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Septimus Rivett Ltd.Eastfield Road,boot & shoe mfgsWollastonAccession 1978/45

Septimus Rivett began his business with his brother, Harry, in a wooden building on the site of what is now the premises of R. Griggs and Co., sometime in 1911. By 1915, the firm had become established and it was during this year that the front of the present workshop was built, at a cost of £479/1/2, less £11/5/0 for allowances, for a two storey building. The builder was G.E. Brown of Wollaston. Due to the Registration of Business Names Act of 1916, they were forced to record their name and this the Company did on the 22nd. May 1917, calling themselves Septimus Rivett, the certificate bearing the number 91054. 1919 saw large extensions being added to the factory at a cost of £851/12/8, inclusive of subcontracted work to James Watts (plumber) and Rivett Bros.; the main builder was again G.E. Brown. The bills for this work are still held by the firm. 1919 was also the year in which Harry Rivett died. Two years later, in 1921, the Company became incorporated.

Frederick, another brother, joined the firm sometime during the early 1920's. Mr. Ernest Rivett joined the firm in 1942 and Miss Winifred Rivett, who was the daughter of Harry Rivett and cousin to Ernest, also joined the firm in 1942. Septimus, who had one daughter, not connected with the firm, died in 1952 and Frederick Rivett died on 1st. July 1963. In 1964, Septimus Rivett Ltd. amalgamated with R. Griggs and Co. The two firms ran a non profit making closing company at Olney to supply their respective needs as closing became more difficult. Miss Winifred retired, on 31st March 1967, at the time of the takeover with Griggs and never really became involved with the factory at Olney. She had originally worked for Septimus Rivett Ltd. and later joined the board as a Director. There was a final takeover of the firm by R. Griggs and Co. on the 1st. April 1973. Griggs then moved into the original Rivett building in Wollaston and Septimus Rivett Ltd. took over the Olney branch. To facilitate this transfer and ensure that business could continue without a break, Septimus Rivett Ltd. bought and began to trade under the guise of a new company called Dawkirk Ltd. When clearance was obtained from the Registrar of Companies, the firm sold Dawkirk Ltd. and began again to operate under the original name of Septimus Rivett Ltd. having their registered office next to Griggs in Eastfield Road, Wollaston. They now work entirely as a closing firm and sell directly to Griggs and Co. The present Managing Director, Mr. John Rivett, joined the company on the 1st. April 1973, but had previously been working for R. Griggs and Co. Today there are two directors, Mr. John Rivett and his father, Mr. Ernest Rivett, who is the Chairman, although now semi-retired.

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SECTION A

1 Purchase Ledger

Indexed; showing firms names on each page, showing costing of goods on right-hand side and how the bill was paid, with a line under each entry for discount on left-hand side. Dates filled in each time.

4th. Oct 1961-3rd Sept 1963

2 Cash Book

(i) Cash book with entries carrying on month to month, audited each month; shows columns left-hand side for firm's name; discounts, cash, cheques and banked total; on right-hand side firm's or private individuals names and columns for discounts, cash payments out (including sundry items) and balance of account.

1st. May 1964-29th. Sept 1967

(ii) At back of book are a few pages devoted to a No2 current account, showing weekly payments-in of a set figure (£40). This is totalled. This is audited at the end of each year. Towards the end of this section, payments are made to Inland Revenue P.A.Y.E., Post Office, H.M. Collector of Taxes; wages and money is shown as having transferred from No1 account.

1st. Jan 1964-9th. Jan 1970

3 Petty Cash Book

Showing 20 columns for date; bank cheques and cash by way of receipts and date; receipt no., payments (wages, post, sundries, tea & sugar, etc.); total of payments made. Itemized accounts for:- factory wages; office, etc.; stamps, etc.; incidentals; welfare; carriage in, drawings, electrical; G & R Closers; soap canteen; folio; staff wages and canteen wages. The book is audited each year at the end of December.

3rd. Dec 1965-30th. March 1973

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SECTION A (cont.)

4 Work Ticket Register or Production Record Book

16 columns per page, showing customers name or initial; ticket no.; customers no.; pairs ordered; date for which they have been ordered; and two columns for last no. and make. The other half of the same page has a further 8 columns, which are to record the date on which the shoes arrived or left each department. The sections were for Clickers; Closers; Rough Stuff; Lasters; Heelers; Finishers; Packing Room; and date invoiced to customers.

14th. Sep 1962-19th. March 1964

5 Sales Summary Book

Showing 22 columns with eleven on each page.

Left-hand side:

date; invoice no.; the number of boots ordered (mens boots, mens shoes and boys); total invoice value; purchase tax; mens boots (cost); shoes (cost) and boys (cost).

Right-hand page:

welfare fund; canteen tea money; 3,4,5,6 (unfilled); made up; general; materials; labour and miscellaneous.

Audited at the end of each December.

11th. Nov 1965-26th. July 1967

As from 17th. August 1967 the book changes slightly and we see entries for closing uppers; rentals; grindery; repairs and parts. It is then totalled monthly.

17th. Aug 1967-29th Aug 1971

6 Wages Breakdown Book

(See Pay Roll Book starting 1st. January 1955 (week no.40) showing breakdown of wages into departments and individuals.)

Shows four  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's for each week of the month on every page, with entries for:-

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6 Clickers; Closers; Rough Stuff; Lasting M.S.; Lasting  
cont. S&S,M's; Finishing; Shoe Room:

Sheet No.; Total Wages Paid; Pairs Produced; Doz's.;  
Average Cost per doz.

At the bottom of each section the wages are totalled  
and the average cost per dozen also added up. This  
book was filled in on the same day as the Pay Roll  
Book.

7th. Jan 1955-18th Aug 1967

7 Pay Roll Book

(See Wages Breakdown Book)

Showing:

Employees Name	Week or Month	Pay Day	Gross Pay Wages for Week Total pd. so far	Free Pay	Taxable Pay	Tax Due to Date	Tax Deducted	Other Deductions	Total Deductions	Net Pay	Employers National Insur- ance
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The names of the employees are listed in the order  
in which they come in each department: Clickers,  
Rough Stuff; Shoe Room; Closers; Lasting M.S.; Lasting  
S & S, M's; Finishing; Directors and Office.

7th. Jan 1955-25th. Dec 1959

8 Pay Roll Book

As above.

1st. Jan 1960-30th. March 1962

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SECTION B

- 1 Xerox Registration of Business Names Act 1916  
Certificate of Registration of Septimus Rivett of  
Eastfield Road, Wollaston on 22/5/1917.
- 2 Xerox of bill to G.E. Brown for building original  
factory  
Cost: £467.16.2                      June 1915
- 3 Xerox of bill to Rivett Bros. for erecting factory  
(subcontractors)  
Cost: £286.19.11                      July 1919
- 4 Xerox of bill to G.E. Brown for carpentry and joinery  
work, including Rivett Bros. bill.  
Cost: £851.12.8                      July 1919  
(altogether)
- 5 Xerox of bill to James Watt for plumbing, glazing,  
spouting and painting  
Cost: £101.14.9                      16th July 1919
- 6 Xerox of County of Northampton entry in Register of  
Motor Car & Cycles in respect of Motor Car number BD  
2953. Owner Septimus Rivett; 20h.p. Ford 4 seater;  
unladen weight approximately 17 cwts.; taxed for  
private use on 8th. June 1915
- 7 Xerox of Licence for Motor Car (not exceeding 26h.p.)  
at £6.6.0 for Septimus Rivett to drive on the road  
for one year. Dated 17th. June 1915