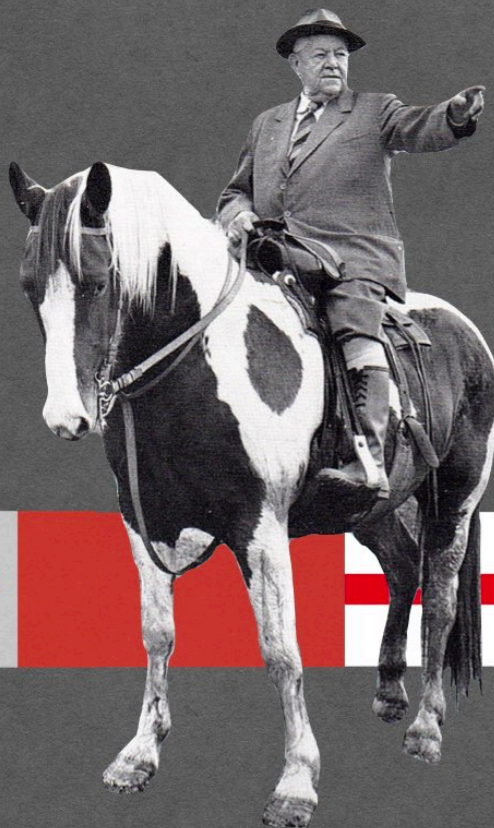


Joseph W. Hobbs

1891 - 1963

The Last Whisky Baron?



1891

1900

1963



Joseph W. Hobbs

The Last Whisky Baron?
A remarkable person in the whisky trade

Background

-1900

- Emigration to Canada
- Pilot training and WW1

1900-1918

- The move to Vancouver
- The business in Vancouver
- The First Trans-Canada Flight (Basil Hobbs)

1918-1932

The Prohibition

The Marine Building

- Rumrunning
- The ships
 - When Prince Albert cut the the Frisco Honolulu cable
- The Hobbs messages

1932 - 1963

- Back in UK
- DCL and National Distillers - The cooperation plans that failed
- Ferrolene and the patent
- The Great Cattle Ranch
- Inverlochy Castle
- Torlundy and Ocean Mist
- Hobbs passes away 1963

The Distilleries (1930s)

- Glenury Royal
- Bruichladdich
- Glenlochy
- Highland Esk/North Esk/ Montrose/Hillside/Glenesk
- Benromach
- Fettercairn
- Strathdee

The Companies

- W.A Gilbey
- W.H Holt
- Associated Scottish Distillers (ASD)
- Train & McIntyre
- McNab Distilleries

The Distilleries (1944-)

- Glenmavis
- Lochside
- Ben Nevis

Ind. Whisky Assoc.

AVSNITT 7

JOSEPH W. HOBBS – Den sista whiskybaronen? – avsnitt 7

UPPKÖP AV DESTILLERIER – GLENURY ROYAL – DRICKER EN 19 ÅR UNG DROTTNING WHISKY?

Hobbs kommer att under kort tid köpa upp 7 destillerier tillsammans med investerare eller åt National Distilleries (Train & McIntyre/Associated Scottish Distilleries). National Distillers (ND) var en av "de fyra" i USA. De andra var Schenley, Seagrams och Hiram Walker. Skotsk whisky importerad till USA hade ökat både i mängd och andel. Efter att det planerade samarbetet mellan DCL och ND hade avbrutits (se avsnitt 6) så ville ND säkra tillgången av skotsk whisky.

GLENURY ROYAL

Enligt Barnard grundades destilleriet ca 1836 men produktionen startade redan Q4/1825 eller Q1/1826. Kapten Robert Barclay (1779 - 1854) var en av ägarna. Han verkar att ha låtit andra sköta destilleriet då utveckling av jordbruk verkar att ha varit hans huvudintresse.

1838 uppstår en fejd mellan Glenury Royal och Royal Brackla om rätten att kalla sig "Royal".

En tidning ondgör sig över att Glenury Royal hävdar att man levererar whisky till en drottning inte ens 20 år gammal och frågar hur hennes Majestät intar whiskyn:

if her Majesty takes it neat, or "Kirsen it wi' reekin water" or probably infuses into saccharine acid mixture, vulgarly called punch

Det slutar med att båda destillerierna får kalla sig Royal och Royal Lochnagar blir senare det tredje.

