

Ralph Lamprell, interior decorator: papers , 1910 - 1995

Introduction and summary description

Creator Ralph Lamprell
Reference: AAD/1995/13
Extent: 120 files

Context

Ralph Lamprell studied art in London, from 1924 to 1926, at both the Camberwell School of Arts & Crafts and the Central School of Arts & Crafts. In 1927 he joined the firm of Frederick Sage & Co. Ltd, a London shop fitters, as assistant designer. In 1932 he became a designer at Selfridges and then in 1933 a design representative for Drytone Joinery Ltd London. From 1936 to 1941 he worked as a technical representative for Gaskell & Chambers Ltd in Birmingham, which specialised in designing and fitting bar and hotel interiors. During the Second World War he was seconded to the firm of Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, consultancy engineers to the Ministry of Supply and the Ministry of Works and Buildings, and then into the Royal Engineers. He served in India and Europe, reaching the rank of major. In 1948 he was demobilised and joined the firm of Kwikform Ltd, where he remained until 1951, when he was invited to return to Gaskell & Chambers Ltd with responsibility for both the design work and the costing, planning and production of bar and hotel interiors throughout the UK.

Scope and content

Trade literature (1910 - 1993); album of linocuts produced for posters and the journal *Landworker* (1920s); correspondence and certificates (1923 - 1967); life drawings (1926); advertisements and contract lists for Drytone Joinery (1930s); albums relating to interior designs for Gaskell & Chambers Ltd, including designs and photographs (1950s - 1970s); drawings, plans and photographs relating to furniture, interior design schemes for Gaskell and Chambers, neon lighting and shop fittings (1950s - 1970s); lectures and reports relating to Gaskell & Chambers Ltd (1950s - 1970s); reference material for interior decoration (1950s - 1990s); curriculum vitae (ca. 1951); reference material (1956 - 1992); press cuttings (1969 - 1975); audio tape and transcript of an interview with Ralph Lamprell (1995); photocopy of photograph of Ralph Lamprell (undated); slides (undated).

Provenance

Purchased from Ralph Lamprell, 1995.

Access

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Detailed catalogue

Personal History, 1946

Reference: AAD/1995/13/1/1 to 2

Extent: 2 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/1/1	Typewritten C.V. documenting Ralph Lamprell's life up until the age of 47	Undated
AAD/1995/13/1/2	Photocopy of a portrait photograph	1946

Art Education, 1925 - 1926

Reference: AAD/1995/13/2/1 to 4

Extent: 4 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/2/1	Alphabets derived from Medieval MSS	1925
AAD/1995/13/2/2	Male figure drawing (pencil)	1926
AAD/1995/13/2/3	Female figure drawing (pencil)	1926
AAD/1995/13/2/4	Female figure drawing (pencil)	

Personal Administration, 1923 - Late 20th century

Reference: AAD/1995/13/3/1 to 3

Extent: 12 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/3/1/1 to 6	Letters regarding design competitions	1925-1928
AAD/1995/13/3/1/7 to 10	Certificates for winning entries	1925-1928
AAD/1995/13/3/1/2/1	Letter regarding London County Council scholarships	1932
AAD/1995/13/3/1/2/2	Leaflet entitled <i>Senior Scholarships</i> .	
AAD/1995/13/3/1/3/1 to 3	Letters from Fred Sage & Co. regarding punctuality, termination of employment and work conduct	1930-1932

AAD/1995/13/3/1/4	Letter regarding termination of part time scholarship	1933
AAD/1995/13/3/1/5/1 to 6	Letters regarding involvement in an exhibition and from manufacturers regarding submitted or submitting designs	1931-1935
AAD/1995/13/3/1/6/1 to 2	Letters to Ralph Lamprell from Sir Hugh Casson	1967- Late 20th century
AAD/1995/13/3/1/7/1 to 2	2 copies (1 in draft form) of a typewritten report by Ralph Lamprell: Expo 67 Montreal: report of visit by R. Lamprell, July 1967	1967
AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/1 to 13	Correspondence and related items regarding trip to USA & Canada 13 items	1967

Contains the following documents:

Letter to Ralph Lamprell from A.J. Chambers regarding trip to Montreal and outside design fees. A post-it note containing Ralph Lamprell's comments is attached Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/1	1967
Letter to Ralph Lamprell from Barclay's Bank regarding visit to USA Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/2	1967
Letter from Ralph Lamprell regarding visit to USA Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/3	1967
Letter to Holland America Line from Ralph Lamprell regarding visit to Montreal Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/4	1967
Letter to Mr & Mrs Lamprell from BOAC regarding flight to New York Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/5	1967
Letter to Holland America Line from Ralph Lamprell regarding flight to New York Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/6	1967
Letter to Barclay's Bank regarding visit to USA Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/7	1967
Holland American Line receipt Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/8	1967
Letters to Ralph Lamprell from Holland America Line Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/9 to 11	1967

