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Records of Henley (W.T.) Telegraph Works Co. Ltd.

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W T Henley & W T Henley's Telegraph Works Co. Ltd -
Historical records

Part 1

- 1 Azoff Villa, North Woolwich
- 2 Commission appointed 1859 - extract from evidence given by W T Henley.
- 3 Chesterton House) Balaam Street, Plaistow.
- 4 Extract from The Illustrated London News - 24.6.1854 re England-France cable.
- 5 Re photo of a group taken in 1870 - including Mr J Chapman, a Senior Official of W T Henley.
- 6 Photostat copy of Mr Ablett's manuscript from "Directory of National Biography Vol XXV.
- 7 W T Henley's grave at Kensal Green Cemetery and re obituaries.
- 8 Re enquiry from Dr H F Lloyd Pritchard, MA, re W T Henley.
- 9 Re W T Henley's Iron Works at Pontnewydd, S Wales.
- 10 Re George Henley (W T Henley's brother) and letters to and from Mr R W Ablett (see also Div.28).
- 11 Re The Manuscript in W T Henley's handwriting, formerly in the possession of Mr Hedson of Richard Johnson & Nephews loaned to us for copying some years ago, but lost sight of after Mr Bedson's death.
- 12 Re Mr W Johnson's "Notes" and correspondence with Mrs Rider nee Miss Johnson.
- 13 Mr J H Savage's address at Foremen's Conference 10.10.1951 at North Woolwich and re leaflet to Gravesend Foremen's Conference 10.9.52.
- 14 Historical notes re W T Henley - by Mr J H Savage during his research into life of W T Henley.

- 15 Re 46 St John's Street, Clerkenwell.
- 16 Re spare photographs contained in History of W T Henley compiled 1960 by B N Purdie (see Div.29 also and in the Henley Collection)
- 17 Copy of a report by W T Henley to Mr Augustus Mongredion (Director) dated 25.1.1881 re W T Henley's cable laying, etc.
- 18 Re Society of Telegraph Engineers (forerunner of I E E).
- 19 Re "Letters to Sir William Siemens" volume
- 20 Re Cable Ships (La Plata, Caroline, Uruguay, etc).
- 21 Copy of "Manufacturers Engineering & Export Journal", May 1892.
- 22 Copy of Tables extracted from "The Atlantic Telegraph" published In 1865.
- 23 Extract from book published in 1930 "The Submarine Cable" by Capt. S A Carnham and R L Hadfield.

Part 2

- 24 Baptism of W T Henley.
- 25 Re Midhurst, Sussex.
- 26 W T Henley & Co Ltd.
- 27 St Katherine's Dock.
- 28 Correspondence with Mr R W Ablett of Chichester.
- 29 W T Henley history - sundry papers re Bound Draft history compiled by B N Purdie, '1960.
- 30 The Henley Collection of historical documents, paintings, photographs, cable sections, etc.
 - (a) Director's photographs, to replace those lost by enemy action
 - (b) Items of historical interest transferred from North Woolwich Works by Mr J H Savage and from

elsewhere

(c) General Division re the Collection.

- 31 Great Exhibition 1851 and re W T Henley's Gold Medal Award.
- 32 Re the sale of North Woolwich Works, 1960.
- 33 W T Henley's Electric Light & Power Co Ltd.

Part 3

- 34 Re The Henley Scrap Books.
- 35 W T Henley's Wire Covering Machine - now in Science Museum.
- 36 Re W T Henley's Relatives (see also Div.7).
- 37 Biographies of Directors.
- 38 Some early draft accounts of W T Henley's Telegraph Work. Co Ltd.
- 39 Re amount owing by W T Henley at his death 1882.
- 40 Plans of 1872 of N Woolwich site - showing land acquired from C R Cheffins and others.
- 41 W T Henley's Ozokerited Core.
- 42 Re oil painting of Sir George Sutton, Bt, and paintings generally.
- 43 Sundry papers.
- 44 Copies of the Agreement 1880 under which W T Henley's Telegraph Works Co Ltd acquired W T Henley's business.

Section 2: Loose Material

A large number of cuttings, photographs, pages from journals and trade literature concerning the life of W. T. Henley and his company's activities. Items are numbered (presumably by Savage); the first numbered item is 62, although the last item in the file (Part 1) is 44.

N.B. I have used square brackets round dates where that

date is the only one mentioned on the document, although the document obviously originates from a later time.

