# Great Britain Companies Registration

# **Registry Fee Stamps**

History: The Companies Act of 1862 (25 & 26 Vict. C.89) assented 7 August 1862 and coming into operation 2 November 1862 gave an independent life to companies over and above their shareholders and required that such companies be registered when formed. Administered by a Registrar of Companies as set out the statutory requirements. The required fees were collected by the Registrar for various administrative procedures. Impressed stamps from 1866 or adhesive stamps from 1867 were made available in England, Scotland & Ireland Registries.

Scope & Layout: Covering each issue to the end of the King George VI reign. Where possible chronologically laid out. Shown 'on piece' or full usage, to give the viewer the beauty of original colours due to aniline inks.

Plan: The display covers the Companies Registration Adhesive and Impressed duty stamps (known as 'Registry fee stamps') included are Specimen overprints in three sizes referenced to Samuel's work, used and usage. Pages 2-8 deal with QV. Pages 9-13 deal with KEDVII. Pages 14-15 deal with KGV. The display concludes with page 16, dealing with KGVI.



Frame damage on all four sides, not present in 1881

Table B. of the Act in part:

For registration of a company whose nominal capital does not exceed £2000., - fee £2.

For every £1000., of nominal capital or part of £1000., after the first £2000., up to £5000., - fee £1.

For every £1000., of nominal capital of part of £1000., after the first £5000 up to £100,000., - fee 5/-.

For every £1000., of nominal capital or part of £1000., after the first £100,000., - fee 1/-.

For registering any document required or authorised to be registered - fee 5/-.

Notable items are double bordered

Bibliography

The exhibitors good friend the renowned Bill Kirby Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and the High Court of Australia. Legal partnerships Kirby & Lilley: Kirby G H & Co: Various other Queensland Lawyers & Solicitors who opened their 'dead files' for this exhibitor. A. Pulbrook Solicitor, Royal Exchange, London. Booth 1981. Specimen Stamps of the Crown Colonies 1857-1948 M Samuel 1976.

Typographed on pinkish unsurfaced paper in 1867 by De La Rue London. Comb Perf. 151/2x15

### SPECIMEN

'SPECIMEN' 18mm x 21/2mm (Samual 6) full gum.

Watermarked 'Sailing Ship'.







This sailing ship watermark was used exclusively with this Companies Registration issue







Used copies in this watermark appear scarce





Very early date 22/10/1867





Typographed on unsurfaced paper in 1881 by De La Rue London. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

SPECIMEN

'SPECIMEN' 15mm x 2mm & 201/2 x 21/2 (Samual 2&9)

Watermarked 'Anchor' (20mm)



De La Rue work book samples



20mm Anchor





Usage - 1/- paying additional nominal capital to £1000 or part thereof. 6d paying standard duty. Additionally embossed 'REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES, SCOTLAND'





Typographed on unsurfaced paper in 1881 by De La Rue London. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

Unknown companies registering in London

Watermarked 'Anchor' (20mm)



Fee - £2 Company Registration. Fee - 5/- paying additional nominal capital of part of £1000., after the first £5000 up to £100,000., paid on 20/07/92



Fee - 8d for a 'True Copy'





Fee - £2 Company Registration

Mining fragment

Typographed on unsurfaced paper in 1881 by De La Rue London. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

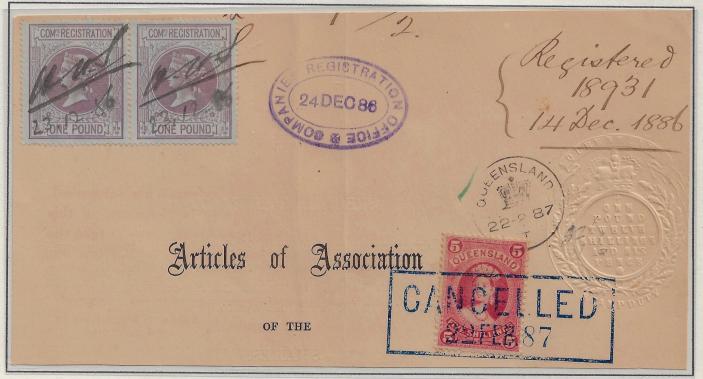
**Companies Registration Clippings** 

Usage



First registered 31/05/1889. £1/15s additional nominal capital of £35.000 or part thereof on 19/11/1891 over and above £100.000

