

Tracie Thornberry interviewing Alexander Young at his office in
Ranger Street. The subject of the interview is Young and Green
and the history of Mr. Young's family.

Interviewer (T.T.): I read that the firm was established in 1919,
and then I read that your dad went back
back from the war in 1920, do you know when
it was started?

Interviewee (A.Y.): Yes the organisation did start in 1919.
I'm not aware that he was here in 1919 it might
be correct that he did come to Newcastle in 1920,
but the organisation was originally started by
two men called Bert Hereward Young, who was my
father's brother and Reginald Victor Meggs.

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Transcript of the interview with Alexander Young.

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Now they were another type of people and they
needed someone with some administrative
abilities and my father had been trained, he
worked for the government before he went to the war
and he'd worked for other people and I think to
my knowledge that they sent to him and asked him
if he'd come to Newcastle and work at that side,
and it may well be that he came in 1920.

T.T.: Well that makes sense of what I have been reading. There
was also a Mr. Johnstone and a Mr. Green.

A.Y.: Yes, there was a Mr. Johnstone who worked with the
company for many years but was never a shareholder, and Green
was one of the original partners, but Green I understand was an
alcoholic and they got rid of him early on in the place. They
felt there was going to be trouble there.

T.T.: In the archives they had him down as a salesman.

A.Y.: That would be reasonably correct.

T.T.: Did you always intended to work for your father or while
you were at school were you aspiring to something else?

A.Y.: Yes my father had this thing about accounting and always
regretted the fact that he had no formal accountant training
and you've got to recognise that things were a lot different
then, than they are now. In those days jobs weren't easy to get
and there were certainly not the opportunities that there are
for young people, at an educational level, that there are now.
For example there was no university in Newcastle and if you
wanted to do a university course you had to go to Sydney and