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Documents in possession of Waltham Abbey Historical Society
photographed at E.R.D.E.

1. March 1964

Negatives: P.309

Print (from Illustrated London News 8.6.1861 - wrongly dated 1862):
Explosion at the Government Gunpowder-Works Near Waltham.

Photograph of cottages (demolished c.1900) "for workmen in the
Royal Gunpowder Factory".

Photograph (?) of picture in tempera of Jonah and the Whale, found
in one of the cottages shown in the above.

Proof (?) of Notice to Visitors, Royal Gunpowder Factory - Jan. 1871.

Two snow scenes (photographs) R.G.P.F. c.1890.

Photograph of view from Refinery Bridge looking N., c.1896.

WASC ~~WASC~~ Photograph of view from Lea Navigation Bridge looking E., c.1896.

Three prints (from Illustrated London News, 22.4.1843): First
explosion; Ruins of the Fourth Mill; Waltham Abbey - Funeral of
the Unfortunate Workmen (sic). A transcript has been made of the
account given of this disaster.

WASC ~~WASC~~ Photograph of R.G.P.F. Fire Engine and team. n.d.

WASC ~~WASC~~ Photograph of the (five) Turnham brothers. n.d.

Photocopy of Home Guard recruiting pamphlet 1942; "Repetition of
History" - copy of letter of 1794.

2. October 1964

Negatives: P.356

Group of mounted newspaper cuttings; public subscription lists (4)
in connection with explosion of 15.12.1893.

Similar to above: three further lists.

Similar to above: six cuttings giving subscriptions in connection
with relief fund after explosion of 7.5.1894.

Royal Gunpowder Factory ... Mechanics' Institution; Programme of
Christmas Vocal Entertainment, 17.1.1871. (The original is on
pink paper).

Royal Gunpowder Factory ... Mechanics' Institution; Programme of
Illustrated Lecture on the Franco-Prussian War, 13.2.1871. (The
original is on green paper).

Programme of Royal Gunpowder Factory Athletic Sports, 28.8.1886.
(The original is on pink paper).

Photograph (posed) showing two doctors, two nurses, and patient. On reverse is inscription in ms.: ' "CAM" House Explosion Victim/Mr. Carr/Doctors Priest and Beaumont/Date Dec 1893/Nurse on R. of Picture/Nurse Wren?'. (Name of second doctor, and date, have been altered).

Two photographs of ruinous powder mills near Long Walk - taken about 1956.

3. June and July 1965

Negatives: P.452

Two groups of R.G.P.F. personnel 1914-18 war.

Negatives: P.455, P.456

Four prints (from The Pictorial Times, 22.4.1843): Ruins of the Powder Mills at Waltham Abbey, Sketched on the Spot (2); The Funeral Procession Turning Powder-Mill Lane; The Funeral in the Churchyard of Waltham Abbey. A transcript has been made of the account given of this disaster.

Negatives: P.463

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Newspaper cuttings, origins unknown, giving brief details of early explosions; dated in ms. 1758, 1762, 1801, 1811.

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Newspaper cutting as above, giving note on purchase of gunpowder mills by Government; dated in ms. 1787.

Newspaper cutting, dated in ms. 1890, probably from a national daily, giving an account of the explosion of 22.8.1890.

Negatives: P.471

Powder Mills, Waltham Abbey - print by Ellis, published by I. Stratford, 112, Holborn Hill, March 26th 1808.

View of the Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey, as they appeared in 1735 - from "Some Account of Gunpowder", in "The Saturday Magazine", No.422 (Supplement), January 1839. (Redrawn from John Farmer's "History of ... the Abbey ... of Waltham ...", 1735).

Negatives: P.473

Water-colour picture, "Drawn by William Street August 1892", entitled "Rear View of Officers' old Quarters".

Negatives: P.475

Newspaper cutting (probably from a national daily), dated (in manuscript) 1851, giving an account of court proceedings in connection with a burglary at R.G.P.F.

Visit to British Museum Newspaper Library,
Colindale Avenue, N.W.9, 10th June, 1965

Explosions at R.G.P.F.

13.4.1843.

Consulted "Pictorial Times" for 1843; cutting in possession of Waltham Abbey Historical Society was supplemented from issue of 22.4.1843 (pp. 85-86), and a copy made. Four illustrations have been copied. No mention found in issue of 15.4.1843, or that of 29.4.1843.

Consulted "Illustrated London News" for 1843; cutting in possession of Waltham Abbey Historical Society was supplemented from issue of 22.4.1843 (pp. 275-6) and a copy made. Three illustrations have been copied. No mention found in issue of 15.4.1843 (in spite of opening remarks in article of 22.4.1843) or in that of 29.4.1843.

27.5.1861

Articles copied from "Morning Chronicle" 29.5.1861 and 3.6.1861; also note from "Illustrated London News" of 1.6.1861 (p. 505) and article from "I.L.N." of 8.6.1861 (p.537). One illustration (p. 519) has been copied - it is reproduced in Simmons.

16.6.1870

Consulted "Illustrated London News" for June and July 1870; no mention found.

Files of the London dailies (e.g. "The Times", "Daily Telegraph", "Morning Post") would no doubt yield further information on these explosions, while for the 1870 (and later) explosions the "Cheshunt and Waltham Weekly Telegraph" (first issue 30.5.1863) might also be consulted.

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14.6.1965.