

Brewing Industry: Source Guide

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[Aitchison, John & Co Ltd; brewers, 1895–1961, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JA

IRN: 513863

Founded in 1730 in Peebles, Scotland, Kirkfield Brewery was acquired by William Aitchison in 1810, marking the start of significant expansion, including multiple acquisitions across Scotland and England. The business, renamed John Aitchison & Co Ltd in 1895, continued to grow by acquiring other breweries and licensed premises. However, brewing ceased in 1958, and bottling ended in 1961. The company was acquired by Hammonds United Breweries Ltd in 1959 and merged with John Jeffrey & Co Ltd in 1960, forming Aitchison Jeffrey Ltd. The original brewery company went into liquidation, concluding its operations at Canongate Brewery in 1961.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1938 & 1955
- Amalgamations and liquidation papers 1843-1961
- Minutes of directors' meetings 1895-1952
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1899-1961
- Minutes of members' meetings 1895-1960
- Records relating to annual general meetings 1961
- Directors' annual reports and accounts 1950-1961
- Seal book 1895-1926
- Shareholding records 1897-1964
- Financial records 1828-1964
- Appointments and contracts of employment 1843
- Salaries and wages records 1936-1960
- Pensions and life assurance records 1948-1965
- Health and safety records 1948-1959
- Licensed premises records 1898-1961
- Property records 1903-1961
- Promotional material 1901-1961
- Historical notes 1984-1988

[Aitchison Jeffrey Ltd; brewers, 1961–1966, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AJ

IRN: 512698

Aitchison Jeffrey Ltd, brewers in Edinburgh, Scotland, was registered as a limited liability company in 1961, as a wholly owned subsidiary of United Breweries Ltd, to integrate the activities of John Aitchison & Co Ltd, Canongate Brewery, Edinburgh, and John Jeffrey & Co Ltd, Heriot Brewery, Roseburn Terrace, Edinburgh, production being concentrated at the latter site. United Breweries Ltd merged with Charrington & Co Ltd, London, England, in 1962 through a holding company, Charrington United Breweries Ltd, London.

- Corporate records 1961-68
- Shareholding records 1962-1967
- Financial records 1958-1963
- Patents and trademarks 1962
- Production records 1961-1964
- Sales records 1960-1964
- Staff records 1961-1964
- Licensed premises records 1959-1963
- Property records 1961-1965
- Promotional material 1962

[Aitken, James & Co \(Falkirk\) Ltd; brewers, 1900–1963, Falkirk, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AIT)

IRN: 512697

James Aitken & Co (Falkirk) Ltd, established in 1740 in Falkirk, Scotland, was incorporated in 1900. The company expanded by acquiring several breweries, including North Port Brewery in 1910 and Rothbury Brewery in 1911, along with T Y Patterson's business in 1936. James Aitken & Co also operated the Mains Maltings in Linlithgow, built in 1875, and had international exports with offices in Glasgow, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Richmond. In 1960, it was acquired by Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd, which later merged into Charrington United Breweries Ltd in 1962. The Falkirk brewery ultimately closed in 1966.

- Corporate records 1900-1967
- Shareholding records 1964
- Financial records 1961-1963
- Production records 1921
- Staff records 1947
- Licensed premises records 1960
- Property 1766-1965
- Promotional material 1855-1960

- Public relations 1940
- Photographs 1930s-40s
- Historical notes 1879-1983

[Alhambra Bar; licensed premises, fl. 1910–1960, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AB

IRN: 512686

The licensed premises called the Alhambra Bar, 227 Leith Walk, Edinburgh, Scotland, were leased from G Mackay & Co Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, sometime after 1910 by Alex Milligan. He had previously leased the Cross Keys Inn at Slateford, Edinburgh. He had received training in bar management at a public house in Portobello Road, Edinburgh owned by Mr Adams. Mr Milligan operated the Alhambra Bar for around 50 years.

- Beer and ale purchase book 1922-1967
- Spirits purchase book 1923-1963
- Spirit dealer's stock book 1907-1939
- Inventory of stock 1922
- Extract from valuation roll for 163-169 Portobello Road 1909
- The Spirit Traders and Licensed Victuallers' Reducing table c19th century

[Alice Brewery; brewers, 1983–1988, Inverness, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AL

IRN: 512831

The Alice Brewery, based at Harbour Road, Longman Industrial Estate, Inverness, Scotland was established in 1983 by Ollie Griffin and was named after his daughter. The directors were: Oliver T Griffin; Roger Duncan (who was the brewer); G H Mudd; and S J Fraser. It closed in 1988.

- List of Alice Real Ale outlets 1980s
- Promotional leaflet 1984
- Beer mat 1980s
- Bar towel 1980s
- Letterhead 1980s

[Anglo-American Caterers; caterers. 1957-2010, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 ACC

IRN: 512687

Anglo-American Caterers Ltd was incorporated in April 1957 and dissolved in September 2010. The company was a subsidiary company of Scottish and Newcastle plc, operating in the catering sector.

- Corporate records 1974-1983
- Shareholding records 1962-1983

[Apollo Productions \(Great Britain\) Ltd; soft drinks manufacturers, 1955-1976, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 AP

IRN: 512872

Apollo Productions (Great Britain) Ltd was incorporated in June 1955 and changed its name to Apollo Soft Drinks Ltd in December 1976, operating in the aerated drinks industry. The company functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc from 1988, being dissolved in February 2011.

- Corporate records 1961-1988
- Shareholding records 1955-1987

[Argyle Brewing Co Ltd; brewers, c.1985–1993, Leith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AR

IRN: 512873

The Leith Brewery Company, Leith, Scotland was founded in 1982 by a consortium of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale) members and well-known locals. Kenny Gardner was the brewer. Under new management c 1985, it was renamed the Argyle Brewing Co Ltd. The company was dissolved on 16 November 1993.

- Poster 1980s

[Arrol, Archibald & Sons Ltd; brewers, 1895-1951, Alloa, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AA

IRN: 512472

The Alloa Brewery Company, founded in 1810 in Scotland by William Foote, Ebenezer Thompson, and Andrew Roy. Roy bought out his partners by 1825, and the brewery then operated under the name Andrew Roy & Co. In 1860, Robert Roy acquired the business, and in 1866, it passed to Archibald T Arrol of Glasgow. After Arrol's death in 1888, his sons Walter and Archibald inherited the brewery. In 1895, the business was incorporated as Archibald Arrol & Sons Ltd, amalgamating with the breweries of J Meikle and William Turnbull from Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The company expanded by acquiring Dove & Newsome Baxter Ltd in 1901 and Arthur's Hill Brewery Co Ltd in 1910 and started producing lager for Samuel Allsopp & Sons Ltd in 1921. Allsopp took a controlling interest in Arrol & Sons in 1930. The company went into voluntary liquidation in 1951, was acquired by Ind Coope & Allsopp Ltd, and continued operations under various owners until it was acquired by Carlsberg-Tetley in 1990, with brewing ceasing in 1998.

- Prospectus 1895
- Patents and trademarks 1891-1894
- Production records 1916-1936
- Sales records n.d.
- Staff records 1862
- Promotional material 1953-1989
- Photographs 1900-1980s

[Aviemore Brewery: brewers, 1996-2013, Aviemore, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AV

IRN: 513050

Aviemore Brewery Co Ltd (Company No. SC169553) was incorporated as a company on the 4th November 1996 and dissolved on the 25th January 2013. In 2001 The Cairngorm Brewery in Aviemore was established, combining the brewing operations of Aviemore Brewery and the Tomintoul Brewery.

- Presscutting 1999

[Baird, Hugh & Sons Ltd; brewers and maltsters, 1823-, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 HB

IRN: 513855

Hugh Baird & Sons Ltd, originating from Hugh Baird & Co at Great Canal Brewery, Glasgow, was established in 1823 by Hugh Baird Sr., who later shifted focus from brewing to malting. The company, led by Baird's sons after 1878, expanded significantly, owning multiple malting sites by 1889. It transitioned to a limited liability company in 1894, absorbed Corder & Haycraft in 1907, and underwent further consolidations in 1939 and 1947. The company expanded its facilities, including a new plant in Pencaitland in 1964, but ceased operations in its Glasgow sites in 1966. In 1999, it merged with Moray Firth Maltings to become Bairds Malt Ltd, continuing operations in Pencaitland and Witham.

- Prospectus 1894
- Invoice 1860
- Diary 1979
- Framed caricatures of Allied Brewery Trade Association annual banquet 1953
- Photograph of Baird's Stout advertising jug dated 1890s
- Family papers 1953
- Historical notes 1869-2000

[Ballingall & Son Ltd; brewers, 1844–1968, Dundee, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 BL****IRN: 513218**

Ballingall & Son Ltd, originally known as Pleasance Brewery in Dundee, Scotland, has roots dating back to before 1750. Acquired in the 1790s by Ebenezer Anderson, a local merchant and Provost, the brewery changed hands multiple times. In 1844, William Ballingall renamed it Ballingall & Son, a name it retained until its closure. The brewery was expanded under Hugh Ballingall, who also served as Provost of Dundee from 1884 to 1887. It became a limited liability company in 1897. After the death of Hugh in 1910, the leadership passed through his descendants until 1960. The brewery was sold to Drybrough & Co Ltd in 1964 and ceased operations in 1968.

- Correspondence re bottles 1965
- Invoice 1910
- Company stationery 1960s
- The Life and Death of Ballingalls of Dundee 1980s

[Banks & Co Ltd; printers, 1929–1982, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 BKS****IRN: 513217**

Banks & Co Ltd, a firm of engravers and printers, was situated at 12 George Street, Edinburgh by at least 1929. They later expanded to occupy 53 George Street, this taking place by 1968. Their detailed history is unknown except that they produced beer, wines, spirits and tea labels. By 1971 they were based at the Grange Printing Works, 15A Causwayside, Edinburgh. The company became defunct on 6th December 1982.

- Label guardbooks for beer, wines, spirits, tea and other products 1929-1939
- Label guardbook for spirit brands of Edward Young & Co Ltd 1939-1962
- Label guardbook for spirit brands of Hill, Thomson & Co, Edinburgh 1959-1968
- Index book 1936

[Banner Productions Nottingham Ltd; entertainment services, fl. 1966-1990, Middlesex, England](#)**Reference: GB 248 BP****IRN: 513279**

Banner Productions Nottingham Ltd was incorporated in July 1966 and became a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from August 1987. Banner Productions Nottingham Ltd traded in the entertainments sector.

- Corporate records 1976-1991
- Shareholding records 1966-1990
- Financial records 1976

[Baully, W H Ltd \(& W J Capes & Co Ltd\); brewers' agents, 1921–1985, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BAU

IRN: 513099

W J Capes & Co Ltd originated in 1921 in Glasgow as brewers' agents, transitioning into a limited company with an initial capital of GBP 500. The early directors included W J Capes, George Ritchie, and W W Capes, with Ethel Capes joining the board after W W Capes' death in the early 1930s. The company underwent significant changes, including relocation to Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1939-1940. By 1969, it became a subsidiary of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, later falling under Waverley Vintners Ltd in 1974. In 1981, it was renamed W H Baully & Co Ltd and became dormant.

- Minutes of managing body 1940
- Records relating to Directors' meetings 1940-1961
- Minutes of members' meeting 1921-1983
- Registers of shareholders 1962-1983
- Annual return to registrar of company 1974-1985

[Bay Hotel \(Whitburn\) Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1947–1963, Whitburn, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BHW

IRN: 513178

The licensed premises known as the Bay Hotel (Whitburn) Ltd were a subsidiary of James Calder & Co (Brewers) Ltd who owned all the issued capital of the company in 1953. Calders became a subsidiary of Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd, which in 1960 became United Breweries Ltd. Nothing is known of the hotel after 1963.

- Balance sheets and profit and loss accounts 1952-1953
- Income tax computations 1947-1954

[Belhaven Brewery Co Ltd; brewers, 1972-, Dunbar, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 B

IRN: 513124

The Belhaven Brewery, established in Dunbar, Scotland in 1719, was owned by the Dudgeon and Hunter families until 1792. Dudgeon & Co Ltd, formed in 1944 to acquire the business, was sold in 1972 to Clydesdale Commonwealth Hotels Ltd for GBP 82,000, and renamed Belhaven Brewery Company Ltd. It underwent several ownership changes, including acquisitions by a consortium involving Eric Morley in 1979, and later by businessman Nazmu Virani, who sold and

then repurchased the firm. A management buy-out in 1993 led to its 1996 stock exchange listing. In 2005, Belhaven was acquired by Green King plc for GBP 187 million.

- New rights issue papers 1986
- Directors report and accounts 1985
- Ledgers 1877-1935
- Journal and cash book 1904-1917
- Day books 1891-1973
- Cash book 1900-1915
- Brewing books 1871-1883, 1925-1944
- Record sheets 1971-1983
- Letter regarding proposed foreign agency 1891
- Disposition regarding brewery property (copy) 1869
- Product sales literature 1990s
- Posters and showcard 1970s-90s
- Invoice 1865
- Company stationery 1984-1993
- Beer mats 1973-1997
- Pumpclips 1997
- Programme for Belhaven beer festival 1994
- Press cuttings 1837-1999
- Photographs c1960-1980
- Histories of company c1980

[Bere 'n' Byte Ltd; hospitality services, 1971-2006, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BNB

IRN: 513220

Bere 'N Byte Ltd was incorporated in May 1971 and dissolved in June 2006. The company functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, representing the company's presence in the pub catering market.

- Shareholding records 1971-1975

[Bernard, Thomas & Co Ltd; maltsters, 1895–1991, Haddington and Leith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TB

IRN: 514125

Thomas Bernard & Co, established as maltsters in Haddington, Scotland in 1874, expanded to Seafield, Leith. After their father's death that year, John Mackay Bernard and Daniel Bernard took over their existing brewery business. In 1895, the company incorporated as Thomas Bernard & Co Ltd. The initial directors included John Mackay Bernard and James Pringle, who also directed

the affiliated Thomas and James Bernard & Co. Daniel Bernard left in 1889 to start his own company. In 1947, Thomas Bernard & Co amalgamated with Hugh Baird & Sons Ltd. The company ceased operations and was officially dissolved on 15 October 1991.

- Corporate records 1966-1970
- Shareholding records 1895
- Promotional material 1957-1958
- Photographs 1960s-80s
- Historical notes undated

[Bernard, Thomas & James Ltd; brewers, 1895–1960, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TJB

IRN: 514665

Thomas and James Bernard initiated brewing operations in 1840 at the Edinburgh Brewery, North Back Canongate, Edinburgh. Following Thomas Bernard's death that same year, his sons, Daniel and John Mackay Bernard, took over. Due to space constraints, they relocated to a new site on Slateford Road in 1888. Shortly after the new brewery opened, a disagreement led Daniel to leave in 1889 and establish his own brewery in Gorgie, Edinburgh. In 1895, the business was incorporated as Thomas & James Bernard & Co Ltd. The company was eventually acquired by Scottish Brewers Ltd in 1960, marking the end of its brewing operations.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1921-1960
- Certificate of incorporation 1895
- Amalgamation/liquidation papers 1960-1962
- Minutes of managing body 1895-1964
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1945-1960
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1920-1960
- Shareholding records 1896-1960
- Financial records 1890-1961
- Patents and trademarks 1931-1958
- Production records 1923-1960
- Sales records 1900-1960
- Staff appointment papers 1937-1960
- Salaries/wages records 1889-1961
- Pension and life assurance scheme records 1946-1961
- Health and safety records 1900-1909
- Licensed premises records 1898-1960
- Property records 1900-1957
- Licensed premises records 1898-1960
- Promotional material 1899-1962
- Family papers 1880

- Photographs 1888-1959
- Historical notes 1897-2001

[Bertram, James; collector of beer labels, fl. 1929–1988, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BER

IRN: 513139

James Bertram worked for the Edinburgh brewers Thomas & James Bernard & Co Ltd, both before and after the Second World War. He began as an office boy in 1929 and he continued to work for them, becoming secretary to the company before a takeover by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries in 1960. After the war he began to collect beer labels, contacting breweries in the United Kingdom and across the world to add to his collection. This led to his coming into contact and exchanging labels and letters with other beer label collectors, from places such as Spain and Brazil.