Letter from Ralph Lamprell to Holland America Line 1967
regarding journey
Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/12

Automobile Association compliment slip Undated
Ref: AAD/1995/13/3/1/8/13

AAD/1995/13/3/2/1 Regulations for Junior Art Scholarships 1923
AAD/1995/13/3/3/1 School reports from Camberwell School of Art 1923-1925
to 4

Design Work, 1923 - 1970

Reference: AAD/1995/13/4/1 to 4

Extent: 33 files

Photograph albums, 1923 - ca. 1930s

Reference: AAD/1995/13/4/1/1 to 5

Extent: 5 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/4/1/1	Black and white drawings and lino cuts. Spiral bound album containing pasted in lino cuts, b&w drawings, covers of <i>The Landworker</i> , photocopied covers of <i>The Landworker</i> , 1 cover for <i>S. John the Evangelist</i> (1932), 3 posters (folded & loose) 38 items	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/1/2	Large black photo album. Contains 43 b&w photographs documenting design work undertaken for Gaskell & Chambers & Drytone Joinery and photographs of work produced at Camberwell School of Art. Some photographs are accompanied by handwritten documentation	1930-1936
AAD/1995/13/4/1/3	<i>Metal & wood: Shopfronts, interiors and furniture</i> Spiral bound album containing b&w photographs of work produced at Camberwell and work undertaken for Fred Sage & Co and for other retailers. Album also contains b&w and coloured drawings of designs for various schemes, and <i>Easiway</i> [trade catalogue]. 32 items	1923 - ca. 1930s
AAD/1995/13/4/1/4	Album containing 18 coloured photographs of completed design projects (for bar interiors, clubs and concert halls) and visual documentation of work for Gaskell & Chambers and CMC Gilt Edge Contracts 23 items	Undated

AAD/1995/13/4/1/5 Album containing b&w and coloured photographs of completed design projects and b&w drawings of designs 18 items Undated

Drawings and plans, 1958 ; Undated

Reference: AAD/1995/13/4/2 to 4

Extent: 14 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/4/2/1/1 to 4	4 plans for the Angel Hotel, Cardiff 4 items, 3 black & white; 1 colour.	1958
AAD/1995/13/4/2/2/1 to 2	2 colour drawings for the Captain Cook, Middlesborough	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/3/1 to 3	3 colour drawings for the Royal George and 1 sheet of reference material	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/4/1 to 3	3 colour drawings for the Market Tavern	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/5/1 to 4	2 plans and 2 drawings for the Griffin Hotel, Thornaby	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/6/1 to 3	3 colour drawings for Bloxwich Memorial Club	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/7/1	1 colour drawing for Blam(?) project	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/8/1 to 4	4 colour drawings for the Hearty Goodfellow, Nottingham	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/9/1 to 2	One colour photograph of the MODEL, Cardiff and one of the Castle, Brecon	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/10/1 to 3	2 b&w drawings for the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 1 colour drawing for the [Savan] project	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/11/1 to 6	2 colour plans for the Connoisseur, and 4 unlabelled colour drawings	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/2/12/1 to 6	6 colour drawings for Blue Star	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/3/1 to 3	35 3D colour slides of completed design projects	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/4/1 to 4	5 name cards	Undated

Lecture notes (and related items)., 1955 - 1970 ; Undated

Reference: AAD/1995/13/4/5/1 to 11

Extent: 11 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/4/5/1/1 to 2	Typewritten A4 sheet (with duplicate copy) on the subject of lecturing.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/5/2/1 to 8	<i>The modern bar</i> . 8 pages of a typewritten lecture.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/5/3/1 to 3	<i>Additional items for discussion</i> . 1 typewritten sheet (with 2 duplicate copies).	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/5/4/1	<i>Golf courses - bar</i> 3rd August 1960. 5 page typewritten lecture.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/5/5/1 to 3	<i>Bar design</i> 11th July 1960. 1 typewritten sheet (with 2 duplicate copies).	1960
AAD/1995/13/4/5/6/1 to 2	<i>Horseshoe dive bar - Worcester</i> 12.1.1970. 2 page typewritten lecture (with duplicate copy).	1970
AAD/1995/13/4/5/7/1 to 3	<i>Horseshoe dive bar - Worcester</i> 9.1.70. 3 page typewritten lecture (with 2 duplicate copies).	1970
AAD/1995/13/4/5/8/1 to 2	<i>Horseshoe dive bar - Worcester</i> 12.1.70. 4 page typewritten lecture (with 1 duplicate copy).	1970
AAD/1995/13/4/5/9	Pen drawing for Cocktail Bar.	1955
AAD/1995/13/4/5/10	Page torn from a periodical (Time out lounge, Leland Hotel, Chicago by architect Allen Kaplan is depicted on one side).	Undated
AAD/1995/13/4/5/11/1 to 6	2 pencil drawings with notes for Queens. Stapled to these are 4 sheets of printed reference material including periodical articles: <i>Four queens in their element</i> by Sacheverell Sitwell.	Undated