Redan 1839 är Glenury Royal till uthyrning men produktionen fortsätter utan att någon leasar. Priset för att hyra destilleriet sänks, men ingen är intresserad. 1847 avlider managern och det verkar som om produktionen upphör.

1857 hyr William Ritchie från Glasgow destilleriet. 1909 dör han och hans söner William Hamilton Ritchie (1862 - 1944) och Henry Oliphant Ritchie (1867 - 1953) tar över.

1929 upphör produktionen helt och 26 juli 1937 köper Hobbs och Hatim Attari (en finansiär och teaterman född i Indien) destilleriet och investeringar görs. Glenury blir det första oljeeldade destilleriet och i september samma år startar produktionen.

Hobbs bosätter sig på Glenury House och 1938 säljs destilleriet till Associated Scottish Distillers (ett nystartat bolag som ägs av National Distillers USA) där Hobbs är VD och delägare.

På grund av kriget stoppas produktionen 1940, men Glenury är det första destilleriet som återupptar produktionen 1944. 1940 lämnar Hobbs ASD och Glenury. Hans efterträdare blir James Watt från Glenlivet.

Diageo köper destilleriet 1953 och det läggs ner 1987.

På websidan <https://glenlochy.com/pages/12/31> finns mer detaljer.

Samtliga sammanfattningar finns här:

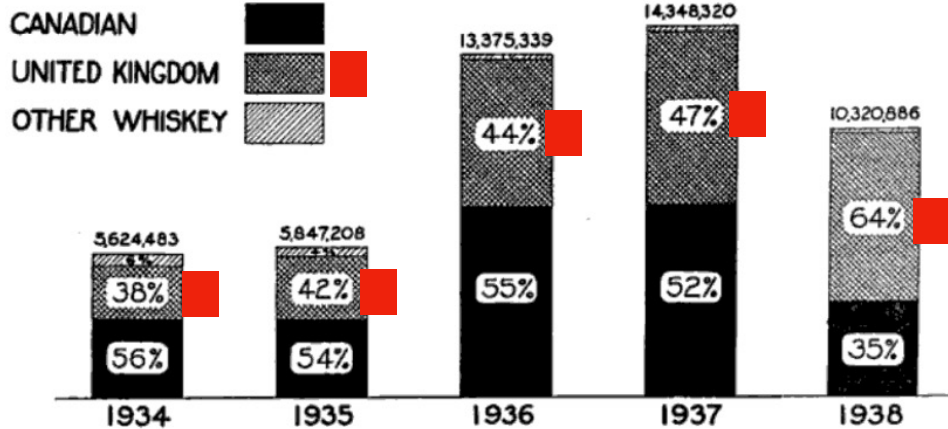
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EXHIBIT No. 404

FEDERAL ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL WHISKEY IMPORTED INTO UNITED STATES

IN PROOF GALLONS
1934-1938
(CALENDAR YEARS)



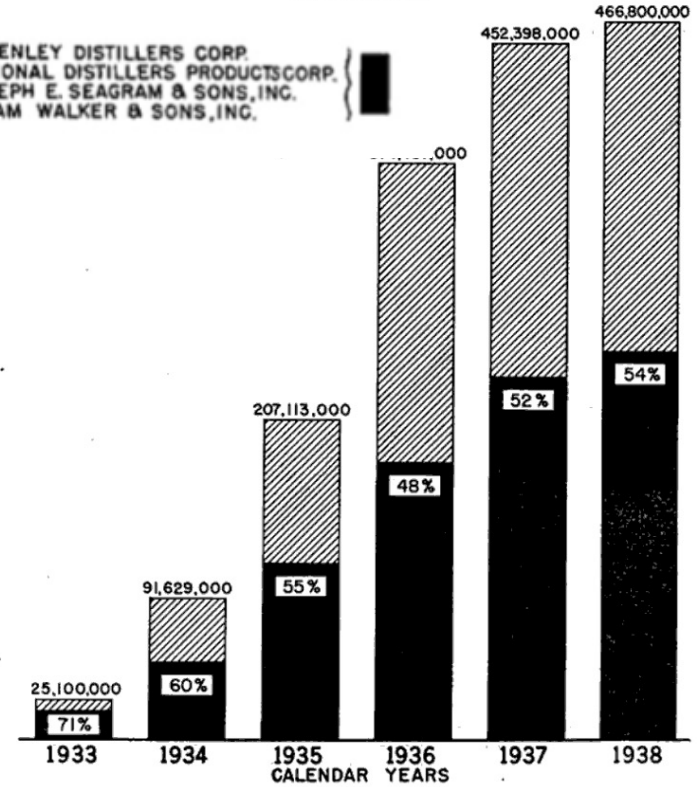
CANADIAN WHISKEY - CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF BULK WHISKEY USED IN DOMESTIC BLENDS.
UNITED KINGDOM WHISKEY - CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF SCOTCH WHISKEY.
OTHER WHISKEY - CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF IRISH WHISKEY.

