Hordern]
/42	[1939]	7708*	coupe cabriolet Bentley 5 [for Earls Court Show; body no. 9143]	
/43		7711*	4-door allweather 4¼ litre Bentley 5	
/44		7712*	touring saloon 4¼ litre Bentley 5	
/45		8034**	touring limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith	
/46		8034+	"	
/47	[1946]	8037+	touring limo Daimler 27 HP [body no. 9175]	[Sir B Docker]
/48	1947 May	8049+	limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith	
/49		8090**	coupe cabriolet Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith [see body nos. 9330, 9435]	Prince Mohamed Aly Ibrahim
/50	[1947]	8111**	sports saloon Bentley Mk VI [body no. 9332]	A L Shutes
/51		8134**	limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith [see body nos. 9343, 9419, 9422-3]	
/52		8230++		

/53		8247++	touring limo Cadillac short chassis	
/54		8268	touring limo Cadillac 130" wheelbase	
/55		8282++	2-door sports saloon Bentley Mk VI	
/56		8284++	4-door sports saloon Bentley Mk VI	
/57	1954 Oct	8294A^	4-door saloon Bentley [Mk VI; not an original drawing]	
/58		8294	"	
/59		8316++	sports saloon Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith	F Nield
/60		8318++	touring limo Daimler DE-36	
/61		8320++	arrangement of division DE-36 Daimler touring limo	
/62		8321	layout of division DE-36 Daimler touring limo	
/63		8330A^^	limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith L.W.B.	
/64		8350	8-seater limo 36 HP straight-8 Daimler [Hooper photo no. SC 8297]	
/65		8390	touring saloon Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith [not an original drawing]	
/66	[1953]	8393^^	[2-door fixed head coupe special series 3 litre Daimler, for Earls Court Show; body no. 9966]	[Lady Docker]
/67		8400^^	7-seater limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith L.W.B.	
/68	[1956]	8419***	[limo 4.6 litre Daimler; body no. 10094]	[The Queen Mother]
/69		8510***	saloon Bentley S series	
/70		8512***	4-door saloon continental Bentley 'S' series [see body nos. 10251, 10257-61]	
/71		8534***	limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith	



/72	8535***	
/73	8536***	limo Armstrong Siddeley model 304 L.W.B.
/74	8559***	saloon (with division) Rolls- Royce Silver Cloud
/75	8567***	limo Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith

Artists re nos. 8/1 - 75

*	JH
**	HN
+	DPG
++	RAJ
^	DEC
^^	R A Unwin
***	D Chellingworth

Drawings with no design number [not in chronological order]

	Type	Customer
/76	touring limo "Spey" 36 HP Daimler	
/77	sedanca Phantom II Rolls-Royce	Rolls-Royce
/78	enclosed limo Phantom II Rolls-Royce	Rolls-Royce
/79	enclosed landaulette 0/35 HP Daimler	Messrs Withers Garage
/80	enclosed landaulette (de ville ex) Phantom II Rolls-Royce	J A G Sandberg
/81	sedanca Phantom II Rolls-Royce	H Frost
/82	saloon limo 25 HP Rolls-Royce raked stg	T Simpson
/83	enclosed limo 12 cyl. Lagonda	
/84	sedanca 12 cyl. Lagonda	
/85	open touring body 40-50 HP Rolls-Royce long stg	
/86 - 98	Drawings with no title or design number	

**9****Carriages**

- /1 [1901?] [Photos (4) of Hooper carriages under construction: /1 coronation landau of Edward VII (4 copies); /2 as /1, carving the 'rumble seat' (2 copies); /3 Royal state landau; /4 untitled (but same landau as /1. With ScM copy prints of each, 251 & 253-255/94]
- /2 [1901?] Coronation landau, H.M. King Edward VII : [photo of completed landau (with ScM copy print 252/94); with 2 photo impressions of same (different views, 2 copies of each)]
- /3 [190-] H.M. King Edward VII - state landau [2 views - Hooper photos H518 & H519]
- /4 [A Hooper built landau - photo, 2 copies]
- /5 [190-] [Town coach built for H.M. King Edward VII - photo, 4 copies]
- /6 1906 Jun "Hooper" pony cart built specially for H.M. the King of Spain [photo]
- /7 1909 Nov [Coach supplied to Marquis Villavieja d'Orsay - photo, 2 copies]
- /8 1935 Mar [Pencil drawing (no. 6162) of the Duke of Marlborough's coach]
- /9 1938 State postillion landau from Windsor presented by H.M. the King to Marquess of Linlithgow, Viceroy of India. Renovated by Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd. and shipped to India in November 1938. [2 photos, 2 copies of each]
- /10 1947 Postillion landau supplied by Hooper & Co. to HRH Prince Regent of Iraq [photo]

**10****Interiors [Photos]**

- /1 [Hooper photo 1484 : Rolls-Royce Phantom III limousine, body no. 8958 : view of rear interior, with cabinet door open]
- /2 ['Demonstrates method of fixing quarter blinds' of motor car for H.M. Queen of Holland. 2 photos]
- /3 [Stylized photos (2) of rear interior of unidentified motor car]
- /4 [Photos (2) showing Motorola speaker system in the rear of unidentified motor car]
- /5 1935? [View of interior front and rear of unidentified motor car]
- /6 1950s? [----- as above -----]
- /7 [View of interior front of unidentified motor car showing dashboard etc]
- /8 [View of interior front of unidentified motor car]

