

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Ledger of J Fenwick & Company (Newcastle) Ltd. Cash Book that consists of recording vessels used and overtime and service charges and location of tow and times and cost

Date

1934-1957

Medium

Ink on Paper

Dimensions

Overall (Dimensions when book is closed): 340 x 220 x 29 mm,

Name

Ledger

History

John Fenwick and his brother Thomas established the firm J Fenwick and Co., a tug boat company, in Balmain, Sydney, in 1870. The Fenwicks purchased Bell's shipyard in Balmain in 1883. The property included a wharf, store and the Shipwright's Arms Hotel. The store was built between 1875 and 1885. The company was to become one of the largest owners of tug boats in Sydney and Newcastle. The company was split several years after foundation, so that John Fenwick concentrated on Sydney whilst Thomas Fenwick handled the coastal river trade from Ballina. Their first tug was the J AND T FENWICK and registered in January 1871. The establishment of Fenwick's tug boat company in Balmain is connected with the expansion of privately owned wharfage for foreign trade westwards from Sydney Cove into Walsh Bay and the north-eastern part of Darling Harbour from c1870 onwards. Three of the early Fenwick tugs were the NEWBOROUGH (1888), LOVESET (1892) and HERO (1892), built by J P Rennoldsons of South Shields, England. After the death of John Fenwick in 1901 his sons carried on the business which, in 1993 'was the only traditional waterfront industry still in operation in this part of Balmain' and was owned by the then Brambles Marine Group who had purchased the site in 1986. In 2010, the J Fenwick & Co Boat Store at 2-8 Weston Street, Balmain, NSW remains as a NSW Heritage listed site.