EXHIBIT No. 401

STOCKS OF WHISKEY IN BONDED WAREHOUSES HELD BY FOUR COMPANIES COMPARED TO TOTAL STOCKS

TAX GALLONS

SCHENLEY DISTILLERS CORP.
NATIONAL DISTILLERS PRODUCTS CORP.
JOSEPH E. SEAGRAM & SONS, INC.
HIRAM WALKER & SONS, INC.



From Hearings before the Temporary National Economic Committee Congress of the United States 1939

Benromach

Strathdee

Glenury Royal

Fettercairn

Glenlochy

Montrose

Bruichladdich

Train & McIntyre Ltd

These 7 famous Scotch distilleries will continue to supply America with

OLD ANGUS
Liqueur
BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

Study the map of Scotland. The River Dee still flows quietly by the old Strathdee Distillery which supplies one of the highland malt whiskies that goes into the famous "gentle as a lamb" Old Angus. The Bruichladdich Distillery still sends along its quota of precious Islay malts.

Study the other points on the map. They represent other distilleries in the highlands which are among the finest plants in all Scotland.

All these distilleries, which contribute to the famous blend of Scotch whisky called Old Angus, are under the direction of Train & McIntyre, Ltd., of Glasgow, one of the oldest firms devoting themselves to the distilling of fine Scotch whisky. Train & McIntyre is associated with National Distillers in bringing Old Angus Scotch to America.

This association with one of Scotland's finest distilling organizations enables National Distillers to control its own Scotch whisky sources.

The numerous advantages of this arrangement provide the best assurance against any interruption in the traditional care given to the distilling, aging and blending of this noble whisky.

NATIONAL DISTILLERS PRODUCTS CORPORATION, NEW YORK, N. Y.

8 YEARS OLD 86 PROOF

The Star Tribune 25 september 1939

National Distillers
in association with Train & McIntyre Ltd. of Glasgow
invites you to try
OLD ANGUS
A NOBLE SCOTCH
"Gentle as a Lamb"

The Scots themselves call this choice blend "A Noble Scotch"—and they should know fine Scotch whisky. Even in Scotland, the honor of good whisky, Old Angus has been reserved for those discriminating palates that demand something better than the ordinary.

Now, in association with National Distillers, the old and honored Scotch distilling house of Train & McIntyre Ltd. offers to its American... contains this same noble Scotch—unchanged, as fine as ever.

Try Old Angus. Judge it critically. You will understand why the Scots consider it a whisky of superior quality. And you will appreciate the phrase they use to describe its smooth, liquor quality—"Gentle as a Lamb."

NATIONAL DISTILLERS PRODUCTS CORPORATION, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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LIFE 2 maj 1938

Ser. No. 368,328. JAMES BUCHANAN & COMPANY LIMITED. London, England. Filed Aug. 15, 1935.




No claim is made to the words "Scotch Whisky, A Blend" apart from the mark. For Whisky. Claims use since 1932.

Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office 12 december 1935

GLENURY ROYAL



Captain Robert Barclay Allardice
(1779 - 1854)



GLENURY ROYAL DISTILLERY.

HAVING found on my return from England, that an Advertisement has been put forth by a Rival Distillery, throwing a doubt upon the Authenticity of the "Appointment of Distillers of Whisky to her Majesty in Scotland," having been obtained by this Company: I beg as one of the Partners of the Royal Glenury Distillery Company, to subjoin a Copy of the Warrant of Appointment.

"By Virtue of the Power to me given, I hereby appoint JOHN WINDSOR of Glenury, near Stonehaven, Scotland, to the place of Distiller of Whisky to her Majesty in ordinary. He is to have and enjoy all the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages to the said Place belonging, during my Will and Pleasure.

