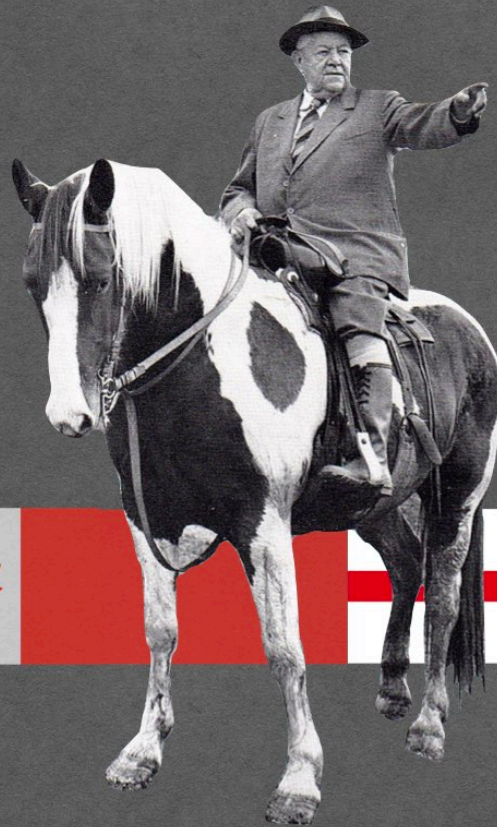


*Joseph W. Hobbs*

*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.

**PART 8**

## JOSEPH W. HOBBS – The Last Whisky Baron? – Part 8

### ACQUISITION OF DISTILLERIES - GLENLOCHY

Hobbs will shortly buy up 7 distilleries together with investors or on behalf of National Distilleries (Train & McIntyre/Associated Scottish Distilleries). National Distillers (ND) was one of "the four" in the US. The others were Schenley, Seagrams and Hiram Walker. Scotch whisky imported into the United States had increased both in quantity and proportion. After the planned collaboration between DCL and ND had been cancelled (see Section 6), ND wanted to secure the supply of Scotch whisky.

### GLENLOCHY

I have collected all information about Glenloch for a long time on the website <https://www.glenloch.com/pages/4/22> and this is a short summary.

6. November 1897 David McAndie, Nairn bought the land in Fort William from James Yorke Macgregor Scarlett, 4th Baron Abinger for £2,000. In 1898 he signed an agreement with The North British Railway to for tracks to the distillery.

He ran into financial problems with the Glen Cawdor distillery (he was one of three partners) and other operations in Nairn, Inverness. Already in 1898, he brought in other shareholders and Glenloch Fort-William Distillery Ltd was formed. One of the new owners was James Grant of Highland Park.

Construction of the new distillery started and one of the companies involved was Abercrombie in Alloa (now Diageo Abercrombie). In October 1899 a group from this climbed Ben Nevis and 4406 feet above sea level sang a hymn.

The distillery became smaller than originally intended and the capacity was halved, 1500 gallons a week. Production started on 4 February 1901 and at the opening ceremony 8 days later the colleague/competitor John MacDonald from Ben Nevis highlighted the tough situation in his speech.

Already in 1903 McAndie left the company and in 1913 it was for sale but there was no buyer. There was no production between 1917 and 1920. In a prospectus in 1919 before the sale, it is mentioned that there were no houses for the distillery manager and staff.

"I do not think it would be impossible to start distilling until these houses were ready, but it would be very difficult to carry on for long without them as it would be impossible to import anyone but single men"

In 1920, a group of brewers bought the distillery and started production. According to The Distilleries of Great Britain & Ireland 1922-29, 2500 gallons a week were produced. In 1926 the production was stopped.

In 1934 it was time for a new sale. Many books state that a car hire company Rankin Brothers, Lanarkshire bought the distillery. True, but the company also had another branch, buying buildings to demolish. They demolished both Boness and Gartloch distilleries. However, Glenlochy was never demolished, but in 1937 Rankin made a good profit when they sold to Train & McIntyre, Glasgow. (more on this company in a later part). In the same year, National Distillers, USA bought up almost all of Train & McIntyre. ND founds a company in Scotland, Associated Scottish Distillers (ASD), which is added as a subsidiary of Train & McIntyre. A National Archives file with documents on ASD 1938 - 62 which was moved from the National Register of Archives for Scotland to the Diageo Archive has unfortunately disappeared.

Production resumed in 1939 and the following year Hobbs sold his share in ASD and quit as CEO of the company. In Brian Spiller's "DCL Distillery Historical Series (1982)" it is stated that Hobbs received £38,000 for his shares and the right to buy up stocks of whisky. After that he seems to have concentrated on his patent to cut metal (Ferrolene Company, Leicester). With a unique method and gas mixture, this solution becomes widespread when the import of acetylene from Norway ceases during the war.

