

Auction Lists - Research - Directory of Directors

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Perfin H4680.04 (H/L^{td}), according to Tomkins, was used by Houghtons Ltd and British Photo Industries Ltd, both at 88-89 High Holborn, WC1 between 1905 and 1925.

From an old auction list I noted it was also used by the Houghton/Butcher Manufacturing Company of London NE.

My 1919 Directory of Directors tells me that E W Houghton was a director of all the above and the following:-

Anglo Russian Photo Co Ld
Austin Edwards Ltd
Butchers Film Services Ltd
Fordham & Co Ltd
Houghtons India Ltd
W Butcher & Sons Ltd

In my 1938 Directory of Directors, E S Houghton was a director of some of the above and:-

Elliot & Sons Ltd
Ensign Ltd
Novelty Sales Services Ltd
Photo Supplies Ltd

They had stopped using their perfin by then but I wonder how many of these firms used it. It is interesting to note that it was not used from just one address.

The firm is not quoted in my modern Stock Exchange Official Year Book or my 1938 Johnson & Sanderson Stock Exchange Investment Handbook. Perhaps a member could tell us, (in simple terms if possible) what is the difference between a company that is Limited and one that is not, and between one that is quoted on the Stock Exchange and one that is not. Perhaps a member can say why *J Sloper & Co Ltd* does not appear.