/9-17		[Views of interior rear of unidentified motor cars]
<b>11</b>		<b>Publicity</b>
/1	1924 Jul 18	[Offprint from <i>Autocar</i> : His Majesty's new cars] 3p
/2	1947 Jan-Feb	[Offprint from <i>Export Trader</i> : Royal Daimlers; specially-built cars shipped to South Africa for use during their Majesties' visit] 4p
/3	1957 Apr 19	[Offprint from <i>Autocar</i> : Carriage Forward - 1807 to 1957. Hooper's 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, by Peter Garnier] 4p
/4		[Publicity card of Hooper & Co., Carriage Manufacturers, 113 Victoria Street, London]
/5	c. 1907	[Double-sided card of Hooper & Co. Ltd., 54 St. James's Street, London, bearing photos of 'The King's new motor car' and the 'new electromobile landaulette']
/6	1919 Sept 6	[Reprinted page from <i>The Times</i> , detailing the war service of Hooper & Co., 54 St. James's Street, London. Mounted on card, but in two pieces]
/7		[Printed shaded drawing of a Hooper enclosed limousine on Phantom III Rolls-Royce chassis; bears crest of 'Hooper Coachwork, by appointment']
/8		[Touched up photo of showroom of Hooper & Co. Ltd.]
/9	[1920s]	[Etching : London street scene, depicting premises of Hooper & Co. Ltd./ Lawrence Stone] 14 copies
/10	1956 Oct 16	[Royal warrant appointing Hooper & Company (Coachbuilders) Limited as coachbuilders and motor body builders to HM Queen. Signed by the Lord Chamberlain, Royal Mews Dept. In envelope addressed to A G Firmin Esq., Hooper & Co., Western Avenue]
/11	[1950s]	[Colour publicity photo of drinks cabinet (open and closed) in the rear of seats]
/12a	c. 1950	[Publicity photo of original 'rendering by RAU (i.e. Unwin), being design no. 8247, Hooper-bodied touring limo on Cadillac short chassis]
/12b	1950	[Publicity photo of original 'rendering', being design no. 8268, Hooper-bodied touring limo on Cadillac 130 in. wheelbase]
/13		[Publicity photo prints of original 'renderings' by RAU (i.e. Unwin)]
	c. 1948	a. Silver Wraith touring limo
	c. 1949	b. ----- " -----
	1950s	c. Daimler drop-head coupe
/14		[Publicity colour photo of original 'rendering' of RR 6310]

- /15 Photo-cards (see also 5/8)
- a. "Hooper" enclosed limo (7 seater, facing forward occasional seats) on 20/25HP Rolls-Royce chassis [4 copies]
  - b. "Hooper" enclosed limo on 25HP straight eight Daimler chassis [5 copies]
  - c. "Hooper" enclosed limo on Phantom III Rolls-Royce chassis, 'c' steering, with concealed grid [4 copies]
  - d. "Hooper" touring limo on D.E. 36HP straight eight Daimler chassis
  - e. "Hooper" two door sports saloon on Bentley Mark VI chassis
  - 1949 f. unspecified Rolls-Royce [2 copies]

## 12 Typescripts and miscellanea

- /1 1924 Jul 16 St James's Street. List of numbered Hooper photos [of] H.M. the King's new car, [and of those members of the press requesting copies] 1p
- /2 1924 Jul 16 Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd., 77 King's Road, Chelsea. His Majesty the King, new Hooper limousines on 57HP Daimler chassis. 2p
- /3 1924 Jul 16 Stratton-Instone Ltd., 27 Pall Mall, London. Memorandum no. 1: The royal Daimlers. General particulars. 3p
- /4 1924 Jul 16 Stratton-Instone Ltd., Memorandum no. 2: The royal Daimlers. Technical details of chassis, [with list of Daimler cars supplied to Edward VII and George V] 3p
- /5 1924 Jul 16 Stratton-Instone Ltd., Memorandum no. 3: [Company details] 1p
- /6 1938 Aug 5 List of [Hooper] photographs for the Daimler Company Ltd. 1p
- /7 1938 Aug List of illustrations of old royal cars sent to St James's Street 19 Aug 1938. 1p
- /8 1944 May List of photographs of royal cars sent to head office on 17 May 1944. 1p
- /9 1915 Apr [Pencil drawing, no. 1952, to scale  $\frac{3}{4}$ " : 1'] Two seater on 15HP Renault chassis
- /10 - Example of armorial bearings painted by Hooper & Co. on the state carriages of H.M. the King [colour]
- /11 - [Metal nameplate bearing 'Coachwork by Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd. Motor body builders to His Majesty the King'. 5 x 25 cm]

## 13 Heraldic designs

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|---------------|--------------|---|
| /1            | c. 1853-1895 | 155 leaves (formerly one vol. in two parts) of heraldic design. Some on Hooper & Co. design cards   |
| /2            | -            | Vol. (210pp) of undated heraldic designs. Includes name index at front  |
| /3            | -            | [Heraldic crests painted on wooden panels, most framed (22)]  |
| <b>14</b>     | -            | Scale drawings. [c.3000 drawings on tracing paper, side views of cars, giving basic dimensions. Housed separately in plan press drawers. Too fragile to be handled by the public, these can be copied by archives/library staff]              |
| <b>15/1-2</b> | -            | [Line drawings (2) in light royal harness (no.2) and heavy ornate harness (no.6). Drawn by Charles J Mackersie, harness draughtsman, 37 Harman Street, Kingsland Road [London] N., and stamped 'Hooper & Co., London']                        |
| <b>16</b>     | 1916         | [B & w photo of the first Hooper aeroplane in the erecting shop: a Sopwith 1½ Strutter, the first aircraft to be built by Hooper & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd., who were at that time aircraft contractors to the War Office. On SM neg. 607/83] |

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