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J. McCLEAN, DRAPER
124-126 ARUNDEL STREET, PORTSMOUTH

INTRODUCTION

John McLean first appears in Kelly's Directories as a draper at 33 Lion Terrace in 1908 having taken over the business of Alfred Adams at that address. In 1909 when another draper, Adam Prentice, gave up business McLean took over Prentice's credit drapery business while the direct shop sales at 351 Commercial Road were taken over by Alexander Stent. Adam Prentice was at 21 Lion Terrace in 1896 but had moved to 7 Queen Street by 1898 before finally moving to 351 Commercial Road in 1908. Prentice's credit sales, judging by these records seem to have started in Fareham c1895 and to have spread to Titchfield, Gosport, Chichester and Emsworth by 1900. It was not till McLean took over the credit sales business that he extended such sales to people living in Portsmouth. This side of the business spread very considerably after 1920 and by 1930 even extended to Bognor and the Isle of Wight but little business was ever done over Portsdown Hill.

McLean moved from 33 Lion Terrace to 235 Arundel Street in 1914. He moved again in 1920 to 124 Arundel Street and took over 126 Arundel Street when Harry Loxley, also a draper, gave up business in 1935. The shop remained at this address till its closure and subsequent demolition in 1972. They sold mens' and ladies' clothes, shoes and household linen but the surviving records contain no evidence as to whom the collectors were.

Credit Sales Books

1. A1 covering north Southsea and Fratton areas
 1. No 47 1913-1917
 2. No 35 1917-1920
 3. No 36 1920-1922
 4. No 50 1922-1924
 5. No 83 1924-1927
 6. No 89 1927-1929

AlM(orning) covering west Fratton area:

 7. No 121 1929-1933
 8. No 154 1933-1935
 9. No 194 1935-1938

AIA(fternoon) covering east Fratton area:

 10. No 158 1929-1935
 11. No 195 1935-1938

Re-combining both areas:

 12. No 245 1938-1942
 13. No 289 1942-1947

2. A2 covering Buckland, Portsea and northern part of Southsea areas:
 1. No 37 1917-1920
 2. No 62 1922-1927
 3. No 86 1927-1929
 4. No 113 1929-1932
 5. No 156 1932-1935
 6. No 190 1935-1938
 7. No 244 1938-1942
 8. No 279 1942-1946

3. A3 covering Stamshaw and Fratton areas:

1. No 38 1920-1923
2. No 57 1923-1925
3. No 82 1925-1927
4. No 87 1928-1929

(for continuation see 975A/1/6-7)

4. A4 covering Old Portsmouth and west Southsea:

1. No 104 1929-1932
2. No 157 1932-1935
3. No 213 1935-1939
4. No 271 1939-1944
5. No 324 1944-1950

5. A5 covering Titchfield and Stubbington:

1. No 27 1902-1906
2. No 28 1906-1912
3. No 29 1912-1917
4. No 30 1917-1921
5. No 48 1921-1924
6. No 66 1924-1927
7. No 88 1927-1929
8. No 128 1929-1933
9. No 173 1933-1936
10. No 215 1936-1939
11. No 259 1939-1943
12. No 295 1943-1947

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6. A6M(orning) covering North End area:
 1. No 110 1929-1932
 2. No 141 1932-1934
 3. No 183 1934-1936
 4. No 209 1936-1939
 5. No 264 1939-1943
 6. No 325 1943-1950

7. A6A(fternoon) covering Stamshaw area:
 1. No 132 1929-1934
 2. No 210 1934-1939
 3. No 274 1939-1945
 4. No 332 1945-1951

8. B1 covering Milton and Southsea areas:
 1. No 50A 1921-1923
 2. No 56 1923-1925
 3. No 67 1925-1927
 4. No 99 1927-1931
 5. No 150 1931-1935
 6. No 247 1935-1942
 7. No 331 1942-1950

9. B6 covering Eastney area:
 1. No 69 1922-1926
 2. No 76 1926-1928
 3. No 115 1928-1932
 4. No 170 1932-1936
 5. No 200 1936-1939
 6. No 255 1939-1942
 7. No 282 1942-1946

