



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Northcote Brick Co.
ACCESSION NO	1974.0075
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Manufacturers, bricks and tiles
DATE RANGE	1882-1929
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm. (1 archives box) Map Plan
HISTORICAL NOTE	Registered in 1882, this company was one of the many building materials companies formed in response to increased building activity during the land boom of the 1880s.
DATE OF TRANSFER	December, 1979
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
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DATE	1979

NORTHCOTE BRICK COMPANY RECORDS

As at November 1979 in the custody of Mr John Wilkins, Chief Electrical Engineer, City of Northcote; given to Mr Wilkins by Mr Alfred A. Perry in January 1973. The records were salvaged by Mr Perry at the time of the demolition of the manager's office about 1963

Date	Item	Notes
4 Sept 1874	Mortgage: S.R.Groom to Commercial Bank	Partnership S.R. & C. Groom. Mortgage for £1000. Land: Jika Jika Sect. 107. Refers to an 1873 mortgage.
20 Feb 1882	Norman Taylor (late Field Geologist, Geological Survey of Victoria) to ?	Geological report on the property of the Northcote Patent Brick Co, in detail.
6 Apr 1882	G.W.Cornwell to Messrs Crouch, Tod & Lanwill (Trustees for N.B.C.)	Re purchase of property: agreeing to accept shares in lieu of cash.
20 Apr 1882	<u>Vic. Government Gazette</u> No. 45	for registration of N.B.C., 19 April 1882 (p.900)
10 Nov 1882	Summary of Capital & Shares, N.B.C. Ltd	Nominal capital £50,000. In £1 shares. 30,000 taken up, paid to 7/6. List of shareholders
1886	Sale contracts for allotments sold to N.B.C. for railway siding: -Lot 7 Minnithorpe Estate -Lot 9 ditto -Lots 10 & 11 ditto -Lot 12 -Lots 14 & 15 -Lots 40 & 41	-High St frontage: T. & W. Fink. £267/5/0 -Thomas Bent and others: £125/10/5 -ditto, £250 -John McMahan, £125 -Robert Jamison, - -W.B.Sheldon (title to Ronald Robb), -
1888	Results of tests by Victorian Railways on bricks from N.B.C., Hoffman Co. and Box Hill Co.	
16 Mar 1891	G.R.B.Steane (surveyor Town of Northcote) to Directors of N.B.C.; <u>plus</u> plan.	re drainage proposal for south side of Dennis St: council seeks a strip of land. Plan shows this in relation to nearby streets.
8 Nov 1899	J.T.Noble Anderson (Monash & Anderson, Consulting Engineers) to Secretary, N.B.C.; <u>plus</u> Report (8/11/99)	Forwarding copy of report of tests on pressures used in compressing bricks; report includes tests by Prof. Kernot at University of Melbourne.

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1 Mar 1900	Agreement to let: Perpetual Executors & Trustees Assoc. of Aust and N.B.C.	Letting N.B.C. 2 rooms on first floor, 108 Queen St
19 Oct 1900	Agreement between N.B.C. and New Northcote Brick Co. Ltd; <u>includes plan.</u>	Re fencing of adjoining land and allowing N.B.C. rights over some New North- cote land
1900-01:	<u>Correspondence re proposed electric light at N.B.C.:</u>	
-3 Dec 1900	-W.Clayton-Joel & Co (Electrical Engineers) to N.B.C. <u>Letter attached to:</u>	Submitting estimates
-22 Nov 1900	-ditto; <u>and to</u>	initial estimate
-5 Dec 1900	-ditto	itemising costs
-19 Dec 1900	-ditto <u>plus copy;</u> <u>Letter attached to:</u>	setting out contract specifications
-10 Dec 1900	-C.Osborne to Secretary N.B.C.	reporting on the proposal
-25 Mar 1901	C.Osborne to Secretary N.B.C.	report on Clayton-Joel account; plant operating from 30/1/1901
9 Mar 1901	Land sale contract: Richard Watson & Thomas Copeland to Thomas Barling	Lots 45 & 46, subdivision 1488, Portion 107
30 Jan 1902	Land Sale Contract: Richard Watson & the Rev. T. Copeland	Lots 31-36, subdivision 1488, Portion 109 - Separation Street
1903-1904:	<u>Correspondence etc. re new Steam Boiler:</u>	
-3 June 1903	Thompson & Co. to N.B.C.	
-3 June 1903	ditto	includes tender
-18 June 1903	ditto	report, estimates
-18 June 1903	ditto	report
-30 June 1903	Austral Otis Engineering Co. to Fritsch Holzer & Co. (copy)	
-12 Aug 1903	N.B.C. (?) to Fritsch Holzer & Co. (copy)	
-28 Oct 1903	Austral Otis to N.B.C.	
-4 Dec 1903	Agreement: Thompson & Co. and N.B.C. (two copies)	one copy marked "agreement withdrawn", the other dated and with alterations
-23 Nov 1903	Thompson & Co. to N.B.C.	
-9 Dec 1903	Thompson & Co. to N.B.C.	
-1903	Thompson & Co. to N.B.C.	