Unknown companies registering in London



Fee - £2 Company Registration 14/12/1886, stamped 23/12/1886



Certificate of Incorporation

Companies Registration

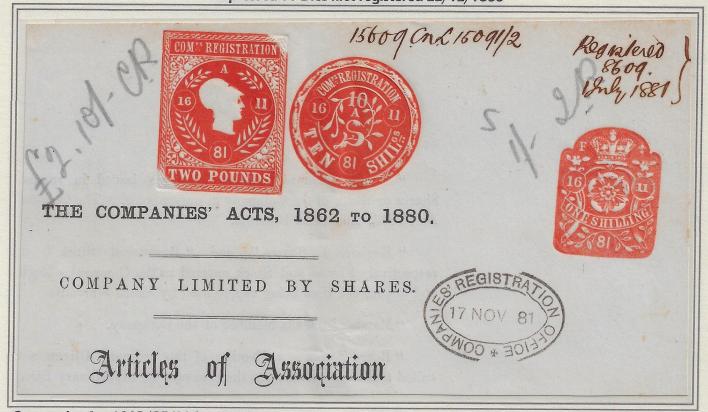
Usage:

Registered Exchequer Edinburgh 12.1.1887. 1s (6d x 2) Receipt Duty.

Additional nominal capital of £31.000 or part thereof on 13/01/1887 over and above £100.000 - 1/11s.

Signed MJ Reid Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

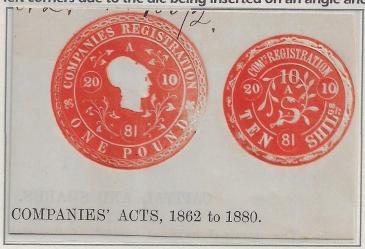
Queensland Stamp Duty of £48/15s paid to register in Queensland



Companies Act 1862 (25/6 Vict. C.89 "...such fees as specified were to be taken in stamps either impressed or adhesive". £2/10s being the Company Registration. 1/- general duty stamp to lodge document. £2 void top right and lower left corners due to the die being inserted on an angle and inadequate ink roller width



Square Month slug appears scarce. '6' below '97' identifies die user



30/- to registrar an unknown company



Albino impressions appear scarce



This series of QV impressed die's were defaced c1902

(Demorandum

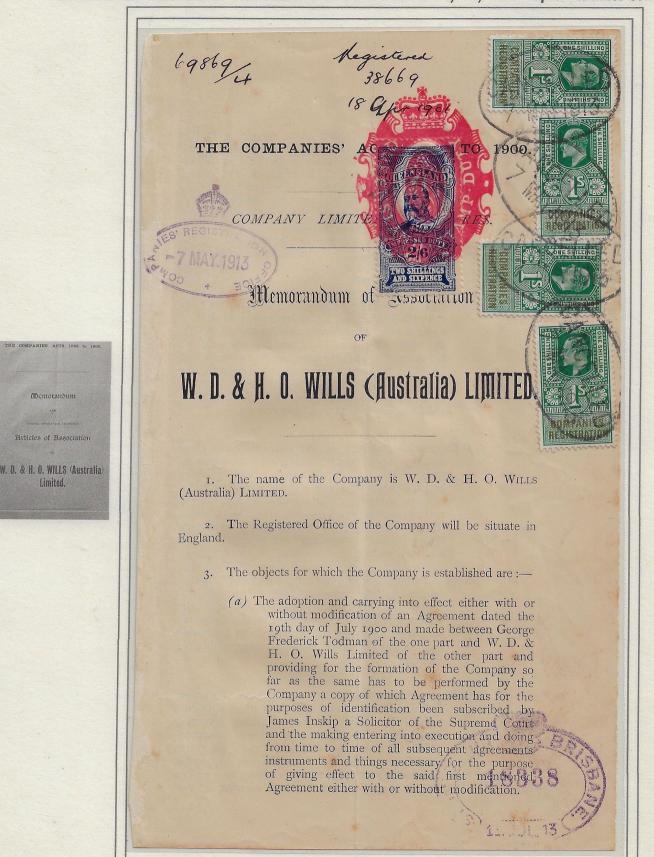
Articles of Association

Limited.