10. C(Shop) = Friday payments in shop and cash sales:
 1. No 46 1913-1923
 2. No 106 1923-1931
 3. No 131 1931-1934
11. C1 = Monday payments in shop:
 1. No 212 1932-1939
 2. No 293 1939-1947
12. C5 = Friday payments in shop:
 1. No 327 1930-1946
13. C6 covering Mile End area:
 1. (K6) No 132A 1929-1934
 2. No 214 1934-1939
 3. No 316 1939-1949
14. D1 covering Milton area:
 1. No 63 1923-1926
 2. No 79 1926-1928
 3. No 129 1928-1932
 4. No 152 1932-1935
 5. No 205 1935-1939
 6. No 272 1939-1944
 7. No 315 1944-1949
15. D2 covering Copnor and Southsea areas:
 1. No 63 1922-1926
 2. No 84 1926-1928
 3. No 112 1929-1932
 4. No 162 1932-1936 - see also D5 (975A/1/17)
 5. No 235 1936-1941
 6. No 298 1941-1947

16. D4 covering Cosham and Wymering areas:
(for volumes covering 1911-28 see 975A/1/62)
 1. No 98 1928-1930
 2. No 134 1930-1934
 3. No 186 1934-1936
 4. No 228 1937-1940
 5. No 281 1940-1946

17. D5 - split off from D2 area (975A/1/15) -
covers Hilsea and Cosham:
 1. No 204 1936-1939
 2. No 246 1939-1942
 3. No 285 1942-1946

18. D6 covering Southsea and Portsea areas:
 1. No 61 1923-1927
 2. No 90 1927-1929
 3. No 114 1929-1932
 4. No 155 1932-1935
 5. No 193 1935-1938
 6. No 239 1938-1941
 7. No 300 1941-1947

19. E1 covering Fratton area:
 1. No 71 1926-1928
 2. No 96 1928-1930
 3. No 123 1930-1933
 4. No 180 1933-1936
 5. No 238 1936-1941
 6. No 297 1941-1947

20. E2 covering Havant and Hayling areas:
 1. No 124 1930-1933
 2. No 177 1933-1936
 3. No 230 1936-1941
 4. No 270 1941-1944
 5. No 304 1944-1948

21. E4 covering Havant and Emsworth areas:
(for volumes covering 1911-28 see 975A/1/62)
 1. No 93 1928-1930
 2. No 138 1930-1934
 3. No 184 1934-1937
 4. No 236 1937-1941
 5. No 283 1941-1947

22. E5 covering Copnor area:
 1. No 191 1935-1938
 2. No 269 1938-1944
 3. No 333 1944-1951

23. E6 covering Landport area:
 1. No 73 1925-1927
 2. No 95 1928-1930
 3. No 122 1930-1933
 4. No 159 1933-1935
 5. No 197 1935-1939
 6. No 263 1939-1943
 7. No 313 1943-1949

24. G1 covering Gosport area:
1. No 7 1903-1906
 2. No 2 1906-1909
 3. No 3 1909-1913
 4. No 4 1913-1916
 5. No 5 1916-1919
 6. No 6 1919-1922
 7. No 49 1922-1924
 8. No 77 1924-1927
 9. No 100 1927-1931
 10. GIM(orning) No 168 1931-1936
 11. G1A(fternoon) No 169 1931-1936
 12. G1 No 217 1936-1939
 13. G1 No 273 1939-1945
 14. G1 No 336 1945-1952
25. G2 covering Forton area:
1. No 1 1903-1906
 2. No 8 1906-1911
 3. No 9 1911-1915
 4. No 10 1915-1918
 5. No 11 1918-1921
 6. No 58 1921-1924
 7. No 63 1924-1927
 8. No 103 1927-1931
 9. No 149 1931-1935
 10. No 203 1935-1939
 11. No 266 1939-1943
 12. No 299 1943-1947

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26. H1 covering Landport area:
 1. No 94 1929-1930
 2. No 130 1930-1933
 3. No 164 1933-1936
 4. No 237 1936-1941
 5. No 302 1941-1948

27. H2 covering East Southsea area:
 1. (E1) No 55 1922-1926
 2. (E2) No 91 1926-1929
 3. No 135 1930-1934
 4. No 227 1934-1940
 5. No 314 1940-1949

