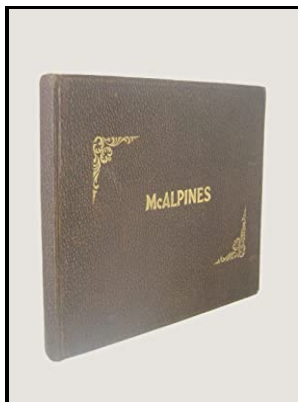


Sir Robert McAlpine and sons - the early years

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The family

Many people and entities have the same or similar names. Here, some of our current trainees talk about their careers to date, what subjects they studied before starting work and the qualifications they are working towards. Between 1884 and 1904, Robert McAlpine and Sons built nearly 150 miles of railway in Scotland and Ireland, pioneering the mass use of concrete in railway construction, most famously on the 40 mile Mallaig extension of the , including the , and the - the longest concrete bridge span built.

Sir Robert McAlpine

Agnes de Belabre and Louis had one daughter, Yolande born in 1908, but divorced in 1915. At the age of 17, he became a bricklayers apprentice in Coltness, North Lanarkshire, but continued to work in the mines during the winter months. By 1877 The firm regularly employed over one hundred men Leased three brickworks and experimented with the use of concrete to make lintels and doorsteps.

Records of Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons (London) Ltd, civil engineering contractors, London, England

At the beginning of the Second World War the government again required the firm's resources and power stations, ordnance factories, and other key plants were hurriedly built. I have been over to the school early this morning and appealed to the neighbourly nature of the nice caretaker man, Andy, who assures me he will ask for them to be turned off at night.

Historic buildings specialist, Historian, Lecturer

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The surplus Simplex petrol locos available after the First World War no doubt caused the change to the 2ft gauge, and, apart from acquiring some of these, McAlpine's purchased new locos from Motor Rail both for the 3ft and later in quite considerable numbers for the 2ft gauge. The company had a share capital of £250,000 with Sir Robert McAlpine and his four eldest sons Robert, William, Sir Malcolm and Alfred holding

49,600 shares each and while his fifth son, Granville, and John Milne, company secretary of , held 1,000 shares each.

Adventures of a Collector

By 1883 he felt capable of building their first European factory, on a 43-acre site seven miles west of Glasgow, for the hugely successful American Singer Sewing Machine Company for a fee of £300,000. He sang as a boy treble on the Winchester Cathedral choir for five years, before attending Marlborough College. We took advice from an Expert Witness with a view to taking our case to court.

McAlpine's marriage is in ruins

My rude awakening resulted in a very early dog walk where I met the new school caretaker on my way back.

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