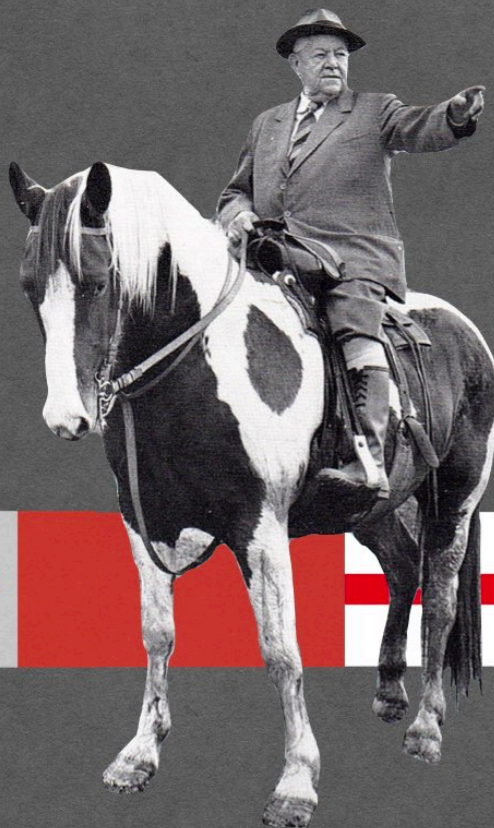


Joseph W. Hobbs

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 7

JOSEPH W. HOBBS – The Last Whisky Baron? – PART 7

DISTILLERY ACQUISITIONS - GLENURY ROYAL - DOES A 19-YEAR-OLD QUEEN DRINK WHISKY?

Hobbs will in short time 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 USA. The others were Schenley, Seagrams and Hiram Walker. Scotch whisky imported into the United States had increased both in quantity and market share. After the planned collaboration between DCL and ND for gin distilleries in NJ had been cancelled (see part 6) ND lost the distribution rights for Black & White in USA. ND secured the source of Scotch whisky by buying distilleries. The brand was Old Angus – “Gentle as a Lamb”

GLENURY ROYAL

According to Barnard, the distillery was founded around 1836, but production already started in Q4/1825 or Q1/1826. Captain Robert Barclay (1779 - 1854) was one of the owners. He seems to have let others to manage the distillery as the development of agriculture seems to have been his main interest.

In 1838 a feud arose between Glenury Royal and Royal Brackla over the right to call themselves "Royal".

One newspaper takes offense at Glenury Royal claiming to supply whisky to a Queen not even 20 years old and asks how Her Majesty consumes the whisky:

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

It ends with both distilleries being called Royal. Royal Lochnagar will later become the third.

Already in 1839, Glenury Royal is up for rent, but production continues without anyone leasing it. The price to rent the distillery is lowered, but no one is interested. In 1847 the manager dies, and it seems that production is stopped.

In 1857 William Ritchie from Glasgow leases the distillery. In 1909 he dies, and his sons William Hamilton Ritchie (1862-1944) and Henry Oliphant Ritchie (1867-1953) take over.

In 1929 production stops completely and on July 26, 1937, Hobbs and Hatim Attari (a financier and theatre man born in India) buy the distillery and investments are made. Glenury becomes the first oil-fired distillery and in September 1937 the production starts.

Hobbs settles at Glenury House and in 1938 the distillery is sold to Associated Scottish Distillers (a new company owned by National Distillers, USA) where Hobbs is CEO and co-owner.

Due to the war, the production is stopped in 1940, but Glenury is the first distillery to resume production in 1944. In 1940, Hobbs leaves ASD and Glenury and is succeeded by James Watt from Glenlivet Distillery.

Diageo buys the distillery in 1953 and it is closed 1987.

On the website <https://glenlochy.com/pages/12/31> there are more details.

All summaries can be found here:

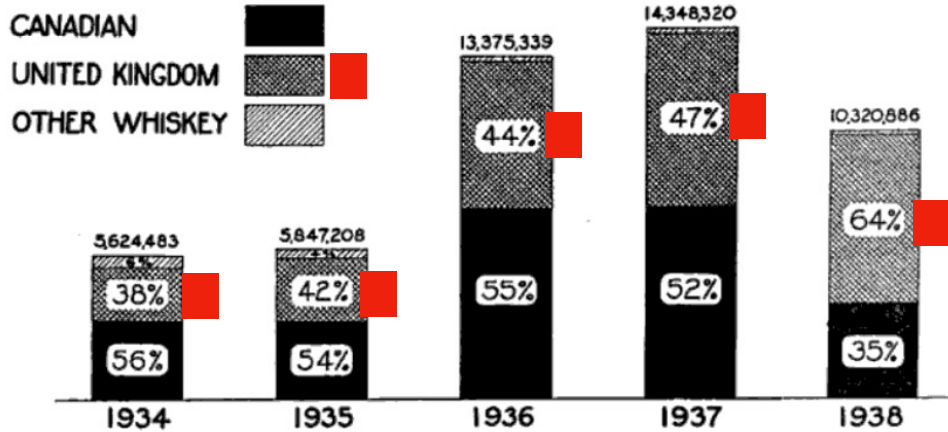
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EXHIBIT No. 404