1953 DCL buys up Train & McIntyre for €2,750,000.

Investments are made and production is basically continuous until the beginning of 1983. All whiskey was blended and today there are over a hundred Glenlochy Maltwhiskeys. (see list)

More details: <https://www.glenlochy.com/pages/4/22>

All summaries are available here:

[https://www.repspect.se/joseph\\_hobbs\\_summary.html](https://www.repspect.se/joseph_hobbs_summary.html)

1897-98

## GLENLOCHY



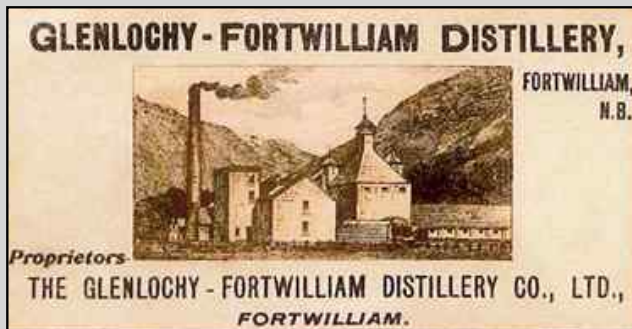
James Yorke Macgregor Scarlett,  
4th Baron Abinger  
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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
between  
THE NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY COMPANY,  
Incorporated by Act of Parliament  
OF THE FIRST PART, and Mr DAVID MAC-  
ANDIE, Distiller, Nairn, OF THE  
SECOND PART, in reference to a New  
siding proposed to be constructed  
near Banavie Junction, Fort William.

Agreement 18. November 1898

Architect:	Messrs Cameron & Burnett, Inverness
Builder:	Mr Jack, Wishaw
Joiner:	Mr Lawson, Glasgow
Slater:	Mr Arthur, Dundee
Plumber:	Messrs Anderson & Nisbet, Fort William
Plasterer:	Messrs Scott & Son, Aberdeen
Brick pointing:	Mr D. Fraser, Fort William
Iron Works:	Rose Street Foundry Company, Inverness
Painter:	Mr A.L. Gray, Fort William
Engineers:	Mr Abercrombie. Alloa
Coppersmiths:	Messrs Blair & Campbell, Glasgow
Cooper:	Mr Stewart, Elgin

Contractors



## GLENLOCHY

Directors:

- James Grant, Kirkwall (Highland Park)
- David McAndie, Nairn, (Glen Cawdor)  
(1903 ersatt av Alexander Kennedy Linklater)
- John P. Elgin, Inverness



James Grant

(Photo från Patricia Retson/ Martin Markvardsen Highland Park)

### NEW COMPANIES.

**Glenloch Fort-William Distillery Co., Ltd.**—Registered in Edinburgh 4th May. Capital £25,000, in £10 shares. Objects—To carry on the business of distillers, maltsters, brewers, bonded store keepers, hotel keepers, ice merchants and tobacconists.

Distillers', Brewers', and Spirit Merchants' Magazine  
1 June 1898

INVERNESS-SHIRE,  
**I**NVERNESS-SHIRE.—FIRST-CLASS HIGH-  
LAND MALT DISTILLERY FOR SALE.

There will be exposed for SALE by Public Roop (if not previously disposed of by Private Bargain), within Dowell's, 18 George Street, Edinburgh, on Friday the 2d day of May 1913, at 3 P.M.,  
ALL AND WHOLE THE GLENLOCHY FORT-WILLIAM DISTILLERY, FORT-WILLIAM, INVERNESS-SHIRE.  
This Distillery, which has been in existence and working for a number of years, is well and compactly built, and fitted up with the best modern Plant. The Land pertaining to it extends to 10 Acres, and there is no Feu or Ground Rent. There is a constant supply of excellent Water, the Whisky being well known and much appreciated.  
A Railway Siding enters the Premises, which are also situated in close proximity to the Sea, thus providing full and easy facilities for transport.  
For further particulars application may be made to Messrs MACDONALD & GRAHAM, Solicitors, Inverness, who hold the Titles and Articles of Roop, and will issue orders for inspecting the subjects.