Pages 9-12 are an exploded

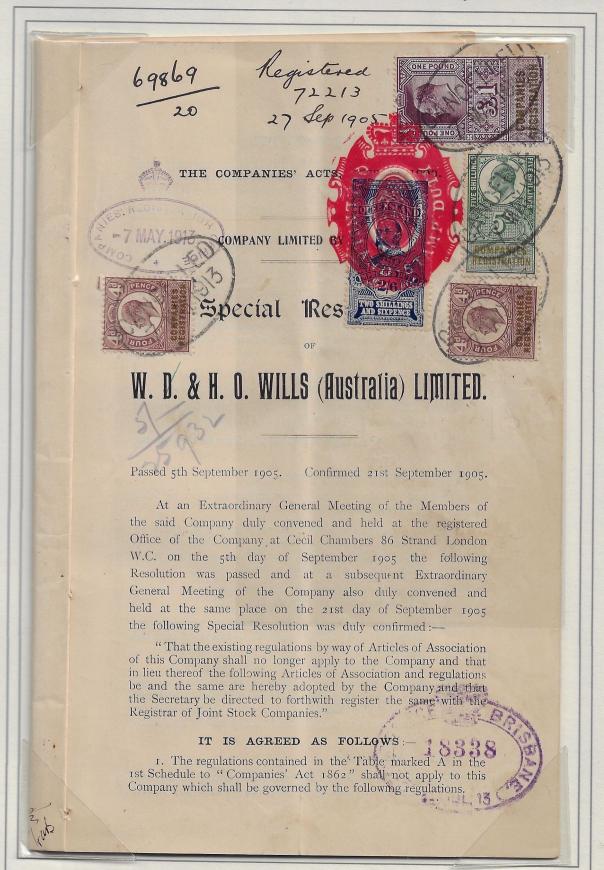
booklet

Typographed by De La Rue London Watermarked 'Multi Orb IR'. Five values recorded viz: 4d: 6d: 1/-: 5/-: £1. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

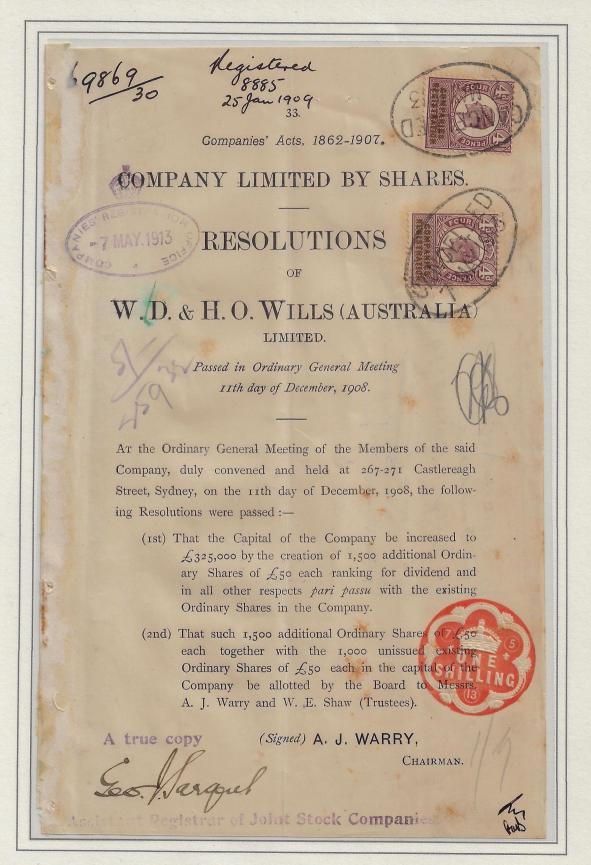


W.D & H. O. Wills (Australia) Registering the Companies Memorandum of Association 19/07/1900. Duty 4/-