- 62 1850 Page from "The Illustrated London News":
"The first
Submarine Telegraph Cable: Contemporary
Drawings."
- 64 1851 Ink cartoon drawing with colour (ink
wash?) depicting (presumably) the figures
of Britannia and Jacqéline over a
submarine cable between England and
France.
Inscribed "FROM PUNCH OCT 1851"
- 76 1865 Engraving from Illus. Lon. News: "The
Indo-European telegraph: Landing the cable
in the mud at Fao, Persian
Gulf." On stiff card, glued to cardboard.
- 77 1863 "The Persian Gulf Cable". Extract from
Illus. Lon. News. Mounted on thick card.
- 99 1874 "Foundering on the steam ship La Plata in
the Bay of
Biscay." Page from Illus. Lon. News.
- 111 No date "Souvenir of the visit of to the Works of
W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co. Ltd.,
North Woolwich, London." Pamphlet, 8pp.
Paper bound.
- also
- 111 [1900] "W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works company,
Limited "Short history of the cable-laying
and manufacture operations. Pencil date
inside front cover. 20pp. Hard bound.
- 112 1889 "W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company,
Limited." Catalogue and price list. 8pp.
paper cover. Stamped "[W]orks - 3 Mar. 89"
- 113 1896 Australian catalogue and price list, 8pp.,
with, attached to back inside cover; two
letters, concerning the labelling of cable
from the Australian catalogue.
- 114 1899 Price list of Telephone Cables and Wires.
- 115 No date 2 sheets of typescript, with a photograph

attached to one, concerning the award of a Gold Medal of the Prize Council, Great Exhibition 1851, to W.T. Henley. Photograph is of the medal C obverse of reverse). Unsigned.

- 117 1876 Share certificate for 61 shares of £10, held by William Phillips, in W.T. Henley and Company, Limited.
- 118 No date Single sheet of typescript: "The first field telegraph in Warfare." Quotes from Cassell's History of England, a paragraph mentioning the use of Henley's wire insulators in erecting a field telegraph wire during the Ashanti expedition, 1874.
- 119 1862 [Pages] From the Official Catalogue of the International Exhibition, London 1862. Class 13. Describes Henley telegraph apparatus.
- 120) No date Typescript list: "Submarine cables
121) constructed by W.T. Henley."
122)
- 125 No date Typescript list: "Some Early W.T. Henley Patents."
- 126 1878 Auction Catalogue: "Re W. T. Henley & Co., Limited, in liquidation. Telegraph Works, North Woolwich. A catalogue of plant of machinery.. (...) .. which will be sold by auction ... " [&c]
- 128 1882 Obituary. Death of Mr. W. T. Henley. Typescript note, funeral announcement, and reprint of obituary from "The Electrical Review."
- 129 1863 Engraving from the Illustrated London News: "The Kirkham and the Assaye taking in telegraph cable at Mr. Henley's works, North Woolwich."
- 130 [1814] Copy of Certificate of Baptism of W. T. Henley

- 131 No date Photographs of the grave of W. T. Henley [before?] and after restoration in 1958.
- 134 No date Typescript list: Chairmen of Henley's from 1880
Secretaries of Henley's from 1880
- 137 1880 "An Agreement ... between ... William Thomas Henley ... and W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co. Ltd ... " [sale of W. T. Henley's goods and patent rights to the Company].
- 138 No date (i) Aerial view of the Nth. Woolwich Works (photog.)

(ii) View of front of Nth. Woolwich works from the river.
Pencil date on back: ?1921

(iii) Retouched photog. aerial view of N. Woolwich Works.
Reverse has photographs of works' representatives.
- 139 No date Aerial view of "Henley's Electric Cable Works" [Not N. Woolwich?]. [Appears to be a page from a brochure; Text on reverse describes operations of cable-making].
- 140 1880 Share certificate. Made out to "Captain Herbert J.O. Walker, RA." Share No.313 of £100.
- 141 1922 The Henley Manual. 190p.
- 143 No date Typescript list of Directors of W.T. Henley's. T/W. 1880 -1959
- 144 [1928] Photograph of Long Service Certificate presented to William Joseph Potter. Dated October 1928.
- 152 1945 Pamphlet; "What Henley's did in the War." A report of the speech of the Chairman, ... at the AGM ... June 29th 1945.