Periodical articles, 1950

Reference: AAD/1995/13/4/6

Extent: 2 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/4/6/1	Page 271 from <i>Architect and Building news</i> , March 10, 1950. Includes b&w reproduction of house built by Mr. Lamprell.	1950
AAD/1995/13/4/6/2	Page 600 from <i>Architect's journal</i> , May 18, 1950. Includes paragraph on Mr. Lamprell and b&w photographs and plans of his house.	1950

Contracts, contract forms and notes for design projects., Undated

Reference: AAD/1995/13/4/7/1 to 41

Reference Material, 20th century

Reference: AAD/1995/13/5/1 to 4

Extent: 69 files

Periodicals., 1955 - 1992

Reference: AAD/1995/13/5/1 to 21

Extent: 21 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/5/1/1	<i>Arbitare</i> , Marzo 1968, No. 63.	1968
AAD/1995/13/5/1/2	<i>Arbitare</i> , September 1972, No. 108.	1972
AAD/1995/13/5/1/3	<i>Artecasa</i> , No. 43, 1963.	1963
AAD/1995/13/5/1/4	[Periodical with no cover on title page], 1978. Pages 247-349 only.	1978
AAD/1995/13/5/1/5	<i>Casa e turismo arredamento</i> , No. 5, 1955.	1955
AAD/1995/13/5/1/6	<i>Casa e turismo arredamento</i> , No. 9, 1956.	1956
AAD/1995/13/5/1/7	<i>Casa e turismo arredamento</i> , No. 17, 1958.	1958
AAD/1995/13/5/1/8	<i>Casa e turismo arredamento</i> , No. 18, 1958.	1958
AAD/1995/13/5/1/9	<i>Casa vogue</i> , Novembre 1973, No. 27.	1973
AAD/1995/13/5/1/10	<i>Casa vogue</i> , Giugno 1975, No. 46.	1975
AAD/1995/13/5/1/11	<i>Meubles et decors</i> , Novembre 1959, No. 736.	1959
AAD/1995/13/5/1/12	<i>MD: mobel interior design</i> , No. 5, 1961.	1961
AAD/1995/13/5/1/13	<i>MD: catalogue</i> , No. 5, 1961.	1961
AAD/1995/13/5/1/14	<i>Architectural design</i> , March 1961. Pages 96-129 only [loose].	1961
AAD/1995/13/5/1/15	<i>Architectural record</i> , Mid-April, 1984.	1984
AAD/1995/13/5/1/16	<i>Architectural record</i> , Mid-April, 1986.	1986
AAD/1995/13/5/1/17	<i>Decoration internationale</i> , No. 92, Juin-Juillet-Aout 1986.	1986
AAD/1995/13/5/1/18	<i>Maison Francaise</i> , Juillet/Aout 1986, No. 398.	1986
AAD/1995/13/5/1/19	<i>Elle decoration</i> , Nov-Dec 1995, No. 14.	1991
AAD/1995/13/5/1/20	<i>Scholner Wohnen</i> , Heft 6, August 1971.	1971
AAD/1995/13/5/1/21	<i>Patagonia</i> , Fall/Winter 1992.	1992