- Letter books and general correspondence 1950-2000
- Beer labels (3 volumes of ca. 2,000 beer labels from all over the world) 1930s-1950s
- Family papers 1983-1990s

[Berwick, Alexander & Co; brewers, 1849–1852, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BK

IRN: 513199

The brewery at Gentle's Close, Holyrood, Edinburgh, was acquired in 1822 by Alexander Berwick. Originally purchased by James Gentle in 1753, the brewery had a long history, operating under Richard Younger from 1783 to the 1790s, and remaining in the Gentle family even after James' death in the 1780s. By 1858, Alexander and John Berwick, having reportedly lost GBP 15,000, sold the brewery to William Younger & Co, who transformed it into Holyrood Brewery. The Berwicks then built a new brewery at Reid's Close, which was briefly operated by Mr. Moyes as Reid's Close Brewery until his bankruptcy around 1870.

- Brewhouse book 1849-1852

[Berwick Breweries Ltd \(& Border Brewery\); brewers, 1899–1969, Berwick-upon-Tweed, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 BB

IRN: 513100

The Border Brewery Company operated two breweries in Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, England, prior to 1895. These were Silver Street Brewery at 14 Silver Street and Tweedmouth Brewery in Brewery Lane. Border Breweries Ltd was registered in July 1899 as a limited liability company to acquire the business. In 1924 the company merged with Johnson

& Darling Ltd, Tweed Brewery, 12 Silver Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, England, and changed its name in February 1925 to Berwick Breweries Ltd. In 1934 the company was taken over by Vaux Brewery who closed the brewing side of operations; the company thereafter remained in business as a bottling plant up to the mid 1950s. The Border Brewery Company Ltd was reformed in 1992 by Mandy and Tony Clark and Carol and Alan Crawford and continues to brew.

- Directors' minutes 1900-1974
- Showcards 1920s
- Labels c.1940s
- Negative image of showcard 1997
- Historical notes 1894 & 1992

Binnie, Mark & Co; brewers, 1881–1945, Haddington, Scotland

Reference: GB 248 BH

IRN: 513164

Mark Binnie built the Nungate Brewery, Westgate End, Haddington, East Lothian, in 1881 and commenced brewing in 1882. His sons, William and John, joined him in business prior to 1900. Mark Binnie died in 1924 and was succeeded by his son, William T Binnie, who ran the business until 1937 when the trade and goodwill were sold to William Younger & Co Ltd, Edinburgh. The Nungate Brewery was sold as a wire works.

- Financial records 1897
- Production records 1898-1945
- Property records n.d.
- Family papers 1907
- Historical notes 1882-1996

Blair & Co (Alloa) Ltd; brewers, 1883–1962, Alloa, Scotland

Reference: GB 248 BA

IRN: 513054

Alexander Blair established the Townhead Brewery in Alloa, Clackmannan, in 1853. Blair & Co of Alloa Ltd was formed in 1883 as a limited company but faced financial difficulties, leading to creditor control from 1884 to 1887 and voluntary liquidation in 1896. A restructured company emerged the same year but eventually liquidated in 1936, replaced by Blair & Co (Alloa) Ltd as a public company. By then, the brewery had a capacity exceeding 30,000 barrels annually. After acquiring two companies in the 1950s, Blair & Co was bought by George Younger & Son Ltd in 1959, ceased brewing, and liquidated in 1962.

- Pension records 1949-1962
- Life assurance records 1950-1962



- Sales literature 1856
- Copy illustrated invoice 1884
- Statement of sales account 1961
- Labels
- Staff photograph c1920s
- Historical notes and articles 1882-1993
- Artefacts c1900

[Bon Accord \(Grangemouth\) Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1958–1962, Grangemouth, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BD

IRN: 513120

Bon Accord (Grangemouth) Ltd were a licensed premises in Grangemouth. In 1958 the registered office address was 14 Horse Wynd, Edinburgh, but it changed in 1959 to 194 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh. Currently no more is known of the company history.

- Register of members c.1958-1962

[Bonhote Foster & Co Ltd; wine & spirits wholesalers, 1981-, Haverhill, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 BHF

IRN: 513173

Bonhote Foster & Co Ltd was previously known as Northern Wine Traders Ltd, changing its name in July 1981, soon after the take over by Christopher & Co Ltd. Northern Wine Traders Ltd was incorporated in January 1929. Bonhote Foster & Co Ltd traded as a wholesale of wine, beer, spirits and other alcoholic beverages. The company then functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc.

- Corporate records 1929-1983
- Shareholding records 1929-1974

[Brewers Association of Scotland; trade association, 1907-, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BAS

IRN: 513869

In 1709, Andrew Thomson inherited a brewing and vintner business in Edinburgh, Scotland, which moved to "The Vaults" in Leith in 1782. J G Thomson & Co was founded there in 1785 by James Gibson Thomas, initially focusing on importing and distributing European wines. Over the years, the company expanded to include a variety of wines and spirits, both imported and domestic. By 1876, after significant leadership changes, the company shifted primarily to wholesale, phasing out its private trade by the 1890s. In 1905, it became a limited liability company. Despite flourishing as a leading whisky blender with a global market, post-World War II changes in the hotel industry forced it to become a brewery's wine division. Acquired by

Charrington United Breweries Ltd in 1960, and later becoming a subsidiary of Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd, J G Thomson's operations dwindled, with the last bottlings at The Vaults in 1964. The company revived as a wines and spirits wholesaler in 1983, moving to new premises in Glasgow. The same year, The Vaults were sold to a consortium, repurposing it for the Scotch Malt Whisky Society and a whisky museum.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1961
- Minute books 1906-1979
- Records relating to members' meetings
- Reports of the Brewers' Association of Scotland 1986-1991
- Financial records c1930-1980
- Production records 1931-1936
- Salaries and wages records re: Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) 1964-1980
- Industrial relations records 1971-1981
- Licensed premises records 1971-1980
- Promotional material 1979-1995
- Public relations 1955-1997
- Historical notes 1950-1975

[Brewers' Food Supply Co Ltd; processors and retailers of brewery by-products, 1918-, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BFS

IRN: 513142

Formed in 1918 by a consortium of breweries, Brewers' Food Supply Co Ltd in Edinburgh, Scotland, initially traded in dried grain and yeast and produced foods for humans and cattle. Registered as a private limited company, its first directors included prominent figures from Scottish breweries. By 1937, its address was at Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, moving slightly in 1938. Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd became the parent company in 1964. Operations shifted focus over the years, eventually ceasing the drying of grains and yeast by 1975, focusing on livestock feed production until the company became dormant under Scottish & Newcastle by 2002.

- Corporate records 1918-1978
- Letter books 1918-1973
- Financial records 1918-1978
- Production records 1977-1979
- Sales records 1973-1974
- Staff records 1977-1978
- Promotional material 1960
- Photographs c1960

[Brewer's Guild & Benevolent Society; charitable society, fl. 1994, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 BG****IRN: 513152**

The Scottish branch of The Brewers Guild and Benevolent Society operating during this period.

- Public relations 1994
- Company brochures 1994

[Bridge of Allan Brewery; brewers, 1997-, Bridge of Allan, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 BOAB****IRN: 513239**

The Bridge of Allan Brewery (Company No SC199519) was established by the proprietor Douglas Ross, in August 1997 as a micro-brewery, and was incorporated in 1999. The company previously traded as Beers Ecosse Ltd. It is based in the Victorian spa town of Bridge of Allan, near the banks of the river Allan, and between the Wallace Monument and Stirling castle. It has its own visitor centre and brewery shop. More information can be found on their website.

- Public relations material 1999
- Promotional material 1999
- Staff records 1999

[Broughton Brewery Ltd; brewers, 1979– , Biggar, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 BN****IRN: 513233**

Founded in 1979 in South Lanarkshire, Scotland, Broughton Brewery Ltd was established by David Younger and James Collins. The brewery, known for its flagship brand Greenmantle Ale, fell into receivership in 1995 but was rescued by Giles Litchfield, who rebranded it as Broughton Ales Ltd. By 2001, Broughton Ales produced about 5,000 barrels annually, with 70% sold in bottles. The company employed 14 staff, supplied around 200 Scottish outlets directly, and its products reached international markets including the USA and Europe. Broughton Ales offers a range of beers including Black Douglas Ale and Merlin's Ale, with distinctive labels designed by Harry Griffith.

- Product sales literature c1996
- Posters c1996
- Headed notepaper 1989
- Beer mats
- Labels c1980-1996
- Pumpclips 1990s
- Presscuttings 1995-1996
- Calendar 1988

- Photographs c1980

[Brown, Bob; Scottish & Newcastle employee, fl 1950-1960, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BRO

IRN: 513281

Bob Brown was employed by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, Edinburgh, Scotland in the mid twentieth century. Scottish & Newcastle Breweries (Services) Ltd, (Company No SC065526) claims to trace its roots back to 1777, when its first brewery was founded in Edinburgh by William Younger. The company became known as Scottish Courage by 1995.

- Financial records 1958-1961
- Promotional material c1950s
- Public relations c1960s

[Brown, William Halley; brewers, 1885–1960s, Dundee, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BR

IRN: 513280

The Craigie Brewery was established in 1865 in Lyon Street, Dundee, Scotland. Andrew Webster & Son operated the brewery until 1880 when it was taken over by John Webster, followed by William Halley Brown in 1885. They brewed a range of ales and stouts up until around 1920 when brewing ceased, and bottling became the main activity. The business was acquired by William Murray & Co Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1943 who continued to use it for bottling until the 1960s. The brewery building was demolished in the 1980s.

- Sales records 1943
- Photographs 1980s

[Buchanan & Co \(Glasgow & Paisley\) Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1932–1964, Paisley and Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 BU

IRN: 513299

In 1932, Buchanan & Co (Glasgow & Paisley) Ltd was established as a limited liability company with a capital of 11,000 GBP. Isaac King Buchanan chaired the company, which soon saw William Younger & Co Ltd of Edinburgh become its major shareholder. Upon Isaac's death in 1934, Agnes White Kennedy joined as a director. Initially owning two premises in Glasgow and Paisley, by 1956, the company had expanded to include properties in Paisley and Monkton, although the Monkton property was sold in 1957 due to inadequate returns. In 1959, Buchanan & Co became a subsidiary of Scottish Brewers Ltd. The company's activities post-1964 are undocumented.

- Directors' meeting minute book 1932-1964

Cairns, A S & Rawson Ltd; bottlers, 1944–1967, Edinburgh, Scotland**Reference: GB 248 CR****IRN: 513756**

A S Cairns & Rawson Ltd, initially known as Alex Cairns & Son, were beer and cider bottlers and aerated water manufacturers based in Edinburgh, Scotland. In the early 1900s, Alex Cairns & Son operated as wholesale wine and spirit merchants in Leith, while Harry Rawson was associated with James Robertson & Co, an aerated water manufacturer. By 1944, the company became a limited entity to acquire A S Cairns & Rawson, serving large hotels and restaurants and producing St Ronan's lemonade. Shortly after, it became a subsidiary of James Calder & Co of Alloa. The company relocated its operations in 1956 but entered voluntary liquidation in 1967.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1944
- Liquidation papers 1967-1968
- Minutes of directors 1954-1967
- Director's annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1946-1966
- Financial records 1949-1963
- Salaries and wages records 1961-1962
- Property records 1953-1963
- Promotional material 1963

Calder, James & Co (Brewers) Ltd; brewers, 1920–1960, Alloa, Scotland**Reference: GB 248 JC****IRN: 513864**

Founded in 1816 by John McNellan, the Shore Brewery in Alloa, Scotland, expanded to have agencies across the UK and Ireland by 1860. Facing financial issues, it was sold to James Calder in 1862. Calder grew the business, acquiring multiple distilleries and managing other companies. By 1905, James Calder & Co (Alloa) Ltd was formed, transitioning to James Calder & Co (Brewers) Ltd in 1920, selling its whisky interests to focus on brewing. The company stopped brewing at Shore Brewery in 1921, outsourcing production, and continued to expand by acquiring breweries and tied houses internationally. In 1960, it was acquired by Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd and ceased its own brewing operations.

- Certificates of incorporation 1938
- Memorandum and articles of association 1947 & 1961
- Partnership agreements 1951
- Minutes of directors 1959-1970
- Records relating to members' meetings 1960-1966
- Directors annual report and accounts to shareholders 1947-1968

- Investment records 1946-1962
- Shareholding records 1948-1969
- Financial records 1921-1963
- Sales records c1966
- Pensions and life assurance 1951-1960
- Licensed premises records 1955-1963
- Property records 1962-1965
- Promotional material c1905-1960

[Caledonian Breweries Ltd; brewers, 1960–c.1968, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 CBL

IRN: 513629

Caledonian Breweries Ltd was established on April 29, 1960, as a subsidiary of Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd, to oversee five Scottish breweries: George Younger & Son Ltd, John Fowler & Co Ltd, William Murray & Co Ltd, John Aitchison & Co Ltd, and John Jeffrey & Co Ltd. While these breweries maintained their individual brands, Caledonian Breweries managed their production, advertising, and marketing. The company was a precursor to United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, which merged with Charrington & Co Ltd in 1962 to form Charrington United Breweries Ltd. In 1966, it merged with J & R Tennent Ltd, creating Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd. Caledonian Breweries ceased trading in 1965 and remained dormant until likely dissolving in 1968.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1960
- Certificate of incorporation 1960
- Minutes of directors' meetings 1960
- Directors' reports and annual accounts to shareholders 1963-1970
- Shareholding records 1960-1969
- Financial records 1960-1962

[The Caledonian Brewing Co Ltd; brewers, 1987–, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 CAL

IRN: 513303

Caledonian Breweries Ltd was established on April 29, 1960, as a subsidiary of Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd, to oversee five Scottish breweries: George Younger & Son Ltd, John Fowler & Co Ltd, William Murray & Co Ltd, John Aitchison & Co Ltd, and John Jeffrey & Co Ltd. While these breweries maintained their individual brands, Caledonian Breweries managed their production, advertising, and marketing. The company was a precursor to United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, which merged with Charrington & Co Ltd in 1962 to form Charrington United Breweries Ltd. In 1966, it merged with J & R Tennent Ltd, creating Tennent Caledonian Breweries

Ltd. Caledonian Breweries ceased trading in 1965 and remained dormant until likely dissolving in 1968.

- Plan for proposed visitor's centre 1987
- Promotional material c1987-1997
- Public relations records 1987-1997

[Caley Picture House; entertainment venue, fl. 1923-2000, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 CPHC

IRN: 513740

The Caley Picture House Company Ltd was incorporated in February 1922 and functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd. The Caley Picture House, Lothian Road Edinburgh, was established by John McLaughlin.

- Shareholding records 1928-1983
- Public relations 2000

[The Campaign for Real Ale \(CAMRA\); association, 1971-, United Kingdom](#)

Reference: GB 248 CAM

IRN: 513415

CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) was established in 1971 to counter the dominance of large breweries and the decline of small ones, advocating for diverse and flavorful beers. It quickly expanded across the UK, establishing branches and a membership base. In 1974, CAMRA published the first Good Beer Guide, featuring 1,500 member-recommended pubs. It ventured into pub ownership with CAMRA (Real Ale) Investments Ltd, which became Midsummer Inns in 1983, later taken over by Swithland Leisure in 1985. CAMRA also organizes events like the Great British Beer Festival and started the Winter Beer Festival in 1997. Its communication efforts include the monthly What's Brewing and various local branch magazines.

