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CONTEXT

Administrative History

J. & L. F. Goodbody was established in 1865 as a jute manufacturing business based at Clashawaun in Clara and also with offices in Dublin. Its directors were Jonathan Goodbody (1865-88), Lewis F. Goodbody (1865-87), Robert Goodbody (c1870-88), Joshua C. Goodbody (c1873-88), Fredrick R. Goodbody (1880-88) and J. B. Clibborn Goodbody (1880-88).

The business was formed into a limited company in 1888 and traded under the name J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd. As well as jute, it also manufactured cotton and synthetics. Its main factories at Clara and Waterford were later joined by factories at Dublin, Limerick and Slane. In 1937, it became a public company when outside shareholders and directors were introduced. It was quoted on the Dublin Stock Exchange and wound up in 1984. The family crest was adopted as the registered trade mark.

Archival History

The collection was donated permanently to Offaly County Library by Mrs. R. E. Goodbody, Clonmullen, Clara, Co. Offaly in 1987.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

Plans and drawings of Clashawaun Works and machinery; material relating to formation of limited company in 1888; correspondence with directors and partners; notices of meetings and resolutions adopted; some handwritten minutes; material relating to the formation of a public company in 1937; miscellaneous artefacts relating to Clashawaun Works.

System of Arrangement

The collection was originally arranged in a broadly chronological order. As there is no discernible organic order to the items, the archivist retained this chronological sequence and reference codes during the revision process, but separated the items into four strands.

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| A | Establishment of factory(1873-1903) |
| B | Formation of limited company and expansion (1888-1934) |
| C | Formation of public company (1935-55) |
| D | Artefacts (c. 1930-1972) |

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access

By appointment only.

Language

English

Finding Aid

Descriptive catalogue

ALLIED MATERIALS

Original sources

Offaly County Archives, Clashawaun Works Factory Plans, P97

Offaly County Archives, Clashsawaun Works Factory Regulations, P24

National Archives of Ireland, Business Records Survey, J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd. Records, BRS OFF12

Offaly County Library, Local Studies Collections, Clara and Clashawaun Photograph collection.

Dublin Friends Historical Library, Goodbody Private Papers

Publications

Goodbody, M., *The Goodbodies-the story of an Irish Quaker family 1630-1950*, Ashfield Press, Dublin (2011)

Stewart, M., *Goodbodies of Clara*, privately published by J. & L. F. Goodbody (1965)

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's note

Original catalogue prepared c.1995. Revised by Lisa Shortall, May 2015.

A. Establishment of factory (1873-1903)

- P10/1/1** 7 January 1873
- 57cm x 85cm
- Plan of the spinning mill in Clashawaun Works. Entitled 'Jute Spinning Mill for Messrs J. & L. F. Goodbody, Clara, Ireland', prepared by Lily Bank Foundry. Scale 1/16" – 1 ft. Front elevation and ground plan. Verso reads 'Plan of Spinning Mill' with a later annotation that reads 'Not correct'.
- P10/1/2** 1903
- 60cm x 88cm
- Plan of the spinning mill in Clashawaun Works. Entitled 'Clashawaun Spinning Mill' owned by J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd., Clara, King's Co.' Interior floor plan. Scale 1/16" to 1 ft. Signed 'JHG 1903. This drawing framed in my office for many years.' Many later annotations and corrections visible, some dating up to 1944.
- P10/2** 1875
- 108pp
- Desk diary of Robert Goodbody with sporadic entries mainly containing observations on machinery workings, candidates for employment, employee discipline and notes on jute imports.

B. Formation of Limited Company and expansion (1888-1934)

- P10/3** 17 November 1888
- 35pp
- Memorandum & Articles of Association for J. L. & F. Goodbody, Ltd., drawn up by Alfred E. Goodbody, solicitor, Dublin. Amendments throughout.
- P10/4** 17 November 1888
- 43pp
- Memorandum & (Amended) Articles of Association for J. & L. F. Goodbody, Ltd., drawn up by A. & L. Goodbody, solicitors, Dublin.