FEDERAL ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATION

TOTAL WHISKEY IMPORTED INTO UNITED STATES

IN PROOF GALLONS
1934-1938
(CALENDAR YEARS)



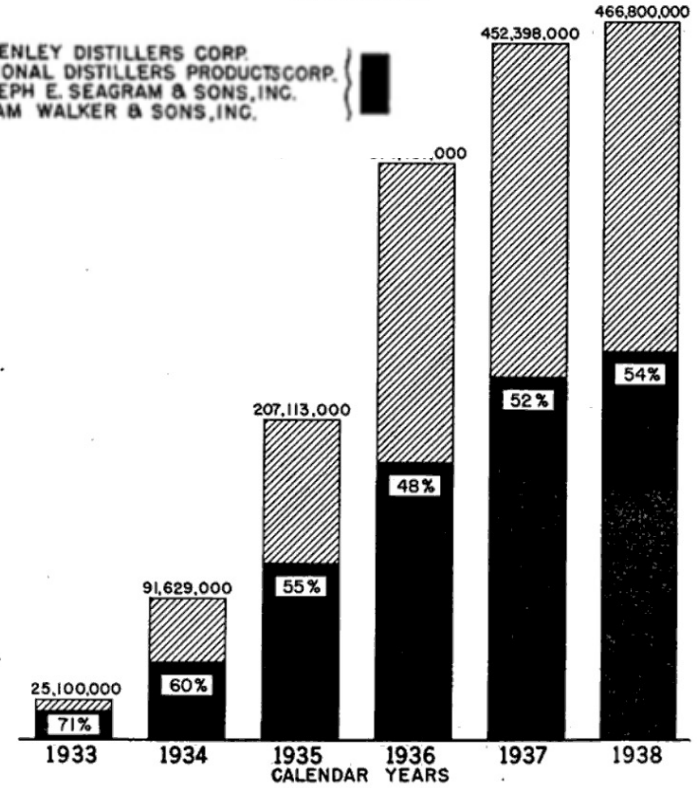
CANADIAN WHISKEY - CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF BULK WHISKEY USED IN DOMESTIC BLENDS.
UNITED KINGDOM WHISKEY - CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF SCOTCH WHISKEY.
OTHER WHISKEY - CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF IRISH WHISKEY.

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.

Your Guide to Good Liquors

A NOBLE SCOTCH
Gentle as a Lamb
8 YEARS OLD
86 PROOF

The Star Tribune 25 Sept 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 cousins 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."

SEEK THESE TO
NATIONAL DISTILLERS
GOOD LIQUORS

LIFE 2 May 1938

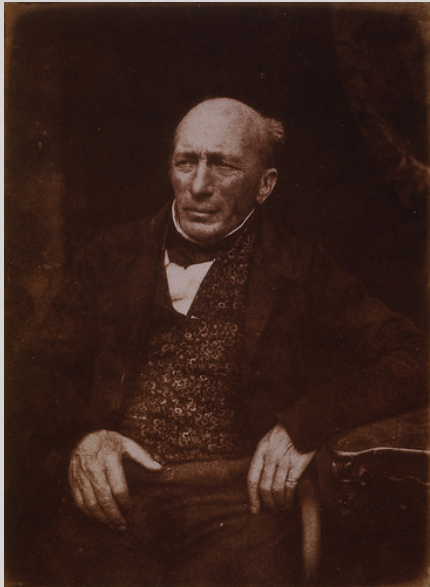
Ser. No. 368,328. JAMES BUCHANAN & COMPANY LIMITED. London, England. Filed Aug. 15, 1935.




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.

The 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.

The 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 Coronation Queen 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 July 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.

The Aberdeen Press and Journal - 25 December
1839

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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.



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

The Aberdeen Press and Journal - 16 September 1937

GLENURY ROYAL

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.

The Daily Mirror - 4 December 1944



Hatim Attari foto 1947
(Privat samling)