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U216

Records of Thomas Reynolds Senior and Sons Ltd., Salford, musical instrument manufacturer, 1923-82, n.d.

Deposited: F. Baxandall, Esq., Aug., 1983, and Apr., 1987 (gift)

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The following information has been supplied by Mr. Fred Baxandall.

The firm was established in 1862. It was for a long time owned by Thomas Reynolds whose son Charles married a member of the Fryer family of Eccles. After her husband's death she managed the firm for some 30 years until the end of the second World War when her son took over for a time. He later retired from the firm which was directed by a relative and other directors, Mr. Fred Baxandall (earlier a sales representative) becoming Managing Director. He bought out the other shareholders in 1968.

The firm made, repaired and sold musical instruments, concentrating on brass band instruments. It had a wide range of customers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It supplied the first set of instruments of the famous Fodens Band. It had premises at 120a Great Clowes Street and for a time at 43 Chapel Street, Salford. It went into voluntary liquidation in 1983.

BUSINESS

- U216/B1/1 Work book preceding U216/B1/2, similar in format but with some variations, "Copper" inserted in some entries (1 vol.) 1923-55
- /2 Work book listing jobs done in silverplating at the Chapel Street works (information supplied by Mr. Tom Allen, Works Manager) (1 vol., poor condition, enclosing loose related papers) 1955-66
- This book has columns for: date; part of instrument treated; name of customer or other entries (esp. "Repair" or "Stock"); usually a number or word "New"; indication of name of manufacturer of instruments. The customers came from a wide geographical area, e.g. "Rhyl Silver", "Colchester", "Birmingham S.A.", "Belfast Citadel S.A."; and included a number of military or R.A.F. bands, e.g. "Duke of Cornwall T.A.", "R.A.F. St. Albans".
- /B2 Printed leaflet advertising Reynolds instruments from address 43 Chapel Street, Salford (1 leaflet) n.d.

UNOFFICIAL COLLECTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

U216/C1 Postcard from the Bandmaster, Slaidburn Silver Band, near Clitheroe, Lancs., asking for plating and overhaul of some cornets, n.d., 1950s-early 1970s (1 doc.) n.d.

ESTATE

/E1/1-2 Stock books for different items (2 vols.) 1978-80

FINANCE

/F1 Cash book listing receipts and payments (1 vol. enclosing related loose docs.) 1974-79

/F2/1-2 Ledger analysing expenditure (2 vols.) 1973-80

/F3 Typed or photocopied drafts of accounts for years 1962-63, 1964-66 (3 docs.) 1962-63, 1964-66

/F4 Folder containing photocopied drafts of accounts for years 1979-80 and 1981-82 and related papers, 1979-82, n.d., with also photocopy of accounts for half year to 31 May, 1979, supplied in cover but unsigned by accountants, 1979 (1 folder containing docs.; copies of accounts for years 1974-81 removed to U216/F5 and some additional copies of such accounts destroyed) 1978-82, n.d.

/F5 Typed or photocopied copies of annual accounts, supplied in covers but mostly unsigned by accountants, for years 1928-29, 1931-33, 1956-57, 1960-61, 1964-65, 1968-71, 1974-82 (16 docs., those for years 1974-81 removed from U216/F4) 1928-29, 1931-33, 1956-57, 1960-61, 1964-65, 1968-71, 1974-82

/F6 Typed copy of accounts for seven months ended 30th June, 1961, supplied in cover but unsigned by accountants (1 doc.) 1960-61

INCORPORATION

/I1 Signed certificate of incorporation (no. 246127) of Thomas Reynolds Senior and Sons Ltd., as a limited company under the Companies Act of 1929 (1 doc., framed) 1930

LITERARY AND MISCELLANEOUS

/Z1 Blank postcards, envelopes and representatives' cards printed with the letterheading of the firm (6 docs.) n.d.

/Z2 Printed programme for eleventh annual brass band contest promoted by City of Oxford Silver Band, incl. advertisement for Thomas Reynolds Senior and Sons Ltd., 43 Chapel Street, Salford (1 pamphlet, cover torn) 1958

/Z3 Printed price list of musical instruments from Joseph Russell, 80 Goswell Street, London, EC, n.d., ?19th or early 20th century (1 leaflet, torn) n.d.

/Z4 Issue of Lancashire Life containing reference to the firm on page 1 and description (incl. photographs of members of the firm) on page 97, Nov., 1974 (1 issue) 1974