- This is an artificial collection brought together by the Scottish Brewing Archive
- Corporate records 1984
- Promotional material 1997
- Public relations 1973
- Historical notes 1983
- Annual reports contained in What's Brewing 1973-1995
- Good Beer Guide 1992
- St Albans 1991

[Campbell Hope & King, Archibald; brewers, 1896–1970, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 CHK

IRN: 513683

The Argyle Brewery, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, Scotland, is reputed to have been established in 1710. Archibald Campbell, snr and jnr, ran the brewery during the nineteenth century. Archibald Campbell, Hope and King Ltd was registered as a limited liability company, firstly in August 1896, in order to acquire the business of brewers and maltsters at the Argyle Brewery; and then again in November 1896, to acquire the businesses of Messrs Hope & King, Glasgow, Scotland, wholesale wine and spirit merchants, exporters and whisky blenders, at a purchase price of GBP 214,092. The company acquired South Western Brewery Co Ltd, Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland, and 6 tied houses in 1925. It was acquired by Whitbread & Co Ltd, London, England, in 1967 and the Argyle Brewery ceased to brew in 1970.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1964
- Diagram of company management hierarchy 1967
- Directors' minute books 1896-1963
- Other minute books 1905-1975
- Agreement books 1897-1937
- Registers 1902-1967
- Agenda books 1941-1956
- Shareholding records 1896-1972
- Financial records 1888-1969
- Patents and trademarks 1901-1969
- Production records 1852-1970
- Sales records 1851-1967
- Employee registers 1960-1965
- Recreation records 1885
- Salaries books 1918-1940
- Licensed premises records 1960s
- Property records 1886-1980s
- Promotional material 1860s-1980s
- Public records 1964
- Photographs 1940s-1994
- Historical notes 1969-1996

[Cellars Direct Ltd; wine and spirit retailers, 1992-2010, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 CDL

IRN: 513665

Gregganpace Ltd was incorporated in October 1983 and functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from April 1984. The company changed its name to Cellars Direct Ltd in 1992 and was dissolved in September 2010.

- Corporate Records 1983-1984

[Charrington United Breweries Ltd; brewers, 1962–1969, London, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 CUB

IRN: 513776

Charrington United Breweries Ltd was registered as a limited liability company in 1962 at 34 Davies Street, London, England to undertake the merger of Charrington & Co Ltd, London, and United Breweries Ltd, London, by an exchange of shares. In 1964 some 5,300 licensed properties were owned by the group. The company acquired Offilers' Brewery Ltd, Vine Brewery, Ambrose Street, Derby, Derbyshire, England, and Dunmow Brewery Ltd, Dunmow Brewery, North Street, Dunmow, Essex, England, in 1965; and Massey's Burnley Brewery Ltd, Bridge End Brewery, Westgate, Burnley, Lancashire, England, in 1966. In 1967 the company merged with Bass, Mitchells & Butlers Ltd, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England to form Bass Charrington Ltd (later Bass plc).

- Memorandum and articles of association 1965
- Amalgamation and liquidation papers 1963 -1966
- Board minutes 1965
- Annual reports and accounts 1962-1964
- Debenture records 1967
- Trust deeds 1963-1966
- Manual of output and loss recording 1964
- Pensions explanatory booklets 1960s

[Christopher & Co; wine merchants, fl. 1939-1986, Surrey, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 CCL

IRN: 513648

Christopher & Co Ltd was as a subsidiary of the holding company Waverley Vintners Ltd, owned by the ultimate holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc. Christopher & Co Ltd operated as a wholesale and retailer of wines and spirits.

- Corporate records 1946-1983
- Shareholding records 1939-1986

[Collin Croft Brewery Co Ltd; brewers, 1905–1965, Kendal, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 CC

IRN: 513631

James Geldred operated the Collin Croft Brewery, Beezon Road, Kendal, Cumbria, England, until 1905 when Collin Croft Brewery Co Ltd was registered as a limited liability company to acquire the business. The company also acted as the Lake District agent of William Younger & Co Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland, and was acquired by that company after the death of its owner C W Gelderd in 1933. However, the brewery continued to run Collin Croft as a separate company. By 1949 the company had ceased to brew, and it owned several licensed premises. The company continued to bottle Younger's beer until its dissolution in 1965.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1950
- Directors' reports and accounts 1934-1958
- Shareholding records 1905-1938

[Colmown Property Co Ltd; property company, c.1947–1993, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 COL

IRN: 513724

Registered office, 161 Duke Street, Glasgow, Scotland. Colmown Property Co Ltd was a subsidiary of United Caledonian Breweries, Edinburgh, Scotland, and owned licensed houses and bars across Scotland. The first directors were A R McFadyen, W B Duthie, and P Scott, who acted as the company secretary. By 1963 J & R Tennent Ltd, brewers of Glasgow, Scotland, were the major shareholders in the company. Around 1965 there was a transfer of properties from United Caledonian Breweries, Edinburgh to Colmown Property Co Ltd. To date, no more of the company history is known. The company was dissolved on 24 August 1993.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1947
- Minutes of members' meetings 1963
- Financial records 1950 - 1968
- Licensed premises records 1964 – 1965

[Commercial Restaurant \(Govan\) Ltd; restaurant, fl. 1950–1963, Govan, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 CRG

IRN: 513774

Originally known as the Govan Commercial Restaurant, the business was established by John Miller in Glasgow, Scotland, and rebranded as Commercial Restaurant (Govan) Ltd in September 1950 following his death. Located at 791 Govan Road, its early directors included James Miller, Jeanie McDougall, and Agnes McLean Watson Miller. The restaurant secured its public house and tobacco licenses in October 1950. After James Miller's death in 1951, his wife became a director.

In 1961, J & R Tennent Ltd acquired the company through its subsidiary, West of Scotland Taverns Ltd. The dining room was transformed into a lounge bar in 1962, but by 1963, the company had entered voluntary liquidation.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1950
- Liquidation papers 1963-64
- Minutes of managing body 1950-1963

[Cuiken Inn Ltd; licensed house, fl. 1956, Penicuik, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 CI

IRN: 513699

Cuiken Inn Ltd, licensed house, in Penicuik, Scotland, was made a limited company on 2 November 1956. The first directors of the limited company were Provost William Flockhart Lawrie of Penicuik, Scotland, JP; John Gibson Alexander; licensed grocer of Edinburgh, the company's secretary; and Andrew Learmouth of Edinburgh. Nothing more is known of this company's history to date, however, a pub of the name Cuiken Inn was still in existence in 2002 situated in Edinburgh Road, Penicuik.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1956

[Cunningham, James & Sons; joiners, saw-millers and packing case makers, fl. 1927-1996, Leith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JCS

IRN: 513865

The firm James Cunningham & Sons conducted business as joiners, saw-millers and packing case makers at James Place Lane, Leith. The company was transferred over to brothers James Cunningham and Alexander Baikie Cunningham, on the 18th May 1927 following their father Walter Cunningham's retiral. By the 16th March 1936 James Cunningham had transferred the business over to his brother Alexander Baikie Cunningham following his retiral.

- Promotional material c1960

[Dalrymple Arms Hotel Ltd; hotel, 1951–, North Berwick, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 DAH

IRN: 513777

The Dalrymple Arms Hotel Ltd is a hotel, restaurant and tearoom located at 12 Quality Street, North Berwick, East Lothian, Scotland. In 1951 it was registered in Scotland as a limited liability company. The directors at this time were W N Murphy, a farmer from Edinburgh, Scotland, and A C Donaldson, Dalrymple Arms Hotel Manager. William Murray & Co Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, Scotland, owned shares in it from 1957-1960. The company was still operating in 2008.

- Memorandum and articles of association 8 May 1951

[Deuchar, Alexander Ltd; wine & spirit merchants, fl. 1907–1955, Newcastle–upon–Tyne, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 AD

IRN: 512688

Alexander Deuchar, from Forfarshire, Scotland, was involved in Newcastle-upon-Tyne's licensed trade during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As a brother to brewers James and Robert Deuchar, Alexander owned several pubs including the Westmoreland Arms. Around 1907, he collaborated with Reid, Laing, and Higginbottom to secure better discounts from William McEwan & Co Ltd, also borrowing £10,000 from them. By 1922, three of his company's pubs were rented from James Deuchar Ltd. In the 1930s and 1940s, Scottish Brewers Ltd acquired significant shares in his company, eventually merging with Newcastle Breweries Ltd in 1960 to form Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd.

- Private ledgers 1934-1955
- General journals 1948-1955

[Deuchar, James Ltd; brewers, 1894–1956, Sunderland, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 JD

IRN: 513866

James Deuchar acquired the Ridley Arms Brewery, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle–upon–Tyne, in 1880 and the Monkwearmouth Brewery in Sunderland in 1890. James Deuchar Ltd was registered in July 1894 as a limited liability company to acquire the business. The Ridley Arms Brewery was closed in 1895. In 1898 the company was liquidated and a new company with the same name was reconstructed and registered in August to acquire the assets of the old. The company acquired William Ross & Co, Lochside Brewery, North East Road, Montrose, in 1926. The Monkwearmouth Brewery ceased to brew in 1936 and was converted into a mineral water factory. Newcastle Breweries Ltd acquired the company along with 125 licensed houses and hotels, in 1956. The Lochside Brewery ceased to brew in the same year, and it was sold to Macnab Distilleries Ltd and converted to a whisky distillery. Distilling ceased in 1992 and the building was demolished in 2005.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1955
- Financial records 1946-1960
- Production records 1952-1953
- Sales records 1956
- Licensed premises records 1944
- Property records c1788-1875

- Promotional material 1938-1939
- Photographs undated

[Deuchar, Robert Ltd; brewers, 1897–c.1970, Newcastle–upon–Tyne, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 RD

IRN: 514007

John Arnison Simson operated the Sandyford Brewery, Sandyford, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear, England, prior to 1887 when it was acquired by Robert Deuchar. Robert Deuchar Ltd was registered as a limited liability company in August 1897 to acquire the business. The company acquired Pattisons Ltd, Duddingston Brewery, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Simson & McPherson Ltd, St Mary's Brewery, Canongate, Edinburgh, in 1900. The St Mary's Brewery closed in 1901 but continued to be used as maltings until 1967. Robert Deuchar Ltd was acquired by Steel, Coulson & Co Ltd, brewers in Edinburgh, in 1941. The Sandyford Brewery ceased to brew in 1941 being used as a store in the 1940s and 1950s. The Duddingston Brewery, along with 360 tied houses, was taken over by Newcastle Breweries Ltd, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in 1954. Brewing ceased in 1961, although the maltings continued to be used until about 1970.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1959
- Amalgamation papers 1959
- Minutes of directors 1941-1964
- Minutes of members' meetings 1897-1965
- Directors annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1913-1951
- Financial records 1956-1961
- Sales records 1917
- Property records 20th century
- Promotional material c1909-1961
- Photographs 1920s -80s
- Family papers 1981

[Devanha Brewery Co Ltd; brewers, 1910–1974, Aberdeen, Scotland](#)

Ref: GB 248 DV

IRN: 513807

Devanha Brewery Co Ltd, Wellington Road, Aberdeen, Scotland, was registered as a limited liability company in 1910 to acquire the business of Wm Black & Co, Devanha Brewery, Wellington Road, Aberdeen (est. 1803). The company was acquired by Thomas Usher & Son Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1930 and subsequently ceased to brew. In 1974 the company changed its name to Norsemen Lager Co Ltd.

- Shareholding records 1910-1960
- Financial records 1910-1959
- Patents and trademarks 1851

- Public relations 1897-1906
- Promotional material 20th century

[Drury Trust Co Ltd; property holding company, 1923–1965, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 DT

IRN: 513806

The Drury Trust Co Ltd was a property holding company based at 57 West Regent Street, Glasgow, Scotland, and was a subsidiary of Maclachlans Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1923 the business, under directors Robert Macfarlan, a chartered accountant, and James Craig Gatheral, a writer with a company named Wright Johnston & McKenzie, became a limited liability company. In 1924 the major shareholders were Robert Macfarlan, James Craig Gatheral, William Johnstone, and Norman McLeod. James Craig Gatheral died in 1925, and Robert Macfarlan died in 1962. The company went into voluntary liquidation on 11 August 1965, and the company books and papers were handed over by the liquidator to J & R Tennent Ltd, Glasgow.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1923
- Liquidation papers 1965
- Shareholding records 1923-1963
- Financial records 1923-1965

[Drybrough & Co Ltd; brewers, 1895–1987, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: Ref: GB 248 D

IRN: 513800

Andrew Drybrough started brewing in Edinburgh, Scotland before 1750. The business, later known as Andrew Drybrough & Co, was relocated by James Drybrough in 1782 and expanded into Craighend Brewery in 1874, eventually moving to Craigmillar in 1892. It became Drybrough & Co Ltd in 1895, distributing beer mainly in southern Scotland and northeastern England. The company was acquired by Watney Mann Ltd in 1965, and expanded through multiple acquisitions until 1978. In 1987, Drybrough, with 187 licensed houses, was sold to Allied-Lyons plc for £40.5 million. Brewing at Craigmillar ceased on January 23, 1987.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1951
- Certificate of incorporation 1895
- Annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1896-1944
- Shareholding records 1895-1936
- Letterbooks 1895-1936
- Financial records 1781-1966
- Production records 1796-1985
- Sales records 1883-1970
- Salaries and wages records 1912-1961
- Pensions and life assurance records 1965

- Staff housing records 1893-1901
- Appointment letter 1954
- Licensed premises records 1885-1965
- Promotional material 1919-1986
- Public Relations records 1960-1975
- Family papers 1795-1797
- Photographs 1880s-1970s
- Historical notes 1975-1987

[Edinburgh United Breweries Ltd; brewers, 1889–1943, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 EUB

IRN: 513808

Edinburgh United Breweries Ltd was registered as a limited liability company in December 1889 to take over four Edinburgh brewing businesses: Robert Disher & Co, Edinburgh and Leith Brewery; Ritchie & Son, Bell's Brewery, Pleasance; Robin, MacMillan & Co, Summerhall Brewery, East Meadows; and David Nicolson, Palace Brewery, Abbey Mount, at a purchase price of GBP 320,000. The Summerhall Brewery was subsequently sold. Bell's Brewery ceased to brew in 1934, being closed down by Customs and Excise due to irregularities in brewing, and was acquired by John Jeffrey & Co Ltd, Edinburgh. Court orders were issued in 1934 to wind up the company which was finally dissolved in 1943.

- Amalgamation and liquidation papers 1934-1936
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1924 & 1926
- Shareholding records 1889
- Financial records 1903-1908
- Production records 1908
- Appointments and contracts of employment 1907
- Correspondence related to staff issues 1928
- Promotional material 1900-1914
- Public relations records 1897 & 1983
- Edinburgh United Breweries Ltd (continued)
- Family tree of the Disher Family 1785-1878
- Biographical notes on William Stewart c1900
- Photographs 1900-1920s
- Historical notes 1922-1990

[Elgin West Brewery; brewers, 1831-1897, Elgin, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 EWB

IRN: 513825

The Elgin West Brewery began in 1831 before being converted to produce whisky in 1897, to Glen Moray Distillery.

- Production records 1847

[Fergus MacIvor Ltd; 1909-2006](#)

Reference: GB 248 FM

IRN: 513828

Fergus MacIvor Ltd was incorporated in March 1909 and dissolved in April 2006. The company functioned as a subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from 1961.

- Corporate records 1940-1988
- Shareholding records 1909-1974

[Fisherrow Brewery; brewers, 1999-2002, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 FB

IRN: 513826

The Fisherrow Brewery Ltd, (Duddingston Park South, Edinburgh) was built in an industrial unit in October 1999 and brewing began in November of that year for the grand opening later that month. David Murray (Chief Executive) set up the company with Iain Turnbull (Production and Distribution Director) and Karen Hetherington (Brewer and Director). Trading ceased in 2002, following the untimely death of chief executive David Murray. A website has been set up to document the construction and products of the brewery and can be found [here](#).

- Promotional material c1999
- Public relations material 1999

[Fleming, James; brewer, fl. 1818–1851, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 FL

IRN: 513827

James Fleming was a relation of Robert Fleming, brewer at Summerhall Brewery, Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1815. James came to Summerhall Brewery around 1818, and whilst there, kept a "scrap book" of copies of letters, brewery business, (that chiefly concerned breweries other than Summerhall), and religious tracts.

Summerhall brewery was probably in existence by 1704, when one Robert McClellan bought land situated to the South of Edinburgh, from Anne Byres. A definite record of there being a brewery on the site appears in records dated 1733 when McClellan went into liquidation, and then again when he disposed of the brewery around 1739. Whilst Robert owned Summerhall Brewery, William Robertson, also a property dealer, began working at the brewery, and he became its brewer in 1826, up until 1861. In 1862, the brewery was in the control of Robin, McMillan & Co Ltd, owned by two business partners of the same names from Glasgow. In 1889 Summerhall Brewery was bought for GBP 320,000 by Edinburgh United Breweries Ltd, but around 1908 the company sold the brewery.