Given under my hand this Twentieth day of January, 1838, in the first year of her Majesty's Reign "

(Signed) "ARGYLE."

"Entered in the Office of the Board of Green Cloth, this 12th day of February, 1838."

(Signed) "CHAS. HILL."


I now call the Proprietor of the Distillery above alluded to, to produce a Copy of his professed Appointment, which I doubt his being able to do, having had the Books of the Board of Green Cloth carefully examined, and find that on no other Distillery in Scotland has this distinguished privilege been conferred. I am therefore justified in asserting that the Glenury Distillery Company alone possess the Royal Appointment.

JOHN WINDSOR.

Glenury, 10th December, 1838.

N.B.—The Glenury Royal Distillery Company have appointed Mr JOHN MACLAREN of Aberdeen their sole Agent, for the sale of their Whisky in the City of Aberdeen, and throughout Scotland North of the Tay.

Aberdeen Press and Journal -
12 december 1838



THE ROYAL DISTILLERY, BRACKLA.

AN Advertisement having appeared in the public papers, from one of the Partners of the Glenury Distillery Company, alluding to the above Establishment as a "RIVAL DISTILLERY," Captain FRASER begs again to intimate that the distinguished honour of using the Royal Arms on every thing connected with his work, was granted to him by his late Majesty, dated 'Windsor, 15th Aug., 1833.' Her present Majesty Queen Victoria being most graciously pleased to confirm and continue the privilege, dated 'Windsor, 18th May, 1838.' It is, therefore, no 'profession' on the part of the Proprietor of the Royal Distillery to say, that the Royal appointment was originally conferred upon him, on account of the far-famed character which the BRACKLA HIGHLAND WHISKY has so long and justly maintained all over Scotland; and, further, he is the only Distiller in the kingdom, who has had the high honour of supplying the Royal Table.

Captain FRASER would have never conceived it necessary to bring this before the public, but for the officious interference of one of the Partners of the Glenury Distillery Company, with his Agent in Aberdeen.

Royal Distillery, Brackla,
25th December, 1838.

Aberdeen Journal and General Advertiser for
the North of Scotland 16 december 1838

Production 10.10. - 10.10.

Barclay, M'Donald & Co.	Glenury	-	-	1824	1825	1826
					10,411	11,097

GLENURY ROYAL



Sir George Hayter's kröningen av drottning Victoria (Wikipedia) 1838

Barclay & M'Donald – Whisky Distillers to the Queen! Such is the notice which greeted our visual organs on thee walls of Huddersfield. Distillers of whiskey to a young virgin Queen, not yet 20 years old !! Pro-di-gi-ous !!! We have heard of snuff to his Majesty – of shoemakers, hosiers, dress-makers, robe-makers, bonnet-makers &c. &c. to her Majesty, as we can very well comprehend such articles to be necessary and useful, but who ever before heard of a young lady standing in need of whiskey? Do tell us, Mr M'Donald, if her Majesty takes it neat, or “Kirsen it wi’ reekin water” or probably infuses into saccharine acid mixture, vulgarely called punch.

The Hull Packet and East Riding Times 6 juli 1838

For Sale, the Glenury Royal Distillery.

To be Sold by Private Bargain.

THE LEASE, whole APPARATUS, and MACHINERY, and GOOD-WILL, of that extensive and very complete MALT DISTILLERY at GLENURY, carried on under the Firm of BARCLAY, MACDONALD, & Co., and capable of producing 3,000 Gallons of Whisky per week.

This long-established work is situated on the River Cowie, within a mile of the Sea-port of Stonehaven, (the County Town of Kincardineshire) and 15 miles South of the City of Aberdeen. The neighbouring County yields a supply of Barley adequate, both in point of quantity and quality, to the consumpt of the Concern.

Coals can be imported at Stonehaven at a very easy rate; and Peats of the best quality can be procured, at a low price, in the vicinity. The Draff and Dreg is in constant demand.

The supply of Water is not only abundant at all seasons, for every purpose, but is, from its softness, and the absence of all mineral solution, particularly well adapted to Distillation; in consequence of which, and of the highly improved construction of the apparatus, the Whisky of the Glenury Royal Distillery stands in high repute, both in the Scotch and English Markets.

