

**John Quin and
Company Limited
Tea, Wine, and
Spirit Merchants,
Ellen Street.**

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Introduction

The collection consists of a company minute book, dating from 1899 to 1926, which was purchased at auction by Limerick Archives in 1995.

The company was a tea, wine, and spirit merchants business. The origins of the business was a partnership between John Quin and Thomas O' Brien. John Quin who held two-thirds of the business, died in 1883. He left his share of the company to his two sons James and Stephen. In 1885 James and Stephen dissolved the partnership with Thomas O'Brien and purchased his third of the company. In 1889 the two brothers incorporated John Quin and Company as a limited Company.

The Company was both retail and wholesale. It had premises in George Street and Thomas Street. Francis Kearney and Son's Solicitors acted solicitors of the company

Minute Book (1899-1923)

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| 1 | 27 April 1899-28 July 1923 | Company minute book of
John Quin and Company
Limited containing
minutes of board of directors meetings, annual general meetings, and extraordinary
general meetings. Date and location of meeting, chairperson of meeting, and directors
and other office holders present are recorded for each meeting. Topics discussed
include management issues such as agreements with wholesalers, collection of debts
from customers, fire and insurance issues, changes in company practices such as stock
taking procedures, introduction of electric lights, bottling machine, extension of
business, sale of company property, staffing issues particularly requests for salary
increases; matters relating to shareholders such as allocation and transfer of
preference shares and ordinary shares; shareholders dividend, election of company
directors, company secretary, auditors, and solicitors; financial matters particularly
annual accounts for the company, annual profit and loss figures, and external factors
effecting profit margins such as whiskey taxes and outbreak of World War One.
Includes entries such as 'it was resolved to give Mr. Fitzgerald another chance as his
conduct has not been satisfactory later on account of intemperance (15 May 1905) and
'Mr. James Quin informed the Directors that since the outbreak of war, the sugar
market had fluctuated in an unparalleled manner. He stated that at first Messrs John
Quin and Company had profited considerably by the enormous rise, but afterwards
they had to buy more sugar at a very large price over which deal they dropped a good
deal of profit (17 September 1914). Includes also 'Mr. Richard Quin, secretary to the
firm, informed the Board that he wished to join the colours to fight against Germany
and he asked the directors if they would keep his position open for him until he
returned (12 October 1914). |
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