28. H3 covering Bognor area:
 1. No 117 1930-1933
 2. No 163 1933-1936
 3. No 218 1936-1939
 4. No 262 1939-1943
 5. No 307 1943-1948

29. H5 covering Copnor area:
 1. No 151 1932-1935
 2. No 216 1935-1939
 3. No 305 1939-1948

30. H6 covering Buckland area:
 1. No 116 1930-1932
 2. No 147 1932-1935
 3. No 192 1935-1938
 4. No 241 1938-1941
 5. No 296 1941-1947

- 31. I1 covering Southsea area:
 - 1. No 136 1929-1933
 - 2. No 174 1933-1936
 - 3. No 229 1936-1940
 - 4. No 325 1940-1950

- 32. I2 covering Eastleigh area:
 - 1. No 253 1937-1942
 - 2. No 320 1942-1949

- 33. I5 covering Southsea area:
 - 1. No 127 1939-1933
 - 2. No 172 1933-1936
 - 3. No 221 1936-1940
 - 4. No 329 1940-1950

- 34. I6 covering Milton, later Wymering & Paulsgrove ares:
 - 1. (I8) No 339 1928-1929
 - 2. No 118 1929-1933
 - 3. No 171 1933-1936
 - 4. No 211 1936-1939
 - 5. No 257 1939-1942
 - 6. No 284 1942-1947

- 35. K1 covering Portsea area:
 - 1. No 126 1929-1933
 - 2. No 160 1933-1936
 - 3. No 226 1936-1940
 - 4. No 265 1940-1943
 - 5. No 310 1943-1948

36. K2 covering Newport, IOW:
 1. No 145 1930-1935
 2. No 199 1935-1939
 3. No 256 1930-1942
 4. No 294 1942-1947

37. K4 covering Ryde, IOW:
 1. No 142 1931-1934
 2. No 232 1934-1941
 3. No 275 1941-1945
 4. No 334 1945-1951

38. K5 covering Mile End area:
 1. No 145A 1929-1935
 2. No - 1935-1947

39. K6 covering Southsea - west:
 1. No 178 1933-1936
 2. No 222 1936-1940
 3. No 317 1940-1949

40. L1 covering Gosport area:
 1. No 125 1930-1933
 2. No 167 1933-1936
 3. No 223 1936-1940
 4. No 276 1940-1945
 5. No 335 1946-1953

41. L2 covering Cowes IOW:
 1. (L4) No 120 1930-1932
 2. No 153 1931-1935
 3. No 201 1935-1939
 4. No 258 1939-1943
 5. No 309 1943-1948

42. L5 covering Fratton area:
 1. No 137 1929-1934
 2. No 219 1934-1940
 3. No 337 1940-1953

43. L6 covering Southsea area
 1. No 119 1929-1933
 2. No 144 1933-1934
 3. No 185 1934-1937
 4. No 250 1936-1942
 5. No 311 1942-1948

44. M6 covering North End and Cosham areas:
 1. No 133 1933-1934
 2. No 175 1934-1936
 3. No 207 1936-1939
 4. No 265 1939-1943
 5. No 308 1943-1948

45. N1 covering Portsea & Old Portsmouth areas:
 1. No 148 1931-1935
 2. No 224 1935-1940
 3. No 290 1940-1947

46. N2 covering Fratton & Southsea areas:
 1. No 338 1931-1935
 2. No 233 1935-1941
 3. No 288 1941-1947

47. N4 covering Ryde, IOW
 1. No 234 1933-1940
 2. No 322 1941-1949

- 48. N5 = Friday payments in shop:
 - 1. No 301 1934-1947
- 49. N6 covering Eastney area:
 - 1. No 179 1934-1936
 - 2. No 231 1936-1941
 - 3. No 306 1941-1948
- 50. O1 covering Landport area:
 - 1. No 202 1934-1939
 - 2. No 252 1939-1942
 - 3. No 323 1942-1950
- 51. O2 covering Gosport area:
 - 1. No 166 1931-1936
 - 2. No 208 1936-1939
 - 3. No 267 1939-1943
 - 4. No 303 1943-1948
- 52. O4 covering Portchester & Fontley areas:
 - 1. No 220 1933-1940
 - 2. No 260 1940-1943
 - 3. No 292 1943-1947
- 53. O5 (formerly M5) covering Stamshaw area:
 - 1. No 165 1931-1936
 - 2. No 330 1936-1940
- 54. O6 covering East Southsea area:
 - 1. No 340 1928-1930
 - 2. No 341 1930-1932
 - 3. No 342 1932-1934
 - 4. No 198 1934-1939
 - 5. No 254 1939-1942
 - 6. No 321 1942-1950