- P10/5** 1 December 1888
- 14 items
- Letters sent from J. B. Clibborn Goodbody to J. & L. F. Goodbody renouncing rights to shares in favour of Edward Gaynor Goodbody, Sara E. Goodbody, Albert Goodbody, Lewis Goodbody, Marcus Goodbody, Hannah Perry Goodbody, Jonathan Goodbody, Lydia R. Goodbody, Henry Perry Goodbody, J. Perry Goodbody and Richard Goodbody.
- P10/6** c. 1890
- 1 item
- Wooden collection box. 'This was passed around the floor for contributions towards the funerals of fellow workers. It was then given to the works cashier to dispose of the contents suitably.'
- P10/7** 1895
- c. 25pp
- Account book entitled 'Spinning Charges 1895'. Records costs associated with spinning jute such as size of yarn; management and office; preparing; spinning, warping and winding; sundry charges, oil, coal; batching oil; interest; insurance; and depreciation.
- P10/8** 16 January 1896
- 1 item
- Notice concerning use of Mechanics Shop: 'No employee will be allowed in the mechanic's shop who has not special instructions from his Observer to be there. Those doing so will be liable to a fine or dismissal.'
- P10/9** 1900-1915
- 2 items
- Letterhead brass printing plates and stationary samples for Clashawaun Works. Describes J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd., as 'jute spinners and manufacturers of twill and plain sacks, firkin covers, brattice cloths, hay cords, rope, yarn, sack ties, etc.'

- P10/10** 1902
2pp
Letters of resignation from [Frederick Robert] Goodbody, Stratford House, 40 West Parade, Rhyll and Obelisk Park, Blackrock, Co Dublin.
- P10/11** 17 January 1907
1 item
Certificate issued by the Industrial Development Association for the use of the Irish Trade Mark by J. L. & F. Goodbody
- P10/12** 26 January 1907 – 17 February 1923
13 items
Correspondence relating to the registration of the 'Shamrock' Hay Cord Brand by J. & L. F. Goodbody, and confusion rising from the Belfast Ropework Co. Ltd, using a similar brand name. Includes signed agreement by Henry C. Yeo & Co., London, concerning the selling price of Shamrock Hay Cord.
- P10/13** 6 November 1914
2pp
Letter from Companies Registration Office noting that a change has occurred in the Company's directorate since 1912 and requesting that 'a copy of the Register of Directors or Managers indicating that change be forwarded to the office.'
- P10/14** 7 September 1920 – March 1929
16pp
Valuation by William H. Bell, licensed valuator, of plant and machinery of the factory side of Clashawaun Works, Clara. Replacement value in 1920 estimated at £87,401 and 8 shillings. Replacement value in 1929 estimated at £53,127 and 10 shillings. Includes blueprint of weaving department, dated August 1920.

P10/15 1902-1934

3 items

Shares

Share certificates of Joseph Harold Goodbody, Inchmore, Clara; James Perry Goodbody, Inchmore, Clara; and Richard Goodbody of Bailey, Howth. Also includes share certificate book containing numbers 100-198 with stubs from 100-113 made out to various members of the Goodbody family.

P10/16 14 August 1907 – 27 August 1927

3 items

Annual return of Summary Capital (Form E) recording list of persons holding shares in J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd.

P10/17 26 May 1915 – 22 August 1935

10pp

Correspondence between shareholders and the secretary, J. L. & F. Goodbody Ltd. relating to individual arrangements for the payment of dividends.

P10/18 26 May 1915 – 22 August 1916

12pp

Correspondence between W. J. Shannon, solicitor and J. Harold Goodbody relating to F. R. Goodbody's shares and dividends from 1903-06, and dispute arising from same.

C. Formation of Public Company (1935-1955)

P10/19 20 April 1935

1p

Handwritten minutes of a meeting held at Guinness Mahon Office in relation to co-opting H. E. Guinness and J. P. Hullman as directors and that the [share] allotment letters be adopted.