- Scrapbook belonging to James Fleming 1818-1851
- Family tree of Fleming and Johnston families 1981
- Promotional material 1863-1864
- The History of the Summerhall Brewery, Colin M Warwick 1997

Fowler, John & Co Ltd; brewers, 1865–1989, Prestonpans, Scotland

Reference: GB 248 JF

IRN: 513867

The brewery in Prestonpans, Scotland, started around 1720 in a former whisky distillery and was managed by the Fowler family from 1744. After significant expansions in 1828, management transitioned to the White family in 1865 when it became John Fowler & Co Ltd. In 1960, the brewery, with its 36 licensed houses and 2 hotels, was acquired by Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd and became part of the newly formed Caledonian Breweries Ltd. Brewing ceased in Prestonpans in 1962 and the entire brewery shut down in 1964. The premises were later converted to residential and commercial units, including Fowler's Court and Prestonlinks Shopping Centre. John Fowler & Co Ltd was dissolved in 1989.

- Corporate records 1930–1969
- Shareholding records 1964–1968
- Financial records 1890–1962
- Production records 1931
- Sales records 1931–1937
- Staff records 1931–c1945
- Property records 1960
- Promotional material 1931–1960
- Photographs c1985
- Promotional material 1931–1960
- Artefacts undated
- Historical notes 1986

Gilcomston Brewery Co; brewers and distillers, 1819–c.1841, Aberdeen, Scotland

Reference: GB 248 GIL

IRN: 513834

In 1819 a number of advocates and merchants in Aberdeen, Scotland formed a partnership in order to purchase, for the sum of GBP 6625, the heritable subjects at Gilcomston, Aberdeen, and the lease of the mill of Gilcomston. These were purchased from John Garrioch and others who had traded under the firm of William Black & Co. All the brewing utensils were purchased, and the partners continued the trade of brewing, selling porter and ale, and purchasing and manufacturing grain for brewing and sale. The company also proposed to open a separate distillery to be erected on the site of the then Miller's house. It was decided that this new firm

be called the Gilcomston Brewery & Co. Gilcomston Brewery was still in existence in 1841, a copy minute of a meeting records an investigation into the financial situation of the company, but no more is known regarding the fate of the brewery to date.

- Partnership agreements 1819 & 1824
- Partners' minutes 1841
- Contracts of employment 1834-1836

[Gilroy, Thomas & Co; brewers, fl. 1855–1911, Lanark, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TG

IRN: 514661

The firm of Thomas Gilroy & Co, brewers, of Lanark, Scotland, was certainly in business between 1857 and 1910, but very little else is known of this company. Operating from the North Vennel Brewery in Lanark, the company brewed, bottled and was a producer of aerated water. The company ceased brewing in about 1910. Thomas Gilroy sold the business in 1911 and emigrated to Canada. The brewery building was still in existence in 1994, latterly operating as a tannery.

- Property records 1911
- Promotional material c1855-1910
- Photographs c1985-1994

[Glasgow & District Licensed Trade Defence Association; trade association, 1863–c.1933, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GDL

IRN: 513832

In 1863, James McWilliam, among others, helped establish the Licensed Trade Defence Association in Glasgow, Scotland. This organization advocated for the interests of the licensed trade, including publicans, brewers, distillers, and others involved. It actively defended its members in court and lobbied against taxes, restrictive laws on opening hours, and for reduced rental assessments for license holders. The association also engaged in extensive disputes with the temperance movement. While similar associations existed regionally, little is known about the detailed history of this organization beyond its activity up to 1933.

- Directors' minute book 1928-1933
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1899-1926

[Glasgow Trading and Transport Ltd; pottery manufacturers, 1919–1963, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GTT

IRN: 513839

Glasgow Trading & Transport Ltd, established by J & R Tennent Ltd in 1919 as a subsidiary, was set up to manage the brewery's financial interests, including running Possil Pottery, overseeing transport needs, and holding stocks and shares. The company's initial directors were closely associated with J & R Tennent Ltd. After leasing and then buying Possil Pottery in 1920, the company faced a significant setback when Cuba, a major market for their stoneware bottles, suspended payments. Demand for stoneware bottles declined through the 1930s, and despite attempts to sell the pottery, it was finally sold in 1942 due to a shortage of skilled workers. Glasgow Trading & Transport Ltd went into voluntary liquidation in 1963, transferring all assets back to J & R Tennent Ltd.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1919
- Liquidation papers 1963-1964
- Minutes of directors 1920-1963
- Board papers 1920-1963
- Shareholding records 1920-1964

[Gleneagles Maltings Ltd \(formerly W B Thomson Ltd\); brewers and maltsters, 1931–, Blackford, Perthshire, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GLM

IRN: 513836

William Thomson began constructing a brewery and maltings in Blackford, Perthshire, but died before its completion, leading his trustees to finish the project. By 1898, the business became W B Thomson Ltd, expanding to include aerated water production. Facing financial difficulties due to a brewing industry slump, the aerated water and bottling operations were separated and merged with John Craik & Co to form Thomson Craik & Co Ltd. W B Thomson Ltd went into liquidation in 1915 due to wartime economic conditions. The brewery changed hands several times, ultimately being acquired by Gleneagles Malting Ltd in 1950, which retained ownership as of 2002.

- Property records 1929-1964
- Photographs 1912-1980s
- Historical notes 1980s

[Golden Valley Hotel; hospitality services, 1971-2011, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 GVH

IRN: 513840

Golden Valley Hotel Ltd was incorporated in November 1971, operating in the hospitality industry and was dissolved in February 2011. The company functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from October 1977.

- Corporate records 1971-1978

[Golf Course Hotels; hoteliers, fl. 1974-1985, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 GCH

IRN: 513830

Golf Course Hotels Ltd operated in the hospitality sector and functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from 1975.

- Corporate records 1974-1985
- Financial records 1974-1976

[Golf St Cyprien; hospitality services, fl. 1974-1978, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 GSC

IRN: 513838

Golf St. Cyprien Residential S A and Golf St. Cyprien Villas S A operated in the hospitality industry. The company was incorporated in March 1974 and functioned as a subsidiary of the company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc from the same date.

- Corporate records 1974-1978

[Good Companion Taverns; hospitality services, fl. 1973-1977, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 GCT

IRN: 513831

Good Companions Tavern Ltd operated in the hospitality sector, functioning as a subsidiary of the company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc from January 1973.

- Shareholding records 1974-1977

[Gordon & Blair Ltd; brewers, 1898-1955, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GB

IRN: 513829

Gordon & Blair Ltd, formed on 13 May 1898 in Edinburgh, resulted from a merger between James Gordon & Co of Glasgow and Charles Blair & Co of Edinburgh. James Gordon, initially

part of Steel, Coulson & Co since 1863, became independent in 1878, holding agencies for Charles Blair's Craigwell Brewery, established in 1822, and George Dalrymple's Home Brewery. Following Dalrymple's death in the 1890s, Gordon acquired the Home Brewery. The merger maintained distinct brewing focuses: stouts and porters at Home Brewery, and pale ales at Craigwell. Facing water supply issues and financial challenges post-World War I, the company rebranded as Gordon & Blair (1923) Ltd. The firm struggled with declining demand and financial instability, eventually ceasing brewing in 1953. It was acquired by George Mackay & Co Ltd in 1954, and operations were moved to St Leonards Brewery. Further financial troubles led to acquisition by Seagar-Evans Ltd in 1962 and subsequently by Watney Mann Ltd in 1963. The Craigwell Brewery site was repurposed as a warehouse and later converted into flats.

- Photographs c1960-c1990
- Historical notes c1980s

[Gourlay, John & Co; distillers, 1818–1877, Port Dundas, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JG

IRN: 513868

The partnership of Brown, Gourlay & Co, distillers, of Glasgow, Scotland began trading in 1813. The partnership was dissolved in 1818 and the business continued, but under the name of John Gourlay & Co. In 1833 John Gourlay snr left the partnership and John Gourlay jnr left three years later in 1835. When Robert Gourlay died in 1841 the partnership was once more dissolved, although business carried on under the same name. In 1877 John Gourlay & Co amalgamated with M MacFarlane & Co, who were the other major distiller in Port Dundas, Glasgow. Together they became part of the Distillers Company Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland, that same year. The Distillery was badly damaged by fire in 1903, but was quickly rebuilt. In 1966 the business transferred to Scottish Grain Distillers Ltd, Edinburgh, and rebuilding was carried out from the mid-1960s

- Production records 1821-1824

[Gow, Neil Ltd; whisky merchants, 1934–, Alloa, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 NG

IRN: 513999

Neil Gow Ltd, Alloa, Scotland, was a whisky merchants and subsidiary company of James Calder & Co, Alloa. The former became a limited liability company in 1934. The first directors of Neil Gow Ltd were W R Henderson, a brewer's manager, of Little Culdees, Muthill, Perthshire, Scotland, and G W B Campbell, of 33 Queen Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. The memorandum of association indicates that the company were to trade as wine and spirit merchants, distillers, brewers, maltsters, and has a clause which shows an intention to become involved with various

other trades, from coopers to farmers. It is unknown whether they did undertake these various trades as very little is known to date regarding the history of the company.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1934
- Income tax computations 1947-1953

[Grimble, Beaufoy & Co Ltd; vinegar brewers, 1928-1983, Leith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 G

IRN: 513833

In 1840, William Grimble, a London gin distiller, and Sir Felix Booth attempted to produce vinegar from leftover spirit, but initially failed and switched to traditional vinegar brewing. After a fire in 1864, the brewery was rebuilt. Control shifted to Grimble's nephew, Rothwell Pouncett, in 1861, and expanded under subsequent family leadership. By 1869, Grimble & Co supplied vinegar to the armed forces and explorers like Captain Scott. They expanded into Scotland in 1903, acquiring and later moving the Edinburgh Malt Vinegar Co Ltd. In 1928, they merged with Beaufoy & Co to become Beaufoy Grimble & Co Ltd, later joining British Vinegar Ltd in 1931. The Edinburgh operations closed in 1983, consolidating production in England.

- Production records 20th century
- Promotional material 1950s
- Public relations c1920-1970
- Photographs 1950s
- Historical notes 1986

[Guinness, Son & Co \(Dublin\) Ltd, Arthur; brewers, 1759-, Dublin, Ireland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AGS

IRN: 512696

Arthur Guinness founded St James's Gate Brewery in Dublin in 1759. By 1868, his descendants expanded the brewery's output significantly, reaching 1.2 million barrels by 1886, making it the largest brewery globally at the time. The company was incorporated in 1886, maintaining substantial family involvement. By the 1890s, Guinness established research labs and opened a London brewery in 1936 to cater to the British market. Over the 1960s and 1970s, Guinness diversified into various sectors, later refocusing on core activities in the 1980s. Notable acquisitions included Arthur Bell & Sons and The Distillers Company. The company underwent several name changes, settling on Arthur Guinness, Son & Co (Great Britain) Ltd until 1997.

- This is an artificial collection brought together by the Scottish Brewing Archive
- Brochure re North East extension to St. James's Gate Brewery, Dublin 1977
- Promotional material 1994

[Heather Ale Ltd; brewers, 1994– , Alloa, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 HA

IRN: 513843

In 1993, Bruce and Scott Williams began brewing heather ale based on an ancient Gaelic recipe, initially at West Highland Brewery in Taynult, before moving to Thistle Brewery due to rising demand. The brewing was seasonal, aligning with heather gathering times, but later advancements in storage allowed for year-round production. In 1994, the business incorporated as Williams World Agency, renaming to Heather Ale Ltd in 1995, the same year they began exporting to the U.S. By 2001, their product range included Grozet, Alba, Ebulum, and Kelpie ales. In 1997, Heather Ale Ltd won the Supreme Award at the Royal Highland Show's "Food from Scotland Excellence Awards.

- Product sales literature 1993-1999
- Packaging 1990s
- Printed ephemera 1996
- Labels 1995-1997
- Press cuttings 1993-1997

[Hutchison, Robert & Co Ltd; malsters, c1830- , Edinburgh and East Kirkcaldy, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 RH

IRN: 514010

In 1830, at the age of 21, Mr. Robert Hutchison opened an account in the name of Robert Hutchison and Company and began trading in wheat, barley oats, flax, butter and flour. Over time he became more and more involved in the grain aspect of the business and by 1845 the company had achieved great prosperity. He began to expand further afield and by 1856 the company owned all the land in East Kirkcaldy on which the present flour mill now stands. The company now operates as Carr's Flour Hutchisons.

- Financial records 1894-1965
- Production records 1919-1930
- Sales records 1919-1930
- Family papers 1855-1904

[Hutt Hotel; hoteliers, 1970-2011, London, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 HH

IRN: 513857

Hutt Hotel Ltd was incorporated in March 1970, operating in the hospitality sector and was dissolved in November 2011. The company was part of Home Brewery plc, which from 1986 functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc.

- Corporate records 1952-1988
- Shareholding records 1968-1987

[Ibrox House Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1965–1975, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 IB

IRN: 513858

Ibrox House Ltd, licensed victualler, was situated at 588 Broomloan Road in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1966. No more is known about the company's history to date. However, it is presumed that the company was a subsidiary of Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd, Glasgow.

- Ledgers 1965-1975
- Journals 1965-1975

[Imperial Hotel \(Helensburgh\) Ltd; hotel, 1935–1965, Helensburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 IH

IRN: 513860

The Imperial Hotel, Helensburgh, Scotland, became a limited liability company in 1935, under the name Imperial Hotel (Helensburgh) Ltd. David Blanche and Andrew Inglis were appointed as directors in May 1935, and then Margaret Mar was appointed as a third director in July of that same year. All shares were transferred to G & J Maclachlan Ltd, brewers in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 3 March 1965, and in May 1965 the company went into voluntary liquidation.

- Minutes 1955-1965
- Register of shareholders 1935-1968

[Inns and Hotels \(Scotland\) Ltd; licensed premises, 1947–1963, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 IHS

IRN: 513861

Inns & Hotels (Scotland) Ltd (registered office: 6 Eglinton Crescent, Edinburgh, Scotland) was a private company formed on 12 April 1947, by Robert Shiels and D H Sclater. The company owned and leased to tenants, licensed properties throughout Scotland. By at least 1951 the company was a subsidiary of William Murray & Co Ltd, brewers of Edinburgh, and may have been from the outset of the company's birth. The company's assets were transferred to United Caledonian Breweries Ltd on 1 January 1963, and Inns and Hotels (Scotland) Ltd ceased trading, although directors reports and annual accounts were produced for a further 5 years.

- Memorandum and Articles of Association 1947
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1963-1968
- Title deeds 1956, 1964

[Institute of Brewing- Scottish Section: professional association, 1904–, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 IBS

IRN: 513859

Founded in London in 1890, the Institute of Brewing expanded in 1904 by merging with similar organizations across Britain, aiming to advance research and establish standards in the brewing industry. By 1983, it had sections globally including in Australia, New Zealand, and Central and South Africa, all adhering to its Byelaws. Originally a learned society, it restructured in 1976 as a chartered educational body. In 2001, it merged with the International Brewers Guild to become the Institute & Guild of Brewing, reorganizing into various UK and international sections. The Institute remains dedicated to education, offering exams and qualifications, with a mission to enhance the brewing field's science and technology.

- Minutes of managing body 1904-1959
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1912-1933
- Letterbooks 1926-1929
- Public relations 1901-1982
- Photographs c1931

[The Isle of Skye Brewing Co: brewers, 1998–present, Uig, Isle of Skye, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 ISK

IRN: 513862

The Isle of Skye Brewing Co Ltd (or Leann an Eilein in Gaelic) based in Uig, Isle of Skye, Scotland, was established in purpose-built premises in December 1995. The company was founded and is owned by Angus MacRuary, originally a Portree High School, Portree, Isle of Skye, Scotland, business studies teacher. The company opened its own bottling facilities in 1998 and in the same year became a limited liability business on 21 January 1998.

