

Map of Shettleston and surrounding area. c.1947. Reproduced with the permission of the National Library of Scotland.

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Boyd's Foundry



NANCY CAIRNS

"In 1935 my father got a job in J&T Boyd's Foundry as a precision grinder, where he worked until he retired in 1968. He had

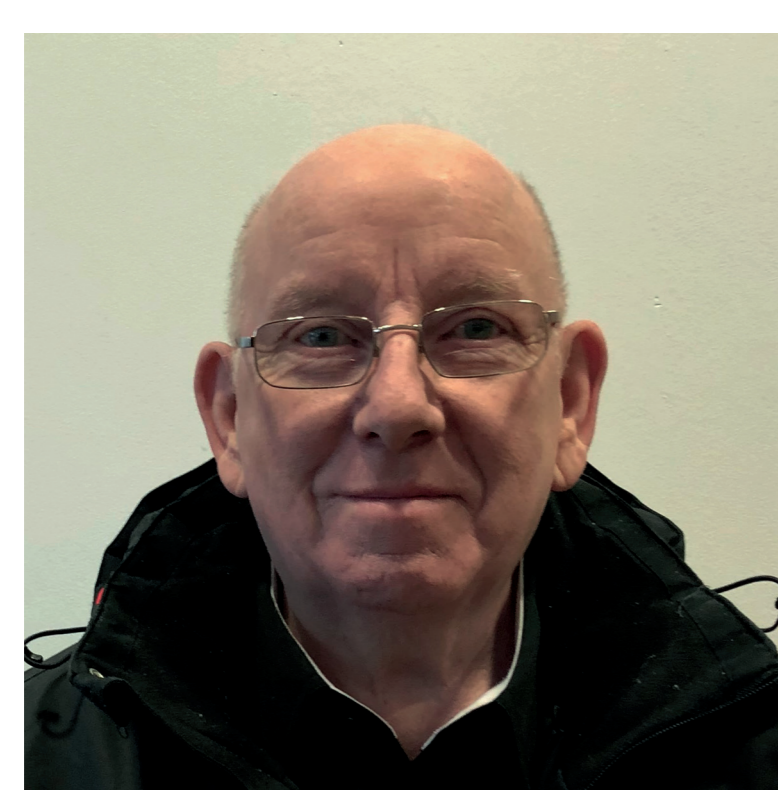
been in America during the depression and was unemployed for a few years after he came home. My mum sometimes had to walk to Boyd's if she needed something from Dad. We had to walk to the back of the building and speak to him through a window with bars on. He told us about using a micrometer and how detailed his work was. It was long hours standing and he ended up having varicose veins!"



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United Glass and Bottle Works

The North British Bottle Works opened in 1904 on Old Shettleston Road and the name was changed later to United Glass. The works closed in 1983.



BILL WINNING worked there from 1958 to 1961.

"I started work in the United Glass and Bottle work in 1958. We worked continental shifts spread over a 13 week period.

I started as part of a team who manually unloaded the trains coming into the siding at the Shettleston Juniors football pitch. They brought sand and crushed glass and returned wooden crates. We palletted the boxes and drove them into the Lehrs (a conveyor belt) for the sorter to fill. There were two big furnaces which fed auto machines that blew the molten glass into moulds. Each bottle sorter checked for defects then the packers placed them into the wooden boxes. They were shipped to America, South America, Canada, China and Australia."



United Glass, last bottle

The last bottle produced in United Glass is in Shettleston Juniors Football Club on Old Shettleston Road.

A large lump of green glass, below, from the works now lies in **Pauline Rees's** garden.