Also

- 152 No date Article from [Henley Telegraph] concerning the [1945] manufacture of the Buoyant Cable.
- 154 1946 'Supplement to the "Henley Telegraph" 10 no 73 "We will remember them ... "A record of those employees of the Henley Organisation who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom. 16pp.
- 155 1958 Aerial view of Henley's N. Woolwich works 1958.
- 159 Various pages from the London Illustrated News:
- 1850 Dover-Calais cable
- 1853 England-Ireland cable
- 1863) Persian Gulf cable
- 1865) Persian Gulf cable
- 1866 Atlantic cable
- 1869 French Atlantic cable
- 160 No date "St. John St Road, Clerkenwell. Occupied by Mr. W. T. Henley from 1846-1856." Four photographs by J. H. Savage, Mounted on card.
- 162 No date "William Thomas Henley in later life" Sepia photograph.
- 183 [1864] "Photostat copy of Mr. W.T. Henley's Will. Dated 12th August 1864 with typescript copy.
- 184 1888 Photostat copy of Mr George Henley's Will. Dated 31st of January 1888.
- 185 [1890] The Halifax and Bermuda cable 1890. Record of Opening, info concerning the cable laid, etc.
- 189 [1880-1893] Apprenticeship Indentures in the early years of W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co. Ltd.

- 191 1873 Balance sheet of Mr. W.T. Henley as at 31st December 1873.
- 192 1926 "River Tagus contract 1926. Laying of Henley cable from the S.S. 'Staffa'". Photographs of the laying operation.
- 193 1874 The Jamaica-Porto Rico contract 1874 ... copy of an article by Mr J. Hall pub. in the "Henley Telegraph"
- 218 1882 "Belize-Cuba Submarine Cable contract 1882 ... copy of the Belize cable specification, together with letters of the 14th and 23rd November, 1881 in regard to tests carried out on the cable."
- 223 No date "The Great Eastern." Engravings and photographs of unnamed provenance [Engs. Illus. London News?] With typescript notes.
- 228 1931 First cable to Tasmania. Article from the Argus, Melbourne, concerning the laying of the first cable [Australia-Tasmania] in 1859.
- 234 [1854] "Wire-laying plough, 1854 Crimean War. Ink and pencil drawing on card. Captioned: "Drawing from the "History of the Institution of Electrical Engineers". Unsigned, undated.
- 236 1903 "W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company, Ltd." Advertisement of 1903 on page from the journal of the IEE.
- 241 No date [Typescript List of] ... notes on the early London offices of W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Ltd.
- 244 1952 "Henley short-circuit testing station." Subtitled: "Visit of the association of short-circuit testing authorities, 13th August 1952".
- 245 [1935-1936] "The Henley Lead Extrusion Machine" 1 Opp.

- 246 [1935] "Henley continuous lead extrusion machines". Reprinted from "Engineering" Oct. 8th 1935.
- 247 Undated Typescript: "W.T. Henley's patented Ozokevited core." Notes on the mention of this patented core.
- 250 1857-1885 Pages from the "Illus. London News":
- 1857 Atlantic cable
- 1858 "
- 1860 Professor Wheatstone's Universal Military Telegraph and the "Great Eastern" Steamship
- 1863 W. T. Henley's N. Woolwich Works and cable ships "Kirkham" and "Assaye" taking in cable for the Persian Gulf Cable.
- 1865 Atlantic Cable breaking
- 1878 Paris Exhibition and Gramme's Dynamo-Electric machine for electric lighting.
- 1882 Crystal Palace. International Electric Exhibition 1882
- 1885 South Kensington Inventors Exhibition.
- 252 [1896] "Printed copy of a letter of introduction dated 30.3.1896 from Mr A.A. Campbell Swinton (afterwards a director of W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co. Ltd.) to Mr. Preece, introducing Signor Marconi to England.
- 267 No date "The Henley Foundry". 16pp. 2-colour pamphlet. Spiral bound, with photographs of Henley foundry.

Unnumbered items

- [268] (i) Small booklet - appears to be a key to a number of pedestal exhibits of cable samples.

[269] (ii) Set of photographs of pedestal display of submarine cables with list of probable identifications.

(The booklet, (i), is shown in the first photograph).

A. Six 'Notes for Jointer ... ' booklets presented to the Library in 1995 May

W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co Ltd,
Engineering
Dept., Holborn Viaduct, London

/1	1933 Sept	How to Joint L.T. Tier Type Terminal Boxes
/2	1935 Mar	How to Joint E.H.T. Joints (4th Edition)
/3	1937 Feb	How to Joint L.T. Cablegrip service Boxes (3rd Edition)
/4	-	How to make E.H.T. Joints
/5	-	How to make Cablegrip Service Joints
/6	1944 Mar	How to Joint H. T. Joints (6th Edition)

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