- Sales leaflets 1997
- Beer mats 1997
- Pump clip badges 1997
- Key ring 1997
- Bookmark 1997
- Calendar tab 1998
- Diaries 1997-1998

[Jeffrey, John & Co Ltd; brewers, 1934–c.1970, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JJ

IRN: 513870

A brewery was reputedly operating since the sixteenth century at Heriot Bridge, Grassmarket, Edinburgh. By 1800 Baillie Gordon owned the brewery by 1800 and it was later acquired by various entities, eventually being taken over by John Jeffrey and his brother in 1837. Due to space constraints, the operation expanded to Roseburn in 1865, adding new facilities, though brewing continued at the original site until 1900. John Jeffrey & Co was a pioneer in lager brewing in Scotland, expanding its export and tied trade significantly. The company merged several times, ultimately joining Hammonds United Breweries and Hope and Anchor Breweries in 1960 under Northern Breweries of Great Britain, later becoming part of Charrington United Breweries. Brewing at the Heriot site continued until the 1990s.

- Ledgers 1850-1948
- Minutes and correspondence 1860-72 & 1947-61
- Financial records 1906-1962
- Brewing records 1952-1961
- Public house records 1953-1961
- Plant and machinery 1875
- Internal publications 1935
- Labour records 1941-1962
- Photographs undated

[Johnston, D & Co Ltd \(Laphroaig\); distillers, c.1826–2001, Port Ellen, Islay, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 LAP

IRN: 513980

The Laphroaig Distillery, established around 1826 by Donald and Alexander Johnston in Scotland, came under sole operation of Donald after Alexander left in 1836. After Donald's death in 1847, the distillery saw various leaderships, mainly from the Johnston family. In 1950, Ian Hunter formed a limited company, D Johnston & Co (Laphroaig) Ltd, and in 1954 bequeathed his stake to Elizabeth Leitch Williamson, known as Bessie. She later sold the distillery in the 1960s to Seager Evans, under whose management it became part of Long John International. The distillery changed hands multiple times, eventually being acquired by Fortune Brands in 2005.

- Correspondence 1836-2001
- Family papers 1836
- Historical notes 1826-2001
- Minutes of Directors' meetings and AGMs 1896-1978
- Patents and trademarks records 1935

- Photographs 1880s-2001
- Promotional material 1910s-90s

[Killingsley & Co; alcoholic drinks manufacturer, 1926-2011, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 KC

IRN: 513978

Killingsley & Co Ltd were incorporated in September 1926, operating in the alcoholic beverages industry, and dissolved in February 2011. It was part of the Home Brewery Company Ltd which functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from 1987.

- Corporate records 1926-1988
- Shareholding records 1966-1987

[King & Queen Inns \(Golden Egg Properties\); hospitality services, 1964-1982](#)

Reference: GB 248 KQI

IRN: 513979

The company was incorporated in January 1964 as The Golden Egg Properties Limited and changed its name to King & Queen Inns Ltd June 1968. The company operated in the hospitality sector and became a subsidiary of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc in July 1980. The company was dissolved in 2006.

- Corporate records 1964-1980
- Shareholding records 1972-1985

[Lennox, David & Sons; wine and spirits merchants, fl. 1949-1988, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 DLS

IRN: 513790

David Lennox & Sons Ltd was incorporated in 1949 and functioned as part of Waverley Vintners Ltd, a subsidiary of the ultimate holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc. Waverley Vintners Ltd traded in the wholesale and retail of wines and spirits. David Lennox & Sons Ltd changed its name to Peter Thomson (Perth) Ltd in April 1986.

- Corporate records 1955-1985
- Shareholding records 1949-1974

[Lindsay, William & Son Ltd; coopers, 1923–1977, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 WL****IRN: 514679**

William Lindsay established a cooperage in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1829, initially crafting wooden tubs for laundry. By 1874, his son James expanded the business into cask production for beer exports, incorporating machinery from Germany. Following James' death, his sons, James and William, took over, with William eventually becoming the sole partner after James' death in 1916. The business, William Lindsay & Son Ltd, was incorporated in 1923, and William managed it until 1941, succeeded by Kenneth Lindsay, who sold the company to Scottish Brewers Ltd in 1942. By the 1960s, demand shifted from beer to whisky casks, primarily serving Mackinlay-McPherson Ltd.

- Corporate records 1923-1977
- Shareholding records 1931-1959
- Financial records 1950-1959
- Staff records 1950s
- Promotional material 1936-1950s
- Lindsay, William & Son Ltd (continued)
- Public relations 1938-1957
- Photographs 1970s

[Littlemill Distillery Co.; distillers, 1818–1877, Bowling, Dunbartonshire, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 LIT****IRN: 513982**

The Littlemill Distillery was operating at Bowling, Dunbartonshire, by 1817-1818 when it was owned by Matthew Clark & Co. It was bought and sold on many occasions, and was rebuilt in 1875. In 1918 the Littlemill Distillery Co acquired it from the Yoker Distillery Co. The Littlemill Distillery Co was acquired in 1920 by Charles Mackinlay & Co and JG Thomson & Co, who operated the distillery until 1933. The distillery did not flourish under subsequent owners and the plant was dismantled in 1996. The remaining buildings were demolished two years later.

- Minutes of partners' meetings 1920-1933

[Lorimer & Clark Ltd; brewers, 1920–1985, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 LC****IRN: 513981**

George Lorimer started brewing in 1865 and in 1869 partnered with Robert Clark to establish Caledonian Brewery in Edinburgh. Expanding into west Scotland and northeastern England, they entered a trading agreement with C Vaux & Sons Ltd in 1919. Lorimer & Clark Ltd became a

limited company in 1920. Acquired by Vaux Associated Breweries Ltd in 1946, the company ceased trading in 1963, though Caledonian Brewery remained operational. Vaux continued to acquire Scottish breweries through the 1960s. After various rebrandings and expansions, Vaux sold its brewery assets to Allied Breweries in 1980. Caledonian Brewery was eventually sold to Caledonian Brewery Co Ltd in 1987.

- Corporate records 1977-1979
- Shareholding records 1920-1932
- Financial records 1910-1978
- Production records 1928-1980
- Sales records 1944-1966
- Staff records 1919-1965
- Licensed premises records 1882-1963
- Property records 1871-1980
- Promotional material undated
- Photographs 1970s-1982

[Mabelthorpe Hotels; hotel group, 1923-2011, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 MH

IRN: 513988

Mablethorpe Hotels Ltd was incorporated in July 1923, operating in the hospitality sector and was dissolved in February 2011. It functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from August 1987.

- Corporate records 1980-1988
- Shareholding records 1926-1987

[Mair & Dougall \(subsidiary of James Calder\); bottlers, fl. 1898–1962, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Ref: GB 248 MD

IRN: 513985

Since at least 1898, Mair & Dougall operated in Glasgow, Scotland as wholesale malt liquor merchants, bottlers, and aerated water manufacturers, taking over from D Hamilton. Known for being the largest bottlers of Bass and producing a variety of soft drinks, they expanded their operations over time. In 1905, they became the sole Glasgow agents for James Calder & Co's chilled and carbonated beers, while taking responsibility for returning empty crates. They also acquired E Brown & Co's bottling business. In 1948, they established Real Mackay Strong Ale Co Ltd, which ceased operations by 1953 due to low profits. Mair & Dougall Ltd went into voluntary liquidation in 1962.

- Corporate records 1946-1962
- Financial records 1947-1950

[Market Bar; licensed premises, fl. 1950–1965, Auchinleck, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MKB

IRN: 513991

The Market Bar was a public house in Auchinleck, East Ayrshire, Scotland in the 1950s and 1960s. Nothing more is known about the bar's history.

- Financial records 1950-1959
- Patents and trademarks 1851
- Public relations 1897-1906
- Promotional material undated

[Meiklejohn's Brewery Ltd; brewers, 1890–1900, Alloa, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MJ

IRN: 513990

Robert Meiklejohn established a public brewery in Alloa, Scotland, in 1774, relocating to Candleriggs in 1787. The business evolved through partnerships and was later known as Robert Meiklejohn & Son. Following Robert's death in 1829 and his son James in 1837, Hugh Kennedy took over, moving the brewery to the Grange Brewery site in 1852. Ownership shifted multiple times until Charles Maitland took leadership, expanding the company and establishing the Bass Rock trademark despite objections from Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton. The company was sold and reformed as Meiklejohn's Brewery Ltd in 1890, eventually sold again in 1899, and absorbed by Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton in 1918. The original Grange Brewery closed in 1941.

- Directors's annual report to shareholders 1895
- Shareholding records 1897
- Production records 1873-1884
- Public relations 1874
- Historical notes c1869-1884

[Melvin, Alexander & Co; brewers, c.1850–1907, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 AM

IRN: 512845

The Boroughloch Brewery in Edinburgh, Scotland, started by James Anderson before 1805, was later operated by Anderson & Inglis and eventually acquired by Alexander Melvin before 1850. By the 1860s, as Alexander Melvin & Co, it became the fifth largest brewery in Scotland,

expanding to international markets including Australia, India, and the USA by the 1880s. After a major fire in 1896, the brewery underwent extensive reconstruction. Succession passed to Alexander Melvin's son around 1900, but despite its previous success, the brewery ceased operations in 1907. Its trade was sold to William McEwan & Co Ltd, with Melvin Jr. transitioning to property development.

- Sales records 1868-1894
- Photographs c1900-80s
- Historical notes 1896-1988

[Meric Hotels; hotel group, 1943-2011, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 MEH

IRN: 513986

Meric Hotel Ltd was incorporated in August 1943, operating in the hospitality sector and dissolved in February 2011. The company was a subsidiary of Welcome Inns Ltd which functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc.

- Corporate records 1956-1985
- Shareholding records 1933-1979

[Mhorwell Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1946–1968, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MHO

IRN: 513989

Mhorwell Ltd, licensed premises, with registered office at 566 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, Scotland, was certainly in existence between 1946 and 1968. The bar owned by the company was called "H. Q. Bar" from at least 1963 and was also situated at 566 Sauchiehall Street. The company was a subsidiary of United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Directors annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1963-1966

[Miller, John \(Paisley\) Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1952–1968, Johnstone, Scotland](#)

Ref: GB 248 JMP

IRN: 513892

John Miller (Paisley) Ltd were a licensed premises company with registered office at "The Hazel" in Johnstone, Scotland. The company was founded in 1952 and was still in existence in 1968 when it was part of United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland. Among the premises owned by the company were "The Hazel", "The Cabin" and "The Cosy Corner". In 1966 and 1968

the company's directors were D H Scott (chairman), John Miller, S J Younger and R Paterson. No more is known about the company's history.

- Directors annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1963-1966

[Mitchell, M & Co Ltd; licensed premise, fl. 1915–1957, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MM

IRN: 513994

M Mitchell & Co Ltd, licensed premises, Edinburgh, Scotland, were certainly in existence between 1915 and 1957. The company owned the following licensed premises: "Gloucester Place", "Parliament House", "Gorgie Markets" and "Silver Wing". No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Corporate records 1928-1957
- Shareholding records 1922-1954
- Financial records 1915-1956

[Mitchell, William J; chemist, fl. 1930-1970, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MIT

IRN: 733727

William J Mitchel Started as an apprentice chemist with Wm. Younger & Co., then joined T. & J. Bernard. In 1960, when Bernards became part of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, he was made head of the microbiological laboratory.

- Personnel records 1932-1966
- Production records 1908-1962
- Promotional records 1932-1936
- Souvenir card for the Tercentenary of the University of Edinburgh 1883

[Morison, J & J Ltd; brewers, 1946–1960, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JJM

IRN: 513878

The Commercial Brewery, 160 Canongate, Edinburgh, Scotland, was founded in 1868 and was operated by Morison & Thomson until 1877 when it was acquired by J & J Morison. J & J Morison Ltd was registered in November 1946 as a limited liability company to acquire the business of the same name from the trustees of the sole proprietor, J Morison Inches. In 1960 the company was taken over by Scottish Brewers Ltd, Edinburgh, and ceased to brew.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1946
- Certificate of incorporation 1946
- Partnership agreements 1869-1878
- Minutes of managing body 1872-1963

- Records relating to members meetings 1956
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1956
- Committee minutes and related papers 1955-1960
- Shareholding records 1911-1960
- Letterbooks 1880-1960
- Financial records 1869-1960
- Production records 1913-1960
- Appointments and contracts of employment 1946-1960
- Salaries and wages records 1912-1960
- Licensed premises records 1905-1959
- Photographs 1914-1930s

Murray, William & Co Ltd; brewers, 1897–1962, Edinburgh, Scotland

Reference: GB 248 WMC

IRN: 514680

William Murray established his brewery in Ednam, Scotland, in 1880. After a fire, he relocated to Craigmillar, Edinburgh, in 1886, creating Craigmillar Brewery. In 1897, William Murray & Co Ltd was formed to manage the brewery. Over the years, the company expanded by acquiring several breweries and related businesses, including John Somerville & Co in 1922 and others in subsequent years. Brewing at Craigmillar ceased in 1950, shifting operations to North British Brewery. The company was acquired by Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd in 1960, which later merged into Charrington United Breweries Ltd in 1962. Brewing operations were transferred in 1962, with bottling and malting concluding at North British Brewery in 1964.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1897-1948
- Minutes of managing body 1960-1962
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1960
- Minutes of members' meetings 1961-1965
- Records relating to members' meetings 1946-1967
- Directors report and accounts 1957-1969
- Shareholding records 1897-1971
- Financial records 1898-1962
- Production records 1947-1960
- Sales records 1944-1947
- Pensions and life assurance 1947
- Licensed premises records 1935-1965
- Property records 1953-1960
- Promotional material 20th century
- Photographs 1931-1970s

[Mackay, John & Co \(Newcastle\) Ltd; aerated waters manufacturers and bottlers, fl. 1950-1985, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JMC

IRN: 513885

John Mackay & Company (Newcastle) Ltd was an aerated waters manufacturing and bottling company. The firm became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd in 1965, and had ceased trading by 1975. In 1983 the company name was changed to Mackay's Soft Drinks Ltd.

- Corporate records 1950-1985
- Shareholder records 1965-1984

[Mackay, G & Co Ltd; brewers: 1908–1963: Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MK

IRN: 513992

G Mackay & Co Ltd was registered in January 1908 as a limited liability company to acquire the business of the same name, established in 1867, operating at St Leonard's Brewery, Edinburgh, Scotland. The company was taken over by Gordon & Blair (1923) Ltd, Craigwell Brewery, Edinburgh, in 1954. Seager, Evans & Co Ltd, distillers and wine merchants, London, England, purchased the St Leonard's Brewery in 1960 and re-sold it in 1961 to Watney Mann Ltd, brewers, London, England. Brewing ceased in 1963.

- Corporate records 1867
- Licensed premises records 1965
- Property records 1861-1926
- Promotional material undated
- Public relations 1791-1875
- Photographs 1950s-60s
- Historical notes undated

[Mackenzie & Storrie Ltd; printers, 1905–, Leith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MKS

IRN: 513993

The family-run printing company of Mackenzie & Storrie Ltd, Leith, Scotland, was incorporated as a private limited company on 28 September 1905. The company has carried out a great deal of printing for the brewing industry. Mackenzie & Storrie Ltd was still operating in 2002.

- Promotional records 1952-1958

[Mackinlay-McPherson; wine and spirit merchants, fl. 1960 , Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MAC

IRN: 513983

Mackinlay–McPherson Ltd was established in 1962 as a merger between John Ewan McPherson & Sons Ltd, Charles Mackinlay & Co, and the Wine and Spirit Department of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. The company managed Scottish & Newcastle's wine and spirit interests, including controlling Glenallachie and Isle of Jura distilleries during the 1960s. By 1974, Mackinlay–McPherson transitioned to function as the national wholesale company under the newly formed Waverly Vintners Ltd, offering a broad range of branded and proprietary wines and spirits. Waverly Vintners remained a part of Scottish & Newcastle plc into 2001.

- Photographs c1960s-70s

[Maclachlans, G & J Ltd \(Kenneth MacKenzie \(Wines\) Ltd\); brewers, 1907–1967, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GJM

IRN: 513835

George and John Maclachlan, brothers from Strathallan, Scotland, entered the Glasgow wine and spirit trade in the 1870s. Together, they established the Castle Brewery in Maryhill, Glasgow in 1889, and later constructed a larger facility in Craigmillar, Edinburgh in 1901, due to increasing demand. After John's death in 1903, George acquired the Auchentoshan Distillery. The company, G & J Maclachlan Ltd, was formed in 1907, transitioning to Maclachlans Ltd following voluntary liquidation in 1923. It was acquired by J & R Tennent Ltd in 1960, and brewing at Castle Brewery ceased in 1966. The company was renamed Kenneth MacKenzie (Wines) Ltd in 1967.