The Lease, which embraces about 5 Acres of Arable Ground, in addition to the site of the Works and Water-Fall, extends to Whitsunday 1866, with intermediate breaks, in the option of Tenant,—at Whitsunday 1845, 1852, and 1859; and, with regard to the Buildings of the Concern, (all of which are most substantial, and in the best state of repair, having been constructed chiefly within the last few years), the Lease contains certain stipulations highly favourable to the Lessees.

In the meantime, the business of the Distillery will be conducted as formerly.

Further particulars may be learned of Messrs. JOHNSTONE & FARGHAR, Solicitors, London; Messrs. GORDON & STEWART, W. S. Edinburgh; Messrs. A. & D. J. BANSATYNE, Writers, Glasgow; Messrs. BLAIRIE and SMITH, Advocates in Aberdeen; and Messrs. BRAND and BUNNETT, Writers, Stonehaven,—by all of whom Ground-plans of the Premises will be furnished to enquirers; and the Works will be shown by Mr ALEX. M'LALEN, the Manager and Distiller.

Dec. 3, 1839.

Aberdeen Press and Journal - 25 december 1839

GLENURY ROYAL

WHAT IS WHISKY?

MURRAY'S

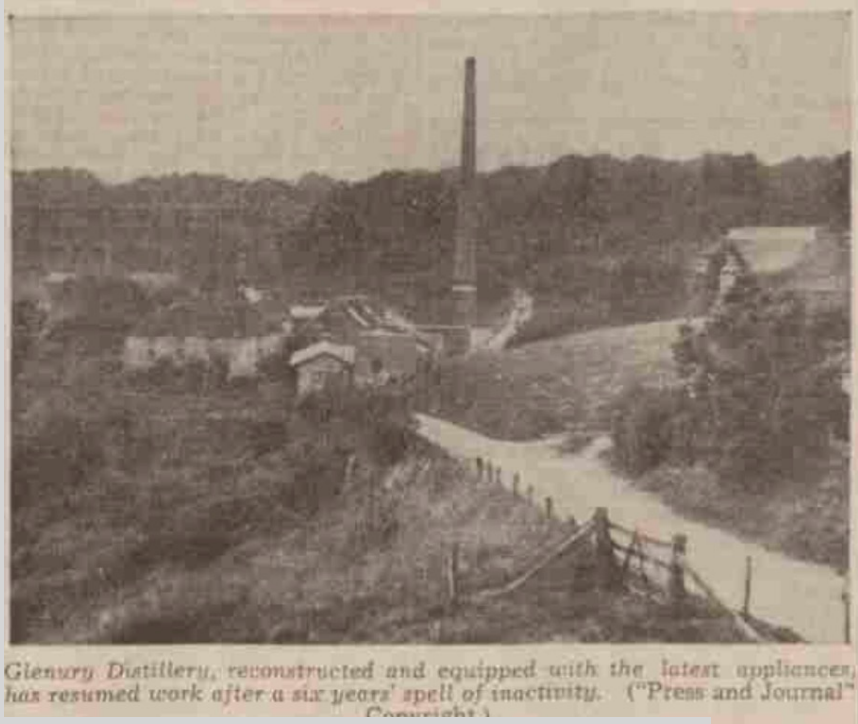
Royal Glenury is Pure Pot Still Malt Whisky, and is free from any adulteration with grain spirit. It is 7 years old, of Rich Flavour and Bouquet, and is in a thoroughly sound condition for consumption.

Matured in Fine Sherry Casks.

3s per bottle; 18s per gallon.

THIS IS WHISKY!

Stonehaven Journal - 7 december 1905



Glenury Distillery, reconstructed and equipped with the latest appliances, has resumed work after a six years' spell of inactivity. ("Press and Journal" Copyright)

Aberdeen Press and Journal - 16 september 1937

THE FIRST WHISKY SINCE 1940

THE first whisky to be distilled since 1940 went into casks at the Glenury distillery, Stonehaven, on Saturday, when more than 2,000 gallons of the clean, newly run, Highland malt whisky was added to the stock of this distillery.

It is believed that this will be the only distillery in Scotland which will be able to sell 1944 whisky in three years' time.

Speyside distilleries are making malt in preparation for a resumption of distilling in the New Year.

Daily Mirror - 4 december 1944



Hatim Attari foto 1947 (Privat samling)