The Scotsman 30. April 1913

*"last year had been the worst he had ever seen except one, and thought the present year was really going to be worse".*

Mr John Macdonald, Ben Nevis Distillery vid invigningen 8. February 1901

1920

## GLENLOCHY

### HOUSE OF THE WORKMEN

*"At present there are no houses in connection with the distillery as the man presently in charge lives in the office."  
.... build at once a Manager's house as it is essential that this man should live on the spot .... and at least two  
smaller cottages for the chief men. .... I do not think it would be impossible to start distilling until these houses  
were ready, but it would be very difficult to carry on for long without them as it would be impossible to import any  
but single men"*

From Report - James Risk - 5. July 1919

- Massey's Burnley Brewery Co Ltd



- The Barnsley Brewery Co Ltd
- John Kenyon & Co Ltd of Rossendale Brewery
- Nuttall & Co Ltd.

Brewer Consortium in Lancashire and Yorkshire

1934

## GLENLOCHY

**DEMOLITION OF BO'NESS DISTILLERY.**  
For Sale large quantity White Freestone, suitable for re-building and road bottoming; Bricks, Pitch Pine Beams, Steel Girders, Rails, Chairs, etc.  
—Rankin Bros., Contractors, Chryston. 'Phone 32, Stepps.

Falkirk Herald - 27. April 1935

**GLENLOCHY DISTILLERY**  
—◆—  
**Sold to Contracting Firm**  
—  
**FUTURE UNCERTAIN**

The Scotsman - 26. November 1934

**Rankin Bros.,** Muirhead,  
Chryston.

MOTOR AGENTS  
HAULAGE CONTRACTORS  
FILLING STATION  
WIRELESS AGENTS  
BATTERY CHARGING STATION

If we can be of Service to you, send us your enquiries. Satisfaction will be guaranteed.  
'Phone—32—Stepps.

Kirkintilloch Herald - 8. June 1932



1937

## GLENLOCHY

Glenlochy distillery, Fort William, one of the first in the West Highlands to be hit by the slump, is to be reopened by a Glasgow whisky firm.

Shields Daily News - 23. January 1937

20,478.—Associated Scottish Distilleries, Ltd., 35A Gordon Street, Glasgow. Private company, to carry on the businesses of distillers, maltsters, brewers, &c. Capital, £100, in £1 shares. Subscribers—James M'Creath, law clerk, 6 Holywood Crescent, Glasgow, and Margaret M. Robertson, law clerk, 27 Highburgh Road, Dowanhill, Glasgow.

The Scotsman 25. June 1938

**Train and McIntyre, Glasgow.**—An arrangement has been made between the National Distillers Products Corporation of New York, U.S.A., and Train and McIntyre, Ltd., the Glasgow Distillery firm, whereby the National Distillers' Corporation will in the future represent in America the pure Scotch brands of Train and McIntyre. As part of the arrangement the National Distillers have taken a share interest in the firm of Train and McIntyre. The control and operation of the business still remains solely in Scottish hands. Mr. David Ross, who has been chairman and managing director for many years, retains his interests in the company and will continue to act as chairman and managing director.

Liverpool Daily Post - 8. January 1938

It was announced that the National Distillers Products Corporation, as on November 2, 1937, had acquired 55,500 shares of Train & McIntyre, Ltd., of Glasgow, at a cost of 814,000 dollars, being equal to 95 per cent. of the outstanding Ordinary shares. Another announcement stated that the Distillers Corporation will from March 1, discontinue acting as a selling agency of Black and White whisky.

The Scotsman - 24. February 1938

1953

**£2 $\frac{3}{4}$ m. WHISKY**

**DEAL**

**Scots Group's  
Acquisition**

**From Our Financial Correspondent**

Train & McIntyre, Ltd., the Glasgow and London Scotch whisky group, is to be absorbed into the Distillers Company's organisation through an operation involving some £2,750,000. Control of the company is being acquired from the National Distillers Products Corporation of New York, one of the main United States distillery groups.

The Scotsman - 10. October 1953

# GLENLOCHY

## Distillery Managers

1900 ALLISON

1920 Robert MCGILLVRAY



1922 John STUART

1938-43 David GARDNER



1949-53 Peter LOGIE



1954-68 John Davidson KNIGHT



1968-74 Eric (Eddie) EDMEADES

1974-79 George (Dod) WINTON



1979-83 Mike GUNN



Other Crew - see [www.glenlochy.com](http://www.glenlochy.com)