- Memoranda and articles of association 1912-1967
- Change of name certificate 1967
- Minutes of directors 1950-1965
- Minutes and records of members' meetings 1907-1966
- Directors' annual reports 1949-1970
- Committee minutes 1949-1963
- Shareholding records 1907-1971
- Annual returns 1961-71, accounts 1954-1964
- Tax and excise records c1936-1962
- Trademark records 1916-1949
- Sales records 1960-1964
- Staff records 1949-1965
- Records of licensed premises 1962-1965
- Property inventories and valuations 1962

- Promotional material 1898-1964
- Family papers 1901
- Photographs c1930-1995
- Historical notes 1895-1996

[Maclay & Co. Ltd; brewers, 1830–2001, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 M

IRN: 513987

James Maclay, initially working at Old Devon Ironworks and then as an accountant at Hutton Park Brewery, leased Mills Brewery in Alloa in 1830 and established Thistle Brewery in 1871. After his death in 1875, his sons took over, forming Maclay & Co Ltd in 1896. The company expanded, acquiring premises in London and Menstrie. A fire in 1910 halted brewing for nearly a year, and their London premises were destroyed in a 1941 air raid. Post-war challenges led to selling pubs in North East England. Acquired by the Matthews family in 1991, Maclay ceased brewing in 2001 to focus on pub and hotel management, with part of the old brewery becoming a pub by 2006.

- Annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1897-1976
- Family papers 1824-1825
- Financial records 1891-1982
- Licensed premises records 1920s-70s
- Memorandum and articles of association 1896
- Minutes of Directors' Meetings and AGMs 1896-1978
- Patents and Trademarks records 1895-1957
- Photographs 1870s-1990s
- Production records 1907-1993
- Promotional material 1910s-90s
- Salaries and wages records 1941-1975
- Sales records 1917-1985
- Shareholding records 1896-1985

[MacLeod, Mr.; employee of J & R Tennent's and Chair of the Scottish Brewing Archive – records relating to Tennent's and Bass, 1782-1893, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 DIM

IRN: 513783

D I MacLeod was a former employee of Tennent Caledonian Breweries and former Chairman of the Scottish Brewing Archive.

- Letterbooks 1875
- Financial records 1782-1784

- Sales records 1806-1810
- Promotional material 1890s-1893

[McCann-Erickson Scotland; advertising firm, 1978–, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MC

IRN: 513984

McCann–Erickson (Scotland) Ltd, were incorporated practitioners in advertising based in Edinburgh, Scotland. The company carried out an advertising campaign for Scottish & Newcastle plc, brewers, Edinburgh, in the early 1990s. The company was still in existence in 2002.

- Public relations material 1992-1994

[McEwan, William & Co Ltd; brewers, 1889–, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SNM

IRN: 514046

William McEwan, the son of John McEwan, shipowner of Alloa, Scotland, was born in 1827. He served his apprenticeship with John Jeffrey, an Edinburgh brewer, and in 1856 he established his own business, the Fountain Brewery, in Fountainbridge in Edinburgh. He quickly established a large Scottish market and in the 1860s built up a successful colonial export trade. His sister married James Younger, an Alloa brewer, and one of their sons, William, joined his uncle's business. When William McEwan entered politics in 1886, William Younger became the firm's manager. William McEwan & Co Ltd was registered in July 1889 as a limited liability company to acquire the business at a purchase price of GBP 408,000. The company acquired the trade and goodwill of Alexander Melvin & Co of the Boroughloch Brewery, Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh, in 1907. It merged with William Younger & Co Ltd, Abbey Brewery, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, to form Scottish Brewers Ltd in 1931, and that company merged with Newcastle Breweries Ltd in 1960 to form Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd. The Fountain Brewery was closed by S & N at the end of 2004.

- Annual reports and notices to shareholders 1930-1957
- Family papers 1741-1870
- Financial records 1856-1965
- Historical notes 1939-1989
- Letterbooks 1856-1912
- Licensed premises records 1954-1958
- Memorandum and articles of association 1889-1956
- Minute books 1889-1951
- Minutes of members' meetings 1889-1955
- Patents and trademarks 1894

- Photographs 1907-1960s
- Production records 1897-1979
- Promotional material 1870s-1964
- Property records 1899-1958
- Public relations 1910-1991
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1924
- Records relating to members' meetings 1890-1955
- Sales records 1881-1925
- Seal book 1947-1963
- Shareholding records 1889-1955
- Seal book 1947-1963
- Staff records 1873-1939

[McEwan - Younger Ltd; export, naval and military trade, 1931- , Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MY

IRN: 513996

McEwan-Younger Ltd was established on 19 June 1931 in Edinburgh, Scotland, specifically to manage military, naval, and international business for William McEwan & Co Ltd and William Younger & Co Ltd, following their merger into Scottish Brewers Ltd earlier that year. The new company was formed in recognition of William McEwan & Co Ltd's significant share in the UK's export and military markets. The breweries supplied McEwan-Younger with beer at cost, with 75% of the profits benefiting William McEwan & Co Ltd. However, post-World War II, the company struggled with unsatisfactory overseas trade, leading to the closure of the Abbey Brewery in 1955, which was then converted into offices by Scottish Brewers Ltd. Corporate records 1931-1958

- Financial records 1931-1957
- Sales records 1931-1958
- Property records 1932-1956
- Promotional records 1932-1956

[McLennan & Urquhart Ltd; brewers, 1909-1945, Dalkeith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 MUQ

IRN: 513995

James McLennan and William Urquhart were operating the Dalkeith Brewery, Dalkeith, Scotland, from at least 1867. McLennan & Urquhart Ltd was registered in 1909 as a limited liability company to acquire the business of the same name. A bottling plant was opened in 1921 and the company took over William Burnett, bottlers, Burntisland, Fife, Scotland, in 1932 and David Cameron Ltd, brewers, Laurencekirk, Grampian, Scotland, in 1945. It was acquired by John Aitchison & Co Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, Scotland, in December 1955. Brewing continued until

1958 when all beer production transferred to Edinburgh although bottling did not cease until 1961.

- Corporate records 1909-1963
- Shareholding records 1943-1954
- Financial records 1944-1963
- Production records 1956-1961
- Sales records 1957-1959
- Staff records 1949-1959
- Licensed premises records 1952-1959
- Property records 1925-1961

[Neave, John & Sons Ltd; brewers, c1890-1909, Dundee, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JNS

IRN: 513904

John Neave & Sons Ltd owned the Victoria Brewery in Dundee. The "Edinburgh Gazette" from August 17, 1909, states that the company went into liquidation on the 19th of July 1909.

- Promotional material c1890s

[Newcastle Breweries Ltd; brewers, 1890- . Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 NEW

IRN: 513998

Newcastle Breweries Ltd, formed in February 1890, consolidated multiple breweries and 215 licensed houses for GBP 606,296. Initial acquisitions included J Barras & Co Ltd, Tyne Brewery, and others across North Shields, Sunderland, and Gateshead. The company expanded by leasing and acquiring additional breweries such as Fosters' Bishop Middleham Brewery in 1910 and others over the years. Major acquisitions continued with Steel, Coulson & Co Ltd in 1954 and James Deuchar Ltd in 1956. In 1960, Newcastle Breweries merged with Scottish Brewers Ltd to form Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd, with brewing operations continuing at the Tyne Brewery. By 2002, Newcastle Breweries existed as a dormant company.

- Sales records 1912-1960
- Promotional material 1979-1986
- Public relations 1977-1993
- Photographs 1990-1992

[Newington Brewery; brewers, 1828–1848, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 NB

IRN: 513997

A brewery existed at the site of the Newington Brewery in Edinburgh, Scotland since at least 1828, when its owner James Kerr was recorded as a brewer at 9 Sciennes, Edinburgh. James Kerr was sequestrated on 5 January 1848 and the Edinburgh brewer Charles Dick was named as trustee. Peter Jamieson, John Blair and David Robertson were named commissioners while Mr Robertson, the brewer at nearby Summerhall, was security. It is possible that William Younger & Co either took over the Newington Brewery assets and custom or that a brewer from Newington was subsequently employed at one of the Younger breweries. After the brewery had failed the buildings were converted into a whisky distillery by Andrew Pearson and named West Sciennes. The name Newington was given to the site in 1850 when Andrew Pearson was sequestrated. The building became the Glen Sciennes distillery of Thomas Duncanson & Co from 1856-1859.

- Brewing book 1833-1834
- Photographs 1983
- Historical notes 1995-1996

[Northern Hotels Ltd; hoteliers and moteliers, fl. 1931–1965, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 NHL

IRN: 514000

Northern Hotels Ltd, hotels and motels, with registered offices in Edinburgh, Scotland, were certainly in existence between 1931 and 1965. The company became a wholly owned subsidiary of United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, Glasgow and Edinburgh, in 1965. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Shareholding records undated
- Financial records 1963-1965

[Olympic Bars Ltd; licensed premises, c1949-1971, Musselburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 OB

IRN: 514001

Olympic Bars Ltd was incorporated on 1 April 1949 to acquire and manage the public houses that had belonged to John Young Ltd of Musselburgh. The first directors were David Maxwell, J Douglas Maxwell and James Campbell Walker. The company was acquired by Whitbread & Co Ltd of London in 1968.

- Corporate records 1949-1971
- Register of shareholding records nd
- Financial records 1951-1967

[Openhouse Taverns; public house group, 1974-2006, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 OHT

IRN: 514002

Open House Taverns Ltd was incorporated in September 1974, operating in the hospitality sector and was dissolved in June 2006. The company functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from 1974.

- Corporate records 1974-1984
- Shareholding records 1974-1984

[The Palace Brewery; brewers, 1865–1925, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 PB

IRN: 514003

A brewery was built on Abbey Mount, Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1865 by J & G Pendreigh, grain merchants of Leith, Scotland, and named Palace Brewery. In 1870 the brewery was acquired by David Nicolson & Son, wine merchant of Canongate, Edinburgh. The Palace Brewery of David Nicolson also had offices and stores in London, England, and was the producer of the "Palace Pale Ale". The Palace Brewery was one of four companies which combined in 1889 to form Edinburgh United Breweries Ltd. Brewing ceased in the Palace Brewery in 1916, largely due to wartime restrictions on raw material, and never resumed. The brewery building was used as a hop store until, in 1925, it was sold to the pioneering Edinburgh cinema magnate F R Graham Yooll and converted into a cinema. Named "Regent Cinema" it opened on 1 August 1927. The cinema was closed in May 1970.

- Photographs 1890s-1980s
- Promotional material 1876

[Paterson, T Y, Pentland Brewery; brewers, c1898-1936, Duddingston, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TYP

IRN: 514670

Thomas Yulie Paterson commenced business as a brewer and maltster in Bridgeton, Glasgow, in 1884. T Y Paterson Ltd, Pentland Brewery was established in the Duddingston area of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1898 with the company being registered as a limited company in June 1899. The company had been a Glasgow based brewers which moved their entire brewing operations to Duddingston realising the potentialities of the site. The Pentland Brewery was taken over by Aitken's of Falkirk in 1936 and subsequently closed.

- Photographic material 1980s

[Plenishview Ltd; subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, fl. 1974-1985, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 P

IRN: 514004

Plenishview Ltd became a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from April 1984.

- Corporate records 1974-1985

[Rae, Gilbert; aerated water manufacturers, fl. 1869–1948, Dunfermline, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 RAE

IRN: 514006

Founded around 1868 or 1869, Gilbert Rae's company, based in Dunfermline, Scotland with branches in Alloa, Falkirk, and Portobello, specialized in manufacturing aerated waters. The product range included ginger beer, ginger ale, lemonade, kola, and various types of waters like potash, seltzer, and lithia, packaged in screw-method, glass-stoppered, and corked bottles. Gilbert Rae was an innovator, claiming the invention of several appliances for the aerated water industry, including a device for air extraction before carbonation, a germ-preventing syrup-filling appliance, a screw-top siphon bottle, and a steam-powered cork filling machine. By 1948, the company was a limited liability company, but further details on its subsequent history are unavailable.

- Promotional Material c1900 & 1992

[Raeburn, W & J; brewers, fl. 1863–1913, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WR

IRN: 514681

W & J Raeburn brewed at the Merchant Street Brewery in Edinburgh, Scotland, from at least 1863 until about 1897 when the brewery was bought by the trustees of the nearby Heriot College for the purpose of the extension of their college. W & R Raeburn then built a new brewery at Craigmillar, Edinburgh. The Craigmillar New Brewery of W & R Raeburn was established in 1901. In 1913 the brewery was acquired by Edinburgh brewers Robert Younger Ltd. Brewing ceased at Raeburn's former brewery in 1931 as an inter-war economy measure, but never resumed. However, the maltings were still in operation and were leased from 1939 until 1960 to William McEwan & Co Ltd, brewers of Edinburgh, and following the take-over of Robert Younger Ltd by Scottish Brewers Ltd in 1960, were used by the latter firm until 1975. The brewery building had been sold in 1951 to the Brewers Food Supply Co Ltd, Edinburgh, for processing draff. Scottish & Newcastle plc briefly revived the brand name in the mid-1990s, but this was only short-lived.

- Staff records c.1930s
- Promotional material 1863
- Photographs c.1900-70s
- Historical notes 1897

[The Real Mackay Strong Ale Co Ltd \(subsidiary of James Calder\); brewers, 1948–c.1953, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 RM

IRN: 514013

The brewery was founded as the Albert Brewery in 1875; it became the Red Tower Lager Brewery Ltd, Moss Side, Manchester. It was acquired by Scottish Brewers in 1956 and MY Lager was brewed there. The brewery was renamed the Royal Brewery and continues to brew lagers for Scottish & Newcastle plc in 2006.

- Financial records 1949-1951

[Red Tower Lager Brewery Ltd; brewers, fl. 1933-1985, Manchester, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 RTL

IRN: 514013

The brewery was founded as the Albert Brewery in 1875 ; it became the Red Tower Lager Brewery Ltd, Moss Side, Manchester. It was acquired by Scottish Brewers in 1956 and MY Lager was brewed there. The brewery was renamed the Royal Brewery and continues to brew lagers for Scottish & Newcastle plc in 2006.

- Corporate records 1956-1985
- Shareholding records 1933-1979
- Historical notes not dated

[Reid & Co. Ltd, William B; brewers, 1891-1959, Newcastle, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 WBR

IRN: 514674

WB Reid & Co Ltd was registered on 11 May 1891 and acquired the businesses of WB Reid & Co, of Leazes Brewery (founded 1837) of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Reid Brothers & Co, wine and spirit merchants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as well as the agency of William Younger & Co Ltd of Edinburgh, Scotland, for Northumberland and the Northern Division of Durham. The company owned a chain of public houses in the North of England, in its own name and in those of its subsidiaries John Reid & Sons Ltd (acquired in 1944) and J K Boucher Ltd (acquired in 1948). The company became a wholly-owned subsidiary of William Younger & Co Ltd in the 1950s, and in 1959 its assets and liabilities were transferred to Scottish Brewers Ltd in 1959, when W B Reid & Co Ltd ceased trading.

- Financial records 1953-1957
- Promotional material 1957

[Restalrig Village Brewery; brewers, 1997–, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 RES

IRN: 514008

The Restalrig Village Brewery Ltd, established in June 1997 in Edinburgh, Scotland, began brewing in December 1997 after setting up in a former knitware factory using equipment from Wrexham Brewery. Founded by Gordon Allison, David Murray, Iain Turnbull, and Gerry Kerr, with Karen Hetherington joining later, the microbrewery was known for its flexibility and produced various commemorative beers. By 1999, its portfolio expanded significantly to include a wide range of specialty beers. Despite exploring bottled beer production, the brewery closed in July 1999 due to internal problems, leading some founders to start The Fisherrow Brewery Ltd. In September 2000, Restalrig Village Brewery 2000 Ltd was registered at the same address, continuing under the same company name into 2002.