- P10/20** 23 August 1935
- 5pp
- Correspondence between F. R. Goodbody, Plas Gored Valley, Anglesea, and the Secretary, J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd., concerning F. R. Goodbody's non-attendance at the AGM and other matters regarding accounts and points to be raised in his absence.
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- P10/21** 6 November-5 December 1935
- 3pp
- Letters from the Secretary, J. & L. F. Goodbody, to Gerald E. Goodbody, Limerick and to Miss Helen Goodbody, Woodstown, Lisnagry, Limerick, concerning the public flotation of the company to raise capital for purchase of Denny's jute factory, Waterford.
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- P10/22** 19 December 1935
- 4pp
- Letter from G. F. Klingner, auditor, Stokes Bors & Pim accountants, to J. H. Goodbody, concerning the question of stocktaking, and enclosing a memorandum on stocktaking for Mr. Ruddock.
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- P10/23** 23 March 1936
- 3pp
- Resolutions in relation to the purchase of Denny's Waterford jute business, following a meeting with the Department of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Guinness, trade union officials and Mr. Denny.
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- P10/24** See P10/36
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- P10/25** 7 April 1936
- 5pp
- Letters issued by J. & L. F. Goodbody relating to the appointment of proxy voters at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

- P10/26** 1936
2 items
Drafts of 'Offer for Sale' of share in J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd. Marked 'Draft No. 1', 'Draft No. 2', and 'not to be circulated'.
- P10/27** 26 April 1936
9pp
Original agreement between J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd. and Joshua Eric Goodbody, appointing the latter as Managing Director. Signed and witnessed by J. B. Goodbody, H. E. Guinness, Desmond M. Goodbody and Joshua Eric Goodbody.
- P10/28** 23 March 1936
3pp
Notices of Extraordinary General Meetings to be held concerning the future of the company as a public company.
- P10/29** 7 April 1936
8pp
Notices of Extraordinary General Meetings to be held at 50 Dame St, Dublin, for confirmation of special resolutions on shares, for confirmation that the Company henceforth be a public company and for submission or resolution concerning capitalisation of £54,500 of undivided profits.
- P10/30** 1944
c. 30pp
Accounts 1944/1945
File containing profit and loss accounts and statements of accounts for 6 months ended 31/12/44, to be presented at the AGM at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin on 5 October 1945. Includes copy of Chairman's speech, correspondence between Guinness Mahon Co. and J. H. Goodbody on presenting accounts. Also includes draft of Chairman's speech with great detail on the company's financial situation.

P10/31 June 1955

32pp

Issue of Liberty Magazine, June 1955. Front cover shows photograph of members of Clara Mills, captioned 'Union members at Clara Mills.' Contents include article on Goodbody Jute Mills, p16-19.

D. Artefacts (c. 1930-72)

P10/32 29 February 1972

1 item

Jute bag 37cm x 26cm

P10/33 [c. 1915]

1 item

Cheque book of J. L. & F. Goodbody Ltd., issued by Ulster Bank. Blank and unused.

P10/34 c. 1930

6 items

Glass plate negatives of aerial views of the Goodbody factory. Fragile and many are cracked. Photographer named as Mr. McNally of 14 D'Olier Street, Dublin.

P10/35 c.1930

2 items

Large (19cm x 28cm) and small (15cm x 23cm) b/w positive prints of the Goodybody Factory from an aerial view, from negatives listed in P10/34. Verso of small print reads: 'To be enlarged up to size to fill mount as per sample about 11" x 7 1/4 " on the limits of view. Take care that the chimney is perpendicular.'

- P10/36** 7 April 1936
- 1 item
- Photograph of 'Directors, Auditors & Solicitor' of J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd.
41cm x 35 cm
- P10/37** [c. 1821]
- 1 item
- Framed offprint of The Travellers Directory through Ireland concerning 'Mr. Jebb's flour-mills at Slane.'
- P10/38** [no date]
- 1 item
- Metal embosser with legend 'James Sullivan & Co. Ltd.'
- P10/39** 17 August 1971
- 1 item
- Timber cash box.
17.5cm x 14.5cm x 19cm Box signed by Thomas Newman 17/8/71
- P10/40** [no date]
- 2 items
- Timber filing trays each containing three compartments.
46cm x 41cm
- P10/41** [no date]
- 662 discs
- Coloured discs of various monetary denomination (2d. 4d, etc.,) possibly for use in canteen.

- P10/42** [no date]
151cm x 132cm
Map of part of Clara showing the several leaseholds held by J. & L. F. Goodbody Ltd.
- P10/43** 1878
133cm x 62 cm
Plan of site Clashawaun Works, Clara.

