

Robertshaws

1860-2005
"145 Years Young"

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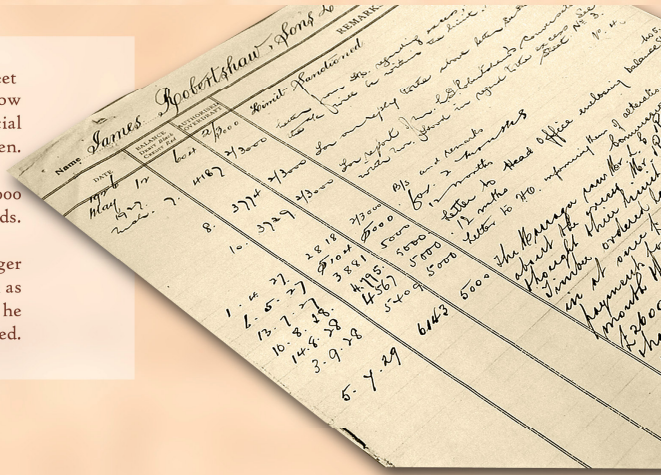


Records

This original ledger, showing the company's balance sheet figures dating back to 1923, illustrates - in longhand - how much detail companies had to have in their financial statements, even back then.

The balance sheet shows an agreed overdraft limit of £5000 to pay for timber bought in for construction of the blinds.

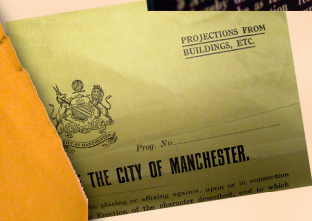
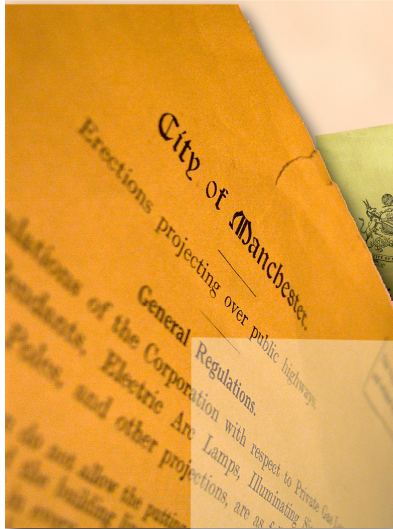
A note has been added to the ledger, to say the Manager had made a promise to pay back the Bank "as soon as possible". Evidence to prove or dis-prove whether he made good on his promise, has yet to be discovered.



New product design was very important to companies back at the beginning of the 20th Century. Detailed design drawings had to be supplied to the Patent Office, to guard against competitors copying designs. Robertshaws patented a number of designs over the years, including its famous "Spring Roller"

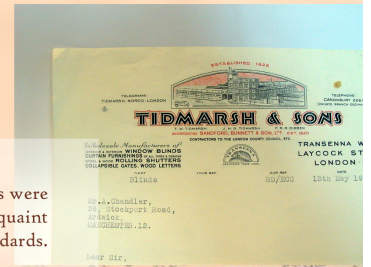


Robertshaws has always taken an active role in the BBSA - the national organisation representing the interests of the Blinds Trade - helping to further the cause of the industry from a position of influence on the BBSA Committee.



Bureaucracy was still an issue back then. Most of our forms today tend to be computer-based. Back then, companies spent hours filling in forms and logging them with various official bodies - each of whom expressed their own interest in how commercial blinds should impact upon the neighbours, the locality & the business environment in general.

Supplier communications were cordial - perhaps even quaint by today's standards.



Various types of rods and...
described on Pages 26 - 30 and 11...
that are suitable we should be pleased to supply.
If you would tell us the fixing height...
with the throw out, we should be pleased to supply accordingly.
We can make these Arms in mild steel, polished brass, or cast iron, as desired.
Your orders will be esteemed.



J. H. W. GLEN, L.L.B.
TOWN CLERK.

Dear Sir(s),

Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, Section 28.

I have been instructed by my Council to bring to your notice, as a manufacturer of sun blinds, the provisions of Section 28 of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847. I am enclosing, for your information,