- Promotional material late 1990s
- Public relations 1999

[Ritchie, George & Son; brewers, 1835–1889, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GR

IRN: 513837

George Ritchie & Son was established in Edinburgh, Scotland, by merchant and brewer George Ritchie, who purchased Bell's Brewery around 1835 following owner Robert Keir's death. The brewery, originally started by John Bell and his son Hugh in the mid-18th century, saw steady growth in its workforce from 15 employees in 1851 to 40 by 1871. George Ritchie & Son expanded its trade across the British Isles, reaching cities like Belfast, Cardiff, and Manchester, and held interests in the Cross Keys Hotel in Peebles as well as several other public houses and hotels in northeast England. In 1889, the family sold the brewery to the newly formed Edinburgh United Breweries Ltd.

- Corporate records 1889
- Shareholding records 1890
- Financial records 1890
- Production records 1890
- Licensed premises records 1880-1890
- Property records 1838-1897
- Promotional records 1888-1890
- Public relations 1934

- Family papers

[Ross, David & Sons Ltd; wine & spirit merchants and restaurateur, 1925–1963, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 DR

IRN: 513791

David Ross & Sons wine & spirit merchants and restaurateurs of Glasgow, Scotland appears to have been registered as a wine and spirit company in March 1925, having previously traded under this title since the 1890s. Originally founded by David Ross, proprietor of The Gordon Bar, Mitchell Street, Glasgow, the company expanded owning several properties in the city centre. Under the directorship of George Ross, presumably his son, and Dugald McInnes, both wine and spirit merchants, the firm became a subsidiary company of G & J Maclachlan Ltd, brewers, distillers and retailers of Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, which in turn merged with Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd, of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1963.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1925
- Minute book for directors' meetings 1947-1965
- Shareholding records 1925-1963
- Sales records 1961-1962
- Licensed premises records c.20th century
- Public relations 1896

[Rungcrete Ltd; subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, fl. 1974-1985](#)

Reference: GB 248 RG

IRN: 514009

Rungcrete Ltd became a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from January 1984.

- Shareholding records 1973-1984

[Rungmist Ltd; hospitality services, 1983-1991, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 RUNG

IRN: 514014

Rungmist Ltd was incorporated in July 1983 and changed its name to Trent Inns Ltd in September 1991. The company functioned as a subsidiary of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from April 1984.

- Shareholding records 1983-1984

[Scottish & Newcastle plc; brewers, licensed premises & leisure group, 1960– , Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SNB

IRN: 514042

Scottish Brewers Ltd was established in 1931 and later evolved into Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd after merging with Newcastle Breweries Ltd in 1960. This company expanded by acquiring multiple breweries and related businesses, including the creation of Mackinlay-McPherson Ltd in 1962 to manage their wine and spirit portfolio. The company continued to grow, acquiring various entities across the hotel, retail, and beverage sectors, including notable acquisitions like Home Brewery plc and Matthew Brown plc. The formation of Scottish Courage Ltd in 1995 marked a significant expansion in their beer business, incorporating major brands such as Foster's and Kronenbourg. The company also ventured into European markets through strategic partnerships and joint ventures, employing 40,000 people by 2002 and operating multiple breweries across the UK and Europe.

- Corporate records 1961-2000
- Production records 1970s-80s
- Public relations 1961-1999
- Promotional material 1961-1996
- Staff records 1970s-80s
- Property records 1970s -80s

[Scottish Brewers Ltd; brewers, 1931–1960, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SB

IRN: 514016

Scottish Brewers Ltd was registered in 1931 as a limited liability company to acquire William McEwan & Co Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, Scotland, and William Younger & Co Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh. The company took over Red Tower Lager Brewery Ltd, Manchester, England, in 1956, Thomas & James Bernard Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, and J & J Morison Ltd, Edinburgh and Robert Younger Ltd, brewers, Edinburgh, in 1960. It merged with Newcastle Breweries Ltd, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, in 1960 and changed its name to Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd.

- Corporate records 1931-1960
- Shareholding records 1931-1955
- Financial records 1931-1967
- Production records 1944-1960
- Staff records 1936-1953
- Licensed premises records 1931-1959
- Property records 1935-1973
- Public relations 1960-1993

[Scottish Hotels Ltd; hoteliers, 1914–1964, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SH

IRN: 514031

Scottish Hotels Ltd, registered office in Glasgow, Scotland, was incorporated on 31 December 1914 with an initial share capital of GBP 6,000. The company was the proprietor of the "Royal Hotel" in 106 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. Scottish Hotels Ltd went into voluntary liquidation in 1964. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Corporate records 1928-1964
- Shareholding records 1915-1963
- Licensed premises records 1949

[Scottish Licensed Trade Defence Association; trade association, 1879–, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SLT

IRN: 514036

Founded in 1879 and undergoing expansions and reconstructions in 1890, 1919, and 1922, the Scottish Licensed Trade Defence Association served as the central organization for Scotland's retail trade, similar to the National Trade Defence Fund in London. It was funded by capitation grants from its affiliated associations, numbering around 80 in 1925 and approximately 65 in 1935. The Association also managed significant funds for the Scottish National Trade Defence Fund from 1895 to 1950. Renamed the Scottish Licensed Trade Association around 1956, it continued to represent the interests of all retail sectors of the trade and was still active as of 2002.

- Financial records 1893-1898

[Shetland Hotels; hoteliers, fl. 1968-1977, Lerwick, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SHL

IRN: 514032

Shetland Hotels (Lerwick) Ltd functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc from 1973, representing their presence in the hospitality sector.

- Corporate records 1968-77
- Shareholding records 1968-1974

[Somerville, John & Co Ltd; brewers, 1897–1922, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JS

IRN: 513915

Founded in 1853 in Leith, Scotland, John Somerville & Co started as wine and spirit merchants before expanding into whisky broking and blending, acquiring stakes in Dalwhinnie and Glendronach distilleries. In 1897, the company entered the brewing industry by merging with Blyth & Cameron, forming the North British Brewery in Edinburgh with a capacity of over 50,000 barrels annually. The brewery produced a variety of beers, including ales and stouts. Leadership changes occurred in 1906 and 1909, with shifts in ownership of their distillery interests in the early 20th century. The brewery was sold in 1922 to William Murray & Co Ltd, ceasing operations in 1963.

- Shareholding records 1897
- Promotional material c19th-20th century
- Historical notes 1897

[South Western Brewery Co Ltd; brewers, fl. 1898-1967, Newton Stewart, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SWB

IRN: 514050

The South Western Brewery Co Ltd was established in 1898 to acquire the business of William T Soloman, which included the Newton Stewart Brewery (said to have been established in 1794), twelve public houses and the leases to three others, maltings and an aerated water factory. The firm and 6 tied houses were acquired in 1925 by Archibald Campbell, Hope & King Ltd and the brewery was closed. The company was acquired by Whitbread & Co Ltd, London, in 1967.

- Historical notes not dated

[Stag Inns \(Edinburgh\) Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1953–1962, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SI

IRN: 514033

Stag Inns (Edinburgh) Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland, were in operation between 1953 and 1961. The company was a subsidiary of Robert Younger Ltd and by 1960 was part of John Aitchison & Co Ltd, Edinburgh.

- Financial records 1960-1961
- Staff records 1959-1961
- Licensed premises records 1953-1962
- Promotional material 1961

[Starshire Ltd; subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, fl. 1984](#)

Reference: GB 248 SS

IRN: 514047

Starshire Ltd traded in the hospitality sector and functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from 1986.

- Letter Books and General Correspondence 1978-87

[Steel Coulson & Co Ltd; brewers, 1888–1960, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 SC

IRN: 514020

James Steel inherited his father's brewery in Glasgow in the 1840s and relocated operations to the Greenhead Brewery in 1853. By 1858, he expanded into Edinburgh by acquiring the Craigend Brewery. In 1865, Steel partnered with George F Coulson to form Steel, Coulson & Co. They sold Craigend Brewery in 1874 and purchased the City of Edinburgh Brewery, renaming it Croft-an-Righ. Steel sold his share to Coulson in the late 19th century, and Coulson & Co was formed in 1888. Acquired by Vaux & Associated Breweries in 1959, brewing at Croft-an-Righ ceased in 1960, with the site fully demolished by 1966.

- Corporate records 1888-1955
- Shareholding records 1895-1974
- Financial records 1934-1960
- Production records 1937-1955
- Staff records 1947-1957
- Licensed premises records 1954-1960
- Property records 1987
- Promotional material 1861-1960s
- Public relations 1987
- Family papers (research notes) 1996
- Photographs 1895-1970s

[Stewart R & Son; licensed premises, fl. 1981, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 RS

IRN: 514012

R Stewart & Sons owned public houses during this period.

- Photographs 1981

[Surgeroy Ltd; subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, fl. 1983-1984](#)**Reference: GB 248 SUR****IRN: 514049**

Surgeroy Ltd functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, from April 1984.

- Shareholding records 1983-1984

[Surgeshaw Ltd; subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, fl. 1984](#)**Reference: GB 248 SSL****IRN: 514048**

Surgeshaw Ltd became the subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc in January 1984.

- Shareholding records 1984

[Taskrealm Ltd; hospitality services, 1983-1993, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 TRL****IRN: 514668**

Taskrealm Ltd was incorporated in July 1983, changing its name to Younger's Ltd in February 1993. The company operated in the hospitality sector and functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from 1986.

- Corporate records 1983-1988

[Telepictorials Ltd; television photographic group, 1965-1993, Twickenham, England](#)**Reference: GB 248 TPL****IRN: 514666**

Telepictorials Ltd was a television photographic group based in Twickenham, England. In 1989 the company changed its name to Shiral Enterprises Ltd and was dissolved on 7 August 1993.

- Promotional material 1965

[Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd; brewers, 1966–, Glasgow, Scotland](#)**Reference: GB 248 T****IRN: 507310**

The Tennent family began brewing in Glasgow in 1556, establishing a formal partnership known as H & R Tennent in 1740 at Drygate. Over the centuries, the business evolved, notably under Hugh Tennent in the 1800s, who expanded the brewery, now known as Wellpark Brewery. Under his son, Charles Stewart Parker Tennent, the company became a major global beer exporter. In

the late 19th century, Hugh Tennent introduced Tennent's lager, influenced by Bavarian brewing techniques. By 1901, J & R Tennent Ltd was registered as a limited company. It underwent several mergers and acquisitions, including joining with Charrington United Breweries in 1963 and later merging to form Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd. The brewery saw major developments and changes in ownership through the 20th century, with significant mergers like Bass Charrington and later acquisitions by Interbrew, which became AB InBev. In 2009, Tennent's was acquired by C&C Plc of Ireland but continues to operate at Wellpark Brewery, celebrating 125 years of Tennent's Lager in 2010.

Memorandum and articles of association 1901-1965

- Certificates of incorporation 1901
- Partnership agreements 1861-1972
- Amalgamation/liquidation papers 1960-1967
- Directors' minutes 1867-1959
- Board papers 1916-1958
- Minutes of AGMs 1901-1959
- Records relating to members' meetings 1954-1963
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1902-1978
- Committee meetings 1978-1982
- Miscellaneous corporate records 1904-1977
- Shareholding records 1877-1920
- Letterbooks 1785-1876
- Financial records 1776-1983
- Patents and trademarks 1881-1960s
- Production records 1830-1920s
- Sales records 1812-1910
- Licensed premises 1895-1960s
- Property records 1806-1904
- Promotional records 1870s-1996
- Public relations 1864-1996
- Family papers/historical notes 1550-1983
- Photographs c1900-90s

[Thistle Inns \(later Holyrood Inns\) Ltd; licensed premises group, 1948–1972, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TI

IRN: 514664

Thistle Inns Ltd, licensed premises group, Edinburgh, Scotland, was incorporated on 5 November 1944 as a company limited by shares with a share capital of GBP 5,000 divided into 5,000 shares of GBP 1 each. In 1949, the company acquired "The Green Tree" in Edinburgh and the "Straiton Inn" in Straiton, Scotland. By 1950 the list of managed houses also included the "Bruce

Hotel", Cowdenbeath, Scotland, the "Lord Darnley Tavern", Edinburgh, the "Salmon Hotel", Berwick, Scotland, and the "Thistle Inn", Edinburgh. By 1951 the number of managed houses had grown to 10 properties. The company changed its name to Holyrood Inns Ltd in 1966. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Corporate records 1948-1956
- Shareholding records 1948-1972

[Thistle Hotels Ltd; hoteliers, 1965-1978, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 THI

IRN: 514663

Holyrood Inn Ltd was established in 1963 and changed its name to Thistle Hotels Ltd in 1965, which functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc. The company reflected Scottish & Newcastle's presence in the hospitality sector. Thistle Enterprises (Edinburgh) Ltd was incorporated in November 1968, with its principal activity being the running of The World Bar, Thistle Street, Edinburgh. It functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, from December 1978.

- Corporate records 1965-78

[Thomson, J G & Co Ltd; wine and spirit merchants, 1905–, Leith, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JGT

IRN: 513869

In 1709, Andrew Thomson inherited a brewing and vintner business in Edinburgh, it was relocated to "The Vaults" in Leith by 1782, establishing J G Thomson & Co. The company initially focused on importing and distributing continental wines, eventually expanding to a full range of spirits and wines, both imported and local. Over time, it became a major wholesale supplier under J G Thomson & Co and had a separate private trading branch, Thomson Lauder & Co, which phased out in the 1890s. By the 20th century, the company had become a leading whisky blender with significant international trade, particularly in the USA. It transitioned into a limited liability company in 1905 but went into voluntary liquidation in 1921, later resurfacing and continuing operations until it was purchased in 1960 by Charrington United Breweries Ltd. The business evolved, facing challenges from changing hotel industry dynamics post-WWII, and in 1983, was re-established as a serious wholesaler, moving to new premises in Glasgow. The original Vaults were sold and repurposed for the Scotch Malt Whisky Society and a whisky museum.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1921
- Minutes of managing body 1951-1959
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1960

- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1966-1968
- Notes relating to corporate records 1938-1940
- Letter books and business correspondence 1884-1908
- Financial records 1932
- Production records 1828-1899
- Sales records 1899-1970
- Pensions and life assurance records 1955
- Licensed premises records 1949
- Promotional material 1893-1959
- Public relations 1817-1968
- Personal papers 1709-1959
- Photographs c19th-20th century
- Historical notes 1812-1937
- Objects collection 1700s-1988

[Thomson, Peter \(Perth\) Ltd; whisky merchants, 1986-2011, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 PT

IRN: 514005

Peter Thomson (Perth) Ltd was formerly known as David Lennox & Sons Ltd which was incorporated in July 1936 and dissolved in May 2011. David Lennox & Sons Ltd changed its name to Peter Thomson (Perth) Ltd in April 1986. The company was part of Waverley Vintners Ltd which functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, trading in the wholesale and retail of wines and spirits.

- Corporate records 1985

[Traquair House; brewers, 1997–, Innerleithen, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TH

IRN: 514662

Traquair House Brewery, located near Innerleithen, Scottish Borders, originally served the Maxwell Stuart family's estate since at least 1566. After ceasing operations in the early 1800s, it was rediscovered and revived in 1965 by Peter Maxwell Stuart with assistance from Belhaven brewer Sandy Hunter. Initially producing beer solely for the estate's gift shop, demand soon exceeded supply. Following Peter's death in 1990, the brewery was managed by his wife Flora and later their daughter Catherine, who expanded it in 1993. Now producing about 600 barrels annually, the brewery specializes in dark ales and exports globally, particularly to North America and Asia.

- Promotional material undated
- Public relations material 1998-1999

Turner, Ayr & Newton Breweries Ltd; brewers and bottlers, 1898–1991, Ayr, Scotland**Reference: GB 248 TR****IRN: 514667**

Andrew Muir Turner, initially a coachman, began his venture into the hospitality industry by taking tenancy of Kyle Tavern in Ayr, Scotland, in 1868. He expanded his holdings by acquiring additional properties, including Newton Brewery in 1881 and the Royal Citadel Stores in 1887. He ventured into mineral water manufacture at Newton Brewery in the 1880s. In 1898, Turner's Ayr & Newton Breweries Ltd was formed to consolidate his businesses, including the acquisition of James Watson & Co. Brewing ceased at Ayr Brewery in 1911–1912, transitioning to a catering hub, and at Newton Brewery in 1929, which later served as a bottling center. The company, renamed Turner's (Ayr) Ltd around 1930, was fully acquired by J & R Tennent Ltd in 1960 and dissolved in 1991.