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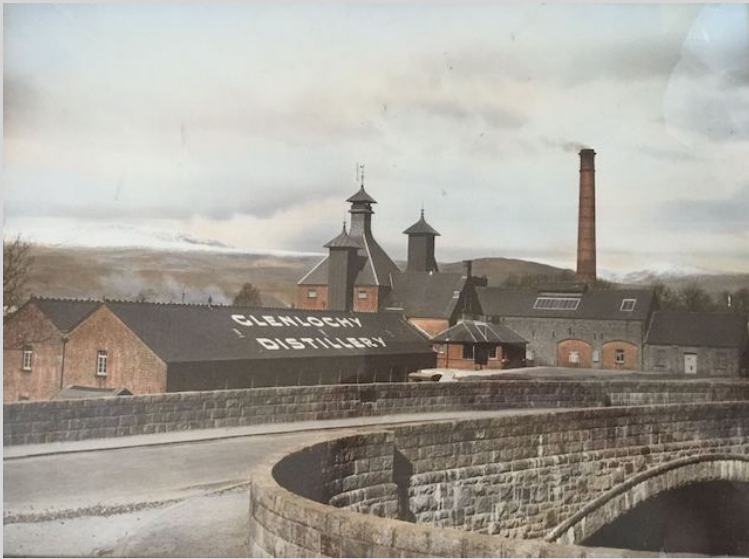


Photo from Alan Winchester



Photo 1961 Diageo Archive



The stills - Photo from Mike Gunn



Wash backs - Photo from Dod Winton



Mill -Photo from Dod Winton

# GLENLOCHY Whisky

GLENLOCHY						
1	<b>Burn Stewart</b>			14 yo	50%, 70 cl	The Select Hoghead
2		August 1980	June 2005	24 yo	Cask no.2451 (191 b)	61.2%, 70 cl
3		August 1980	June 2005	24 yo	Cask no.2451 (60 b)	61.2%, 75 cl
4		August 1980	November 2006	26 yo	Cask no.2452 (294 b)	53.2%, 70 cl
5		August 1980	October 2008	28 yo	Cask no.2453 (17 b)	49.8%, 70 cl
6		August 1980	October 2007	27 yo	Cask no.2454 (278 b)	54.8%, 70 cl
7		August 1980	July 2004	23 yo	Cask no.2450 (276 b)	66.4%, 70 cl
8		March 1975	June 2001	26 yo	(258 b)	50.0%, 70 cl
9		1965	2003	38 yo	(171 b)	42.3%, 70 cl
10		April 1952	May 2001	49 yo	(311 b)	43.0%, 70 cl
11		1965	2002	37 yo	Cask no. 1529 (260 b)	46.8%, 70 cl
12		1974		13 yo	Brown label 40% right	40%, 75 cl
13		1974		13 yo	Brown label 40% left	40%, 75 cl
14		1974				40%, 75 cl
15		1974	1991			40%, 75 cl
16		1974				40%, 75 cl
17		1977	1994			40%, 70 cl
18		1977	1999	22 yo		40%, 70 cl
19		1977	2002			40%, 70 cl
20		1977	1997	20 yo		40%, 70 cl
21		1977			cask no.2888	NOT BOTTLED YET
22		1979	2012			46%, 70 cl
23		1979	2015			46%, 70 cl
24		1979	2023	43 yo	cask no 3309 (141 b)	53.6%, 70 cl
25		1968		14 yo	Brown label SC 999	40%, 75 cl
26		1968		14 yo	Brown label Italy	40%, 75 cl
27		1968		15 yo	Brown label	40%, 75 cl
28		1965	2002	37 yo	(JBI/AGE)	40%, 70 cl
29		1968	2008	39 yo		43.0%, 70 cl
30		1968	2006	38 yo		43.0%, 70 cl
31		May 1965	October 2004	39 yo	Cask no. 706 (194 b)	46.3%, 70 cl
32		1969		26 yo		59.0%, 75 cl
33		1969		26 yo		58.8%, 75 cl
34		1969		25 yo		62.08%, 75 cl
35		1969	1994	25 yo		62.2%, 20 cl
36		1969	1994	25 yo		62.2%, 75 cl
37		20.5.1965	21.8.1998	33 yo	Cask no. 1531 (2 b)	46.16%, 70 cl
38		1980	2007	27 yo	Cask no. 2826 (231 b)	58.3%, 70 cl
39		Aug 1976	Jan 1989	12 yo		62.1
40		April 1979	May 1993	14 yo		62.2
41		April 1979	August 1993	14 yo		62.3
42		April 1979	April 1994	15 yo		62.4 (259 b)
43		April 1979	May 1994	15 yo		62.5
44		March 1982	September 1996	14 yo		62.6
45		October 1981	September 1996	14 yo		62.7 (276 b)
46		Nov 1979	May 2003	23 yo		62.8
47		Nov 1979	May 2003	23 yo		62.9
48		Nov 1979	May 2003	23 yo		62.10
49		May 1980	March 2005	24 yo		62.11 (234 b)
50		1980		24 yo		62.12
51		May 1980	April 2005	24 yo		62.13 (204 b)
52		May 1980	August 2006	26 yo		62.14 (121 b)
53		May 1980	November 2006	26 yo		62.15
54		May 1980	January 2007	26 yo		62.16