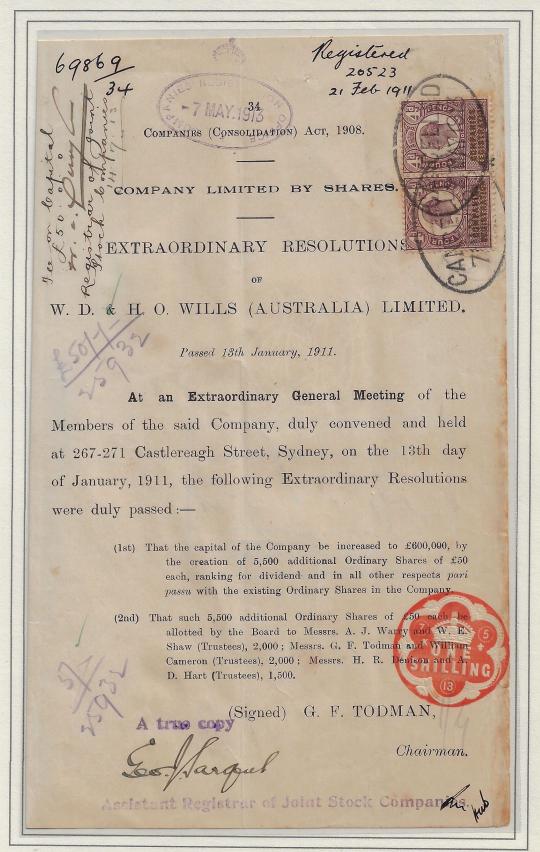
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W.D & H. O. Wills (Australia) Ltd. Registering Extraordinary Resolutions of 13/01/1911. Fee - 8d for 'True Copy' Cancelled 07/05/1913

Typographed by De La Rue London
Watermarked (upright or sideways on £1) 'Multi Orb IR'. Five values recorded viz: 4d: 6d: 1/-: 5/-: £1. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14



London cancels



Various company registration fragments from unknown companies



Fee - paying additional nominal capital to £33.000 or part thereof over and above £100.000 on 03/02/1909



Example of washed aniline adhesive





Fee - 8d for a 'True Copy'

Watermarked (upright or sideways on £1) 'Multi Orb IR'. Five values recorded viz: 4d: 6d: 1/-: 5/-: £1. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

Pence Perforation 15x14
Shillings Perforation 144x134
Pounds Perforation 14x15



Broken second 'T' left stamp



London Cancels
Black 38mm x 25mm.
Deep Violet 40mm x 27mm



Eye over inked. Bottom stamp





Shading under eye does



5/- pair secondary printing 'COMPANIES REGISTRATION' centred left





Middle bar of 'E' in 'COMPANIES' bent upwards. Right stamp



Thin left side of 'C'. Right stamp







Thinning right upward stroke of 'N' in 'REGISTRATION'. Right stamp

Watermarked upright 'Multi Orb IR'. Five values recorded viz: 4d: 6d: 1/-: 5/-: £1. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

Pence Perforation 15x14
Shillings Perforation 144x134







Black boxed 'Exchequer Scotland' cancel 20mm x 5mm



Black boxed 'Exchequer Scotland' cancel 20mm x 5mm



Violet oval 'Exchequer Edinburgh' cancel 40mm x 27mm



Blue oval 'Exchequer Edinburgh' cancel 36mm x 24mm

Watermarked upright 'Multi Orb IR'. Six values recorded viz: 4d: 6d: 1/-: 2/6: 5/-: £1. Napier machine Comb Perf. 14

Pence Perforation 15x14
Shillings Perforation 14/4x13/4
Pounds Perforation 14x15



29 GL SOMPANIES REGISTRATION

2/6d value added to the series



Multiples of the £1 are uncommon



Black boxed 'CANCELLED' cancel 22x10mm



This issue was withdrawn when KGVI died in 1952

Winding up a company



Several reasons for winding up a company are listed within The Companies Act of 1862 (25 & 26 Vict. C.89). A couple noted here viz: 1. Whenever the company is unable to pay its debts. 2. Whenever the company has passed a special resolution requiring the company to be wound up by a court. Adhesive stamps were supplied for each reign inscribed 'Companies Winding Up' to legalise such closure of a company.