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55. P1 covering Buckland, North End and Landport areas:
1. No 39 1911-1916
 2. No 40 1914-1919
 3. No 41 1920-1922
 4. No - 1922-1925
 5. No 80 1925-1928
 6. No 105 1928-1931
 7. No 161 1931-1936
 8. No 225 1936-1940
 9. No 291 1940-1947
56. P2 covering West Southsea area:
1. No 42 1912-1920
 2. No 60 1920-1927
 3. No 97 1927-1930
 4. No 146 1930-1935
 5. No 196 1935-1938
 6. No 268 1938-1944
 7. No 328 1944-1950
57. P3 = Saturday payments in shop:
1. No 43 1912-1920
 2. No 44 1920-1922
 3. No 52 1922-1925
 4. No 81 1925-1928
58. P4 covering Purbrook, Waterlooville, Cowplain and Horndean areas:
1. No 70 1925-1927
 2. No 92 1927-1929
 3. No 129 1929-1933
 4. No 187 1933-1936

- 58. P4 [continued]
 - 5. No 240 1937-1941
 - 6. No 286 1941-1947
- 59. P5 (formerly GA until 1934) covering Gosport area:
 - 1. No 45 1914-1919
 - 2. No 51 1921-1924
 - 3. No 72 1924-1928
 - 4. No 101 1928-1931
 - 5. No 139 1931-1934
 - 6. No 189 1934-1937
 - 7. No 242 1937-1941
 - 8. No 287 1941-1947
- 60. P6 covering Southsea and Milton areas:
 - 1. No 102 1928-1931
 - 2. No 143 1931-1934
 - 3. No 188 1924-1937
 - 4. No 243 1937-1941
 - 5. No 280 1941-1946
- 61. CHIC(hester) area:
 - 1. No 12 1901-1907
 - 2. No 13 1907-1913
 - 3. No 14 1913-1916
 - 4. No 15 1916-1920
 - 5. No 59 1920-1924
 - 6. No 79 1924-1928
 - 7. No 108 1928-1932
 - 8. No 176 1932-1936
 - 9. No 249 1936-1942
 - 10. No 312 1942-1948

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62. EMSWORTH -also covers Cosham, Bedhampton and Havant:

1. No 33 1911-1919
2. No 32 1915-1918
3. No 31 1918-1920
4. No 34 1920-1923
5. No 54 1923-1926
6. No 78 1926-1928

(This series now divided between 975A/1/16(D4) and 975A/1/21(E4))

63. FARE(ham) area:

1. No 20 1898-1906
2. No 21 1905-1910
3. No 22 1910-1913
4. No 23 1913-1914
5. No 24 1915-1917
6. No 25 1917-1920
7. No 26 1920-1923
8. No 64 1923-1926
9. No 85 1916-1929
10. No 107 1929-1931
11. No 140 1931-1934
12. No 182 1934-1936
13. No 206 1936-1939
14. No 251 1939-1942
15. No 277 1942-1946
16. No 319 1946-1949

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64. THURS(day) covering Westbourne, Southbourne,
Funtingdon and East and West Ashling:
 1. No 16 1904-1909
 2. No 17 1909-1913
 3. No 18 1913-1918
 4. No 19 1918-1922
 5. No 74 1922-1928
 6. No 111 1928-1932
 7. No 181 1932-1936
 8. No 248 1936-1942
 9. No 278 1842-1946
65. SHOP payments:
 1. No 131(ii) 1931-1934

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Debt Collection Books - after hearing in
County Court

1. For Portsmouth and Gosport,
2 February 1923 - 17 April 1930
2. For Isle of Wight,
15 July 1930 - 18 May 1933
3. For all areas served by shop,
26 March 1930 - 10 January 1935
4. For all areas served by shop,
10 January 1935 - 31 March 1939

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