Trade Literature, 20th century

Reference: AAD/1995/13/5/2/1 to 21

Extent: 21 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/5/2/1/1 to 2	<i>Arkana Industries Ltd.</i> [London?], 1966. With four material samples inserted.	1966
AAD/1995/13/5/2/2	<i>Cunic partition system</i> , London: Milne Gibson & Ferguson Ltd., [19?].	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/3	<i>Habitat annual catalogue</i> , 1989/90.	1989-1990
AAD/1995/13/5/2/4/1 to 3	<i>Albion: suspended display systems</i> .	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/5	<i>Albion: brass tube & bar fittings</i> .	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/6	<i>Silverman: flame retardant products: silvermark veneered boards</i> , June 1990.	1990
AAD/1995/13/5/2/7	Modric; Allgood Architectural Hardware, <i>Architectural and security hardware directory</i> ,	ca. 1993
AAD/1995/13/5/2/8	Jali Ltd. <i>Jali</i> ,	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/9	Click Shelving Ltd., <i>Click</i>	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/10	F.A. Fitton & Son, <i>Transporting Fit-on-rite tables</i> ,	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/11	<i>Fabritak</i> , March 1989.	1989
AAD/1995/13/5/2/12/1 to 3	Tombu wall-finishing system: two ways to finish four walls.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/2/13/1 to 12	12 trade literature items produced by Winther Browne.	
AAD/1995/13/5/2/14	Gaskell & Chambers Limited. <i>Catalogue No. 100: beer engines, cellar fittings, hotel bar requisites</i>	ca. 1930
AAD/1995/13/5/2/15/1 to 4	Gaskell & Chambers Limited. <i>Measures of success</i> ,	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/16/1 to 6	Gaskell & Chambers Limited. <i>Measures of achievement</i> ,	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/2/17/1 to 2	Two photocopies of sheets of title page from Gaskell & Chambers catalogue: <i>New and original designs given for bar fittings, counters...</i> ,	ca. 1910
AAD/1995/13/5/2/18/1 to 9	9 Drytone Joinery b&w photographs.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/2/19/1 to 4	4 sheets entitled <i>Some Drytone Contracts</i> .	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/2/20/1 to 16	16 single pages of Drytone Joinery material.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/2/21/1 to 2	Cunard typing guide and letter to Ralph Lamprell introducing it.	Undated

Material Produced by Breweries, 1960 ; 1981 ; Undated

Reference: AAD/1995/13/5/3/1 to 4

Extent: 4 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/5/3/1	Bass. <i>Great ale of England</i> , 44 page booklet.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/3/2	Bass. <i>Visit the Bass Museum...</i> , leaflet.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/3/3	<i>Whitbread pub guide</i> , 1981.	1981
AAD/1995/13/5/3/4	<i>Monthly bulletin</i> , Vol. 31, No. 7, July 1960.	1960

Decor, 20th century

Reference: AAD/1995/13/5/4/1 to 23

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Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/1995/13/5/4/1 to 16	9 b&w photographs of theatre posters and 1 reproduction of Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2 b&w photographs of theatres; 1 newspaper cutting containing a print; 9 negatives.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/2	Drawing for Gaskell & Chambers.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/3/1 to 2	Price list for Bond Art.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/4/1 to 2	2 letters to Ralph Lamprell from Edwin Hall & Co.	1972
AAD/1995/13/5/4/5	<i>Haddon rocking horse</i> , 2 page leaflet.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/6	Magazine article on fairground art.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/7	Compliment slip from Tony Harling Limited.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/8/1 to 3	2 letters to Ralph Lamprell from the Holybourne stores re fairground horse and 1 sheet of notes.	1972
AAD/1995/13/5/4/9/1 to 18	Material on jockeys; 2 illustrations of horse races, 1 of horses and carriage; 1 sheet of notes; 12 b&w illustrations of jockeys, 2 b&w photographs.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/10/1 to 5	Letter to Ralph Lamprell from Susan James accompanied by 3 pen sketches of clothing designs and 1 plan sketch of a restaurant.	1972
AAD/1995/13/5/4/11	2 page booklet: Brick Development Association <i>Brick sculptures by Walter Ritchie</i> , London: Brick Development Association.	20th century
AAD/1995/13/5/4/12/1 to 9	3 b&w photographs of coins. 6 b&w photographs of kings (George I-George V).	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/13/1 to 4	Printed extract on George Inns.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/14/1 to 2	2 colour illustrations of engravings depicting horse races.	Undated

AAD/1995/13/5/4/15/1 to 3	3 sheets of handwritten notes.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/16	1 sheet of information on carousels.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/17/1 to 9	4 reproductions of illustrations depicting suns with faces; 3 reproductions of illustrations of bridges on the River Thames; 2 photocopies of illustrations of historical costume.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/18/1 to 3	Press cuttings: 1 from <i>Observer review</i> , 19th January 1975 (reproduction of an etchings by seventeenth century artist Jacques Callot); 1 from <i>Sunday Times</i> , 20th July 1969 (photographs of helmets); 1 with photograph of an illustration by Arthur Barbasa (undated).	1969 ; 1975 ; Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/19	Bookseller's catalogue produced by Ariel Press.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/20/1 to 12	Material on lions: 8 b&w photographs of drawings of lions; 1 leaflet produced by Ceylon Tea Centre; 1 card advertising Ceylon tea; 1 empty sugar packet; typed sheet: The British Lion.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/21	4 pages of published information on Ryland colour paste.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/22	Hugo Russell and Company, advertisement card.	Undated
AAD/1995/13/5/4/23	B&w photograph of Henry VIII relief work.	Undated