- Corporate records 1957-1968
- Shareholding records 1898-1964
- Financial records 1921-1966
- Public relations 1905

United Caledonian Breweries Ltd; brewers, 1960–1971, Edinburgh, Scotland**Reference: GB 248 UCB****IRN: 514671**

United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland, was registered in May 1960 as a limited liability company. It operated as a management company for the Scottish interests of Northern Breweries of Great Britain Ltd (later United Breweries Ltd), York, England, and London, England, which merged in 1962 with Charrington & Co Ltd, London, through a holding company, Charrington United Breweries Ltd, London. In 1963 the company took over the training interests of Aitchison Jeffrey Ltd, Heriot Brewery, Edinburgh; James Aitken & Co (Falkirk) Ltd, The Brewery, Falkirk, Scotland; James Calder & Co (Brewers) Ltd, Shore Brewery, Alloa, Scotland ; John Fowler & Co Ltd, The Brewery, Prestonpans, Lothian, Scotland ; William Murray & Co Ltd, Craigmillar Brewery, Edinburgh; and George Younger & Co Ltd, Meadow Brewery, Alloa. In 1964 it controlled 440 licensed outlets. In 1966 the company merged with J & R Tennent Ltd, Wellpark Brewery, Glasgow, Scotland, to form Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd

- Memorandum and articles of association of various companies 1930-1965
- Amalgamation/Liquidation papers 1960s
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1960-1971
- Records relating to members' meetings 1961-1969
- Directors annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1963-1969
- Committee minutes and related papers 1963

- Shareholding records 1960-1971
- Financial records 1963-1969
- Appointments and contracts of employment 1962
- Salaries and wages records 1963
- Industrial relations 1962
- Property records 1963-1965

[Usher, Thomas & Son Ltd; brewers, 1895–1981, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 TU

IRN: 514669

David Aikman & Co-operated the Cowgate Brewery, Campbell's Close, Cowgate, Edinburgh, Scotland, from 1817 to 1828, followed by Hutchison, Aikman & Co from 1828 to 1831. The brewery was acquired in 1831 by James Usher & Cunningham, trading as Usher & Co from 1839 and J & T Usher from 1843. J & T Usher moved to the Park Brewery, St Leonard's Street, Edinburgh, in 1860. Thomas Usher & Son Ltd was registered in March 1895 as a limited liability company to acquire the business. The company, along with 170 licensed houses, was taken over by Vaux & Associated Breweries Ltd, Sunderland, England, in 1959. Its name changed to Usher's Brewery Ltd in 1972 and in 1976 it employed 2,500 people and operated 235 tied houses. The Park Brewery was operated by Lorimer's Brewery Ltd from 1976 and was acquired by Allied Breweries Ltd, London, in 1980. Usher's Brewery Ltd went into liquidation and the Park Brewery ceased brewing in 1981.

- Corporate records 1895-1979
- Shareholding records 1951-1979
- Letterbooks 1868-1895
- Financial records 1834-1981
- Production records 1885-1980
- Sales records 1919-1980
- Staff records 1929-1934
- Licensed premises, records 1873-1959
- Property records 1957-1980
- Public relations 1950s-1975
- Photographs 1920s-70s

[Wallace, John & Co Ltd; whisky blenders and wine and spirit merchants, fl. 1946–1959, Aberdeen, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JWC

IRN: 513927

John Wallace & Co Ltd were whisky blenders and wine and spirit merchants with offices at 81 George Street and 26 Loch Street in Aberdeen, Scotland. The company was taken over by

William Murray & Co Ltd, brewers in Edinburgh, Scotland, in c1946. The company was certainly in existence between 1951 and 1959. John Wallace & Co Ltd owned the following businesses: the grocery shops in 47 Commerce Street and 212 Gallowgate in Aberdeen and the licensed houses "The St Andrew's Bar", "The Neptune Bar" and "The Balaclava Bar". No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Financial records 1957-1959
- Licensed premises 1951-1959

[Watney & Co. Ltd; brewers, c1837-, London, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 WAT

IRN: 514672

In 1636, John Greene leased land later developed into the Stag Brewhouse in London. His family, including his son and cousin, expanded the business, eventually involving over 16 acres by the late 18th century. The Watney family became prominent partners in the 19th century, with James Watney joining in 1837 alongside partners John Lettsom Elliot and Charles Lambert. The brewery, named Elliot, Watney & Co from 1849, saw leadership changes until becoming James Watney & Co in 1858. After James Watney's death in 1884, the company was incorporated as a limited company in 1885. In 1898, it merged with other breweries to form Watney Combe & Reid.

- Promotional material c1960/70s

[Welcome Inns Ltd; hoteliers, 1972-2011, Middlesex, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 WI

IRN: 514678

Welcome Inns Ltd was incorporated in February 1972, operating in the hospitality sector and was dissolved in February 2011. The company functioned as a subsidiary of the holding company Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc.

- Corporate records 1973-1985
- Shareholding records 1973-1985

[West of Scotland Taverns Ltd; licensed premises, 1955 – 1993, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WST

IRN: 514682

West of Scotland Taverns Ltd, a subsidiary of J & R Tennent Ltd, was established on March 1, 1955, to manage two taverns in Glasgow. Officially incorporated on March 12, 1955, the company quickly expanded to 27 licensed premises by 1957. Initially, each tavern ordered whisky individually, but in 1956, the company centralized purchasing to leverage bulk buying,

marking the start of its wine and spirit operations. The expanding business led to the creation of a dedicated Wine and Spirit Department within the company by the end of 1956. In 1962, this department was integrated into J & R Tennent Ltd. The company was re-registered in 1965 and ultimately dissolved on August 24, 1993.

- Corporate records 1928-1965
- Shareholding records 1955-1972
- Financial records 1956-1969

[Westburn Trust Co Ltd; property & investments, 1928–1965, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WT

IRN: 514683

Westburn Trust Co Ltd, property-owning company, Glasgow, Scotland, was incorporated as a private company limited by shares on 22 September 1928 with a share capital of GBP 25,000 divided into 25,000 shares of GBP 1 each. The whole share capital of Westburn Trust Co Ltd was acquired by Maclachlans Ltd, brewers, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, in July 1946. The company went into voluntary liquidation in 1965. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Corporate records 1928-1965
- Shareholding records 1928-1965
- Financial records 1928-1965
- Promotional material 1963

[Westcon Ltd; caterers, 1930–1991, Ayr, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WC

IRN: 514675

Westcon Ltd, originally Western Contracting Co Ltd, was a subsidiary of Turner's Ayr & Newton Breweries Ltd, established post-WWI to manage the burgeoning outside catering operations, notably for the Western Meeting at Ayr Racecourse. Operations were based in the old Ayr Brewery, where brewing ceased in 1911-1912. The company was incorporated as Westcon Ltd in 1930 with a diverse business scope including catering, baking, grocery, tea rooms, and drinks production. Acquired by J & R Tennent Ltd in 1961, Westcon was not directly owned by Turner's but shared common shareholders. The company continued its extensive catering services until it was dissolved on July 30, 1991.

- Corporate records 1961-1966
- Financial records 1961-1966

[Whitbread & Co. Ltd; brewers, 1742- , London, England](#)

Reference: GB 248 W

IRN: 514676

Whitbread & Co Ltd of London, founded in 1742, had been shipping significant quantities of beer to Scotland from their English breweries since the beginning of the 20th century. The company acquired a significant minority shareholding in Archibald Campbell, Hope & King, brewers in Edinburgh, in 1964, and acquired the company and its thirty-six pubs in 1967. The following year, Whitbread acquired the brewer, John Young Ltd of Musselburgh, and its subsidiary, Olympic Bars Ltd. The Scottish pubs were sold to Watney Mann Ltd. John Young's Brewery was closed in 1968, and the Argyle Brewery acquired with Archibald Campbell Hope & King was closed in 1971. In 1975 Whitbread acquired Long John International Ltd, a spirits company which owned Scotch whisky brands such as Laphroaig and Long John. The business was sold to Allied Domecq in 1991. Whitbread sold its brewing interests to Interbrew in 2000.

- Corporate records 1956-1985
- Shareholding records 1933-1979

[Whitehouse \(Craigmillar\) Ltd; licensed premises, fl. 1939–1969, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WHC

IRN: 514677

Whitehouse (Craigmillar) Ltd were licensed premises with registered office at White House, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, Scotland. The company was established in c1939 and was still in existence in 1969. Whitehouse (Craigmillar) Ltd was part of United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, Edinburgh. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Corporate records 1963-1965
- Financial records 1958-1959

[Whiting Bay Hotel Ltd; licensed premises, 1939– , Isle of Arran, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WBH

IRN: 514673

Whiting Bay Hotel Ltd was incorporated as a private company limited by shares on 25 February 1939 with a share capital of GBP 12,000 divided into 12,000 shares of GBP 1 each. The Whiting Bay Hotel was situated in Whiting Bay on the Isle of Arran, Scotland. The hotel proprietor in 1939 was Alexander Sneddon Watt. The main objects of the company were to carry out the businesses of hotelkeeper, innkeeper, restaurateur, and licensed victualler. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1939

[Wilson, William: George Younger & Son Ltd employee, fl. 1941-1970, Alloa, Perth and Dundee, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WW

IRN: 514684

William Wilson began his career at George Younger & Son Ltd's Forwarding Department around 1941, after which he served in the Royal Navy during WWII. Post-war, he managed Younger's Perth branch, producing mineral water and overseeing beer distribution. In 1961, following the merger of George Younger & Son Ltd with United Caledonian Breweries Ltd, the Perth branch closed, and William returned to Alloa. After another merger into Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd, he became the District Manager in Dundee, managing the firm's establishments in northern Scotland. William Wilson passed away suddenly on December 16, 1970, at the age of 44.

- Staff records 1948-1963
- Promotional material 1960s

[Wright, John & Company \(Perth\): brewers, 1852–1964, Perth, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JW

IRN: 513932

In 1786, the Perth Brewing Company was established in Perth, Scotland, by William Wright, Alexander Ritchie, and others. By 1835, John Wright, a nephew of William, took over, later partnering with his brewer Robert Currie to form Wright & Currie. After several ownership changes, the brewery was acquired in 1885 by R B Wallace and Robert Nimmo, who modernized the facility and expanded into bottling and aerated water production. The company grew, acquiring Muir & Martin in 1926, and continued to innovate in bottling and distribution. John Wright & Co was purchased by Vaux & Associated Breweries Ltd in 1961 and closed in 1964.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1925
- Amalgamation/Liquidation papers 1961
- Production records 1952
- Promotional records 1900-1940s
- Photographs 1932-1950s
- Historical notes c1982

[Wypers \(Glasgow\) Ltd; licensed premises, 1944–1964, Glasgow, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 WYP

IRN: 514686

Wypers (Glasgow) Ltd, licensed premises, Glasgow, Scotland, was incorporated as a private company on 11 May 1944 with an initial share capital of GBP 40,000 divided into 40,000 shares

of GBP 1 each. The main objects of the company were to carry out the businesses of wine, beer and spirit merchants, licensed victuallers, hotel, restaurant, café, tavern, refreshment room keeper and brewers' agent. The company went into voluntary liquidation in 1964. No more is known about the company's history to date.

- Corporate records 1944-1964
- Financial records 1962-1963

[Young, John & Co Ltd; brewers, 1891–1969, Musselburgh, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 JY

IRN: 513933

John Young established the Ladywell Brewery, North High Street, Fisherrow, Musselburgh, Scotland, in about 1830. John Young & Co Ltd was registered in 1891 as a limited liability company to acquire the business. The company was taken over, along with 11 licensed houses, by Whitbread & Co Ltd, London, England, in 1968 and ceased to brew in January 1969.

- Directors' minute books 1953-1971
- Shareholding records 1890-1969
- Financial records 1916-1971
- Trade marks 1966
- Sales records 1949-1958
- Property records 1968-1971
- Promotional material 1950s
- Photographs 1980s

[Younger, George & Son Ltd; brewers, 1897–1963, Alloa, Scotland](#)

Reference: GB 248 GY

IRN: 513841

George Younger, a brewer from Culross, Fife, began brewing in Alloa, Scotland, around 1745 and established the Meadow Brewery by 1764. After his death, the business was passed down through the family and expanded significantly, acquiring the Candleriggs Brewery in 1871. Meadow Brewery ceased brewing in 1877, shifting to office use, while Candleriggs was reconstructed after a fire in 1889, becoming Scotland's largest brewery outside Edinburgh. George Younger & Son Ltd became a limited company in 1897, expanding internationally and acquiring additional breweries. The company thrived through innovations and military contracts, until it was absorbed into Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd in 1966 after several mergers, ceasing brewing at Candleriggs in 1963.

- Memorandum and articles of association 1897-1961
- Minutes of directors' meetings 1960-1969
- Records relating to directors' meetings 1943-1965

- Records relating to members' meetings 1959-1960
- Directors' annual reports and accounts to shareholders 1947-1968
- Shareholding records 1952-1969
- Financial records 1959-1965
- Trademarks 1935
- Production records 1935
- Salaries and wages records 1961-1962
- Pensions and life assurance records 1948-1961
- Licensed premises records 1961-1965
- Property records 1875-1965
- Public relations 1898-1982
- Promotional material 1929-1980s
- Family papers 1997
- Photographs 1878-1994
- Historical notes 1889

Younger Ltd, Robert; brewers, 1896–1960, Edinburgh, Scotland

Reference: GB 248 RY

IRN: 514015

Robert Younger, born in 1820 in Alloa, Scotland, established his brewing career in Edinburgh by purchasing St Ann's Brewery in 1854. The brewery, originally founded in 1786, expanded under his leadership, and Robert Younger Ltd was incorporated as a limited liability company in 1896. The company, known for its range of beers and stouts, grew to include a new malting facility and managed numerous licensed houses across Scotland and the North East of England. Robert Younger Ltd was notable for its export trade and won multiple awards. In 1960, Scottish Brewers Ltd acquired it for GBP 895,000, and brewing at St Ann's ceased in March 1961, marking the closure of one of Scotland's largest brewing firms.

- Corporate records 1937-1960
- Shareholding records 1896-1960
- Financial records 1930-1961
- Patents and trademarks 1877-1932
- Production records 1945-1961
- Sales records 1953-1961
- Staff records 1937-1961
- Licensed premises records 1902-1958
- Photographs undated

Younger & Co Ltd, William; brewers, 1887–1986, Edinburgh, Scotland**Reference: GB 248 WY****IRN: 514685**

The business stemmed from Grizel Syme, who managed her second husband's brewery after his death. The brewery was significantly influenced by her family, including her sons and second husband, Alexander Anderson, who brewed since at least 1758. After Anderson's death in 1781, Grizel led the brewery until 1794. Her son, Archibald Campbell Younger, began his own brewing business in 1777. By 1818, William Younger II, another son, had established his brewery, expanding, and acquiring several other brewing facilities. The company, formalized as William Younger & Co in 1818, grew substantially, exporting globally by the 1840s. In 1887, it became a limited liability company, and by the early 20th century, it was a major player in Scottish brewing. The company merged with William McEwan & Co in 1931 under Scottish Brewers Ltd, which later became part of Scottish & Newcastle, transitioning the brewery's historic site to become the Scottish Parliament buildings. The Holyrood Brewery closed in 1986.

- Corporate records 1800-1960
- Shareholding records 1887-1955
- Letterbooks 1838-1969
- Financial records 1805-1960
- Patents and trademarks 1803-1940s
- Production records 1807-1970s
- Sales records 1862-1943
- Staff records 1866-1965
- Licensed premises records 1880-1955
- Property records 1658-1957
- Promotional material 1870s-1960s
- Public relations 1870s-1960s
- Family papers 1843-1890s
- Photographs 1860s-1960s.

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- Beer cans
- Beer crates
- Beer glasses
- Bottle openers
- Bottle stoppers
- Brewery mirrors
- Brewery tools
- Cask ends
- Embossing stamps
- Pump clips
- Trays

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