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	(Correspondence re <u>Steam Boiler - cont.)</u>	
-1903	Thompson & Co. to Engineer, N.B.C.	
-23 Nov 1903	Thompson & Co to N.B.C. <u>plus:</u> Specifications from Babcock & Wilcox boilers to Austral Otis	amended specifications and tender
-(c. 1903)	Plan: "Proposed alter- ations and additions for N.B.Co.", signed R.W.	
6 Apr 1907	Report of Insp. R. Fulton of Babcock & Wilcox boiler under Boiler Insp. Act	
17 Oct 1908	Plan: quarry hole proposed to be transferred to Northcote Council for baths. Alan Meudell, surveyor.	between Separation St and Robbs Parade
13 May 1909	Plan: MMBW easements required for sewerage works	between brickworks and High Street
17 May 1909	Sale of land: N.B.C. to K. Kummer (?)	Separation Street. £275.
1914:	<u>Correspondence re brick machinery:</u>	
-(c. 1914)	Austral Otis to N.B.C. <u>plus</u> photographs of two machines	quote for supply of 5 machines
-(c. 1914)	Victorian Iron Works to N.B.C.	
-16 Sept 1914	Manager N.B.C. to Secretary N.B.C.	
-7 Dec 1914	London Bank of Aust- ralia to N.B.C.	re progress payment to Austral Otis
1915	War Census Wealth and Income Card	incl. 12 horse lorries, 3 drays, 1 light waggon, 21 draught horses, 1 light harness horses; details of capital, income etc.
17 June 1915	Agreement: N.B.C. and Thompson & Co.	for supply of Steam Power Plant for £9115
22 June 1915	Assignment between N.B.C. and Thompson & Co.	payment for the above
10 Jan 1918	Thompson & Co. to N.B.C.	re Power Plant - delay in project, and cost rises
30 Jan 1918	ditto	ditto
20 Mar 1918	Thomspn & Co. to C. Osborne	

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3 Oct 1918	Agreement: N.B.C. and W.L. Dobinson (Engineer)	Contract for 3 years @ £350
9 Apr 1919	C.C. Osborne to Chairman N.B.C.	re test run of the new plant at Northcote - details
8 June 1920	Agreement: N.B.C. and Victorian Railways	renewal of agreement re brick company rail siding
19 June 1922	Contract of Sale: N.B.C. to A. Edwards	Lots 24-29 McCutcheon St and 21-23 @ £2/15/- per foot - total £1226/5/5
30 Sept 1925	Contract of Sale: N.B.C. (vender of Mountain View Estate - auction 18/4/25) to William J. Burke	Lots 36, 37, 50-53 @ £2/5/- per fppt. Portion 112
23 July 1926	Contract of sale: N.B.C. to C.A. Stewart and McF. C. Davies	Entire west side of Wakanui Street, in 41' frontages. £1831/15/-
(1926)	Case for opinion re obtaining land for extension of operations in Hopetoun Street; <u>includes</u> letter from Northcote Council to N.B.C. (copy); <u>also includes</u> plan of site - main part of quarry <u>plus</u> copy of the "case for opinion" in draft	West side of Hopetoun St recently acquired: legal advisers asked whether council can prevent company blasting -drawing company's attention to By Law controlling blasts - Notes "started previous to 1886..."; west of Hopetoun St is marked "started here in March 1917"
9 Sept 1926		
27 Jan 1928	N.B.C. to Stealite Steel Co, Paris (copy) <u>plus</u> ditto (14/2/28); <u>plus</u> cutting from "Herald" 3/2/29: "Unscrupulous steel sellers - City firms hoodwinked"	order for 3 bars new order
21 Feb 1929	City of Northcote to N.B.C.; <u>plus</u> By Law 30 and By Law re zoning (35); <u>plus</u> City of Northcote to N.B.C. (28/2/29) enclosing By Law 38	complaints of blasting causing subsidence
25 Sept 1929	Schedule to Insurance Policy with C.M.L. Assurance Society	gives names, date and place of birth, positions, insurance benefits and premiums for 37 employees of N.B.C.
27 Oct 1932	Lease of land: N.B.C. to Calcourt Tennis Club	
22 Nov 1934	Lease of land: N.B.C. to Catholic Young Men's Society, for 2 years	the "Northcote Wicket"

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1885-88	Documents re Patents and trade marks, Victoria and Queensland (5 items)	
1887-1927	Documents re lost share scrip, and unclaimed scrip (six items)	
-	<u>Plans:</u>	
1914	(a) MMBW Sewerage of cottages in Robbs & Langwill's Parade	
n.d.	(b) sketch map of company's rail siding	
n.d.	(c) plan showing position of "Magazine" in relation to clay hole, brick machines, stable, etc.	
1891	Proposed Amalgamated Brick Companies: Pro Forma Balance Sheet; <u>includes</u> Report of Sub-Committee re proposed amalgamation of Melbourne's Brick Companies	
1914-18	N.B.C. Half Yearly Reports - 64th (31/3/14) to 73rd (30/9/18) inclusive	Shows dividends (when declared), balance sheet, and brief report
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9 Jan 1973	Alfred A. Perry to J. Wilkins: note explaining the origin of this collection	

List compiled 1979
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