

When I was fifteen, I started work as an apprentice electrician at Philpstoun Works. James Caldwell and John Muir were the Managers. The foreman electrician was Davy Dow and Tom Dickson was the electrician to whom I was responsible. My apprenticeship was finished off at Scottish Oils Limited, Middleton Hall.

After my apprenticeship was completed, I was sent out to the various centres, Works and Mines, within the Scottish Oils Group. I had a motor bike, with side-car for my mate, to transport me.

Much of my work was involved with maintaining power-station pumps and switchgear, with most of the installations having their own power-stations.

My 34 years service with the Company included locations such as Philpstoun Works, Middleton Hall, Pumpherston, Westwood, No.1 and No. 6 Mines, Whitequarries, No. 3 Mine, Duddingston and Totlely Wells. I also worked for a time at Cousland, near Dalkeith, at the gas rigs operated by the D'Arcy Exploration Company. My work there was in maintaining the generator for the drilling rig. The gas produced was fed directly into Granton Gas Works. Production from Cousland was some 2.3 million cubic feet per month.

The managers and under managers I came in contact with in my time with the Company included Grant MacLellan and John Hogg, Middleton Hall, Bob Nelson, the foreman electrician at Pumpherston, Hector Smith, mining agent, and Winchburgh miners' undermanagers - James Burns, Willie Pryde, John Gibb, John Burns, Andrew McDonald and Jimmy Henderson. The last named was the father of James Henderson, Mining Agent.

I was 50 years of age when the mines closed down. I got employment with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries as an electrician at their Holyrood brewery and moved soon afterwards to work at my trade with D.B. Marshall, the Newbridge chicken firm. I was with Marshall's until I retired.

Transcript	JS
Industrial Information	<p>I started work as an apprentice electrician at Philpstoun Works when I was fifteen.</p> <p>The foreman electrician was Davey Dow and Tom Dickson was the electrician to whom I was responsible.</p> <p>My apprenticeship was finished off at Middleton Hall, Scottish Oils Limited, where I was sent out to various centres of the Mines and Works within the Scottish Oils Group.</p> <p>Much of my work involved maintaining power station pumps and switchgear.</p>
Managers & Undermanagers	<p>The Managers and Undermanagers I came in contact with in my time with the Company included Grant MacLellan and John Hogg from Middleton Hall. Bob Nelson, the foreman electrician at Pumpherston. Hector Smith mining agent and Winchburgh miners' Undermanagers James Burns, Willie Pryde, John Gibb, John Burns, Andrew McDonald and Jimmy Henderson. The last named was the father of James Henderson, mining agent.</p>
Locations	<p>My thirty four years service with the Company included</p>

locations such as Philpstoun Works, Middleton Hall, Pumpherston, Westwood, No. 1 and No. 6 mines, Whitequarries No. 3 mine, Duddingston and Tottlywells.

I also worked for a time at Cousland, near Dalkeith at the gas rigs operated by the D'Arcy Exploration Company. My work there was in maintaining the generators for the drilling rig.

The gas produced was fed directly into Granton Gas Works. Production from Cousland was 23 million cubic feet per month.

Closure of Mines

I was fifty years old when the mines closed down.

I then got employment with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries as an electrician.

PLACES

COUSLAND, 1,
DUDDINGSTON, 1,
MIDDLETON HALL, 1,
NEWBRIDGE, 1,
PHILPSTOUN, 1,
PUMPHERSTON, 1,
WESTWOOD, 1,
WHITEQUARRIES, 1,
WINCHBURGH, 1,

CONTENTS

BURNS James, 1,
BURNS John, 1,
CALDWELL James, 1,
DICKSON Tom, 1,
DOW Davy, 1,
ELECTRICIAN, 1,
GAS RIGS, 1,
GIBB John, 1,
HENDERSON Jimmy, 1,
HOGG John, 1,
MACLELLAN Grant, 1,
D.B. MARSHALL, 1,
McDONALD Andrew, 1,
MUIR John, 1,
NELSON Bob, 1,
POWER STATIONS, 1,
PRYDE William, 1,
SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE BREWERIES, 1,
SMITH Hector, 1,
TRANSPORT, 1,