55		1974	1987	13 yo		67.3%, 75 cl
56		1974	1987	13 yo		40.0%, 75 cl
57		1974	1989	15 yo		40.0%, 75 cl
58		1980	2005	24 yo	Cask no.2819 (235 b)	58.1%, 70 cl
59		1980	2005	25 yo	Cask no.2821 (259 b)	55.9%, 70 cl
60		04.09.1980	24.07.2006	25 yo	Cask no.2827 (274 b)	55.3%, 70 cl
61		04.09.1980	2006	25 yo	Cask no.2828 (144 b)	43%, 70 cl
62		04.09.1980	22.05.2006	25 yo	Cask no.2820 (229 b)	43.0%, 70 cl
63		29.11.1974	11.11.2002	27 yo	Cask no.4459 (212 b)	53.3%, 70 cl
64		04.09.1980	25.06.2008	27 yo	Cask no.2823 (231 b)	57.9%, 70cl
65		30.10.1970	15.8.2000	29 yo	Cask no.3358 (178 b)	57.2%, 70 cl
66		30.10.1970	15.8.2000	29 yo	Cask no.3359 (248 b)	57.2%, 75 cl + 6 cl
67		21.08.1980	22.06.2010	29 yo	Cask no.2649 (265 b)	52.8%, 70 cl
68		14.3.1963	October 1993	30 yo	Cask no.761 (190 b)	52.1%, 70 cl
69		14.3.1963	December 1993	30 yo	Cask no.762 (250 b)	52.2%, 70 cl
70		04.09.1980	17.05.2011	30 yo	Cask no. 2824 (224 b)	55.9%, 70 cl
71		04.09.1980	15.09.2011	31 yo	Cask no. 2825 (246 b)	57.1%, 70 cl
72		21.10.1980	11.01.2012	31 yo	Cask no.3021 (164 b)	53.1%, 70 cl
73		14.3.1963	July 1995	32 yo	Cask no.765 (192 b)	51.6%, 70 cl
74		20.5.1965	20.05.1997	32 yo	Cask no.1528 (210 b)	47.9%, 70 cl + 5 cl
75					Cask no.1758	NOT BOTTLED YET
76		05.06.1980	09.07.2012	32 yo	Cask no.1769 (499 b)	60.1%, 70 cl
77		21.10.1980	10.09.2012	31 yo	Cask no.3022 (172 b)	53.8%, 75 cl
78		04.09.1980	19.01.2015	34 yo	Cask no.2822 (98 b)	46.5%, 70 cl
79		06.11.1980	22.01.2016	35 yo	Cask no.3231 (71 b)	48.0%, 70 cl
80		06.11.1980	22.01.2016	35 yo	Cask no.3232 (218 b)	51.6%, 70 cl
81		1974				40.0%, 75 cl
82		March 1967	September 1982	15 yo		46%, 75 cl
83		October 1977	February 1994	16 yo		59.0%, 70 cl
84		October 1977	November 1994	17 yo		58.5%, 70 cl
85		October 1977	September 1995	17 yo		61.8%, 75 cl
86		1977	1994	17 yo		56.55%
87		October 1977	April 1996	18 yo		60.5%, 70 cl
88		October 1977	September 1997	19 yo		56.5%, 75 cl
89		October 1977	February 1998	20 yo		55.8%, 70 cl
90		March 1967	February 1988	20 yo	(250 b)	46.0%, 75 cl
91		October 1977	February 1999	21 yo	(276 b)	57.4%, 70 cl
92		1977	February 2000	22 yo	(202 b)	61.4%, 70 cl
93		1977	September 2000	22 yo	(64 b)	41.5%, 70 cl
94		1977	May 2000	22 yo	(228 b) (Japan)	57%, 70 cl
95		Jan 1958	October 1984	26 yo		46%, 75 cl
96		1980s	1980s	27 yo		46%, 75 cl
97		1963	1993	30 yo		50%, 50 cl
98		1974	2002	28 yo		54.8%, 70 cl
99		1965	2003	38 yo	SWH3917	53.9%, 70 cl
100		1967	2002	35 yo	SIDI 2031	50.1%, 70 cl
101		1968	2003	36 yo	ESB16302	50.9%, 70 cl
102		1977	2002	25 yo	CWS1046	50.1%, 70 cl
103		1974	2004	30 yo	SOSC1944	46.9%, 70 cl