

**Pig Improvement Company Archive**

**TR DX2321**

**Collection description**

The collection includes papers by or relating to Dr. Maurice Bichard and his work at Pig Improvement Company. Dr. Bichard was initially appointed as a consultant for the Pig Improvement Company (PIC) in 1966, and subsequently as Director of Research and Development in 1974. Dr. Bichard later become Technical Director until his retirement in 1995.

Company related papers include the first Pig Improvement Company (PIC) commercial account book, administrative records such as one wage book and other records relating to employees, including social events and societies. The collection includes records regarding international branches of PIC and other scouting work done abroad, records relating to PIC's intellectual property, import and export, and different standards to which PIC worked to, including those of the European Community. Includes legal records such as those relating to acquisitions, partnerships, shareholdings, and purchases done by PIC, as well as a property record for the original purchase of Nucleus Farm at Fyfield Wick, Abingdon, England. Some of these records are contextualised by notes or emails from Dr. Bichard.

The collection also includes records relating to the technical work carried out by PIC, as well as papers and dissertations on pig breeding, house journals and bulletins, press cuttings, project files, and company histories.

A note from depositor, signed M. Bichard, August 2019, states that disease control is 'greatly under-represented in these files', and explains that this is because all files came from the company's Chief Geneticist, and the disease/health files were not available. He adds that 'disease control was equally, or more important in PIC's success than genetics'.

The Collection covers the years Jun 1935; Dec 1955-Aug 2015.

The physical extent of the collection is 16 boxes.

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### **Introduction**

Dr. Maurice Bichard was an Honorary Principal Research Fellow, Department of Agriculture at the University of Reading, UK.

He was initially appointed as a consultant for the Pig Improvement Company (PIC) in 1966, and subsequently as Director of Research and Development in 1974. Dr. Bichard later became Technical Director until his retirement in 1995.

Dr. Bichard wrote extensively on pig breeding and his work with PIC around the world. He appeared at numerous conference and events on the same subject.

Dr. Maurice Bichard is also a basket collector. He has written a book titled 'Baskets in Europe', and presented a 'History of baskets and basket making; course at the Museum of English Rural Life in 2011.

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### System of Arrangement

The collection is arranged within the following series:

TR DX2321 AC: Accounts  
TR DX2321 AD: Administrative records  
TR DX2321 CO: Company legal records  
TR DX2321 ET: Technical records  
TR DX2321 P: Publications  
TR DX2321 SH: Records relating to awards  
TR DX2321 SP: Social and personal records

They are then further arranged within the subseries listed below, each containing one or more files.

TR DX2321 AC2: Cash book  
TR DX2321 AD1: Minutes and proceedings of board meetings  
TR DX2321 AD3: Records related to Pig Improvement company (PIC) employees  
TR DX2321 AD6: Branch records  
TR DX2321 AD7: Commercial records  
TR DX2321 CO1: Company legal records relating to acquisitions, partnerships, and changes in management  
TR DX2321 CO2: Company legal records: memorandum and shares  
TR DX2321 CO4: Property records  
TR DX2321 ET1: Technical Records: Experimental and General Reference  
TR DX2321 ET3: General technical reference records  
TR DX2321 P4: House journals and technical bulletins  
TR DX2321 P7: Records relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC) events  
TR DX2321 P9: Other publication records (including cuttings)  
TR DEX 2321 PF: Project Files  
TR DX2321 SH2: Registers of Lists and Awards  
TR DX2321 SP1: General reference records including company histories  
TR DX2321 SP2: Records of events, societies and organisations

Itemised handlist below.

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**TR DX2321 AC**

**Accounts**

*1962-1964*

First Pig Improvement Company commercial account book.

1 volume

**TR DX2321 AC2**

**Cash book**

*1962-1964*

1 volume

**TR DX2321 AC2/1**

Bound cash book Pig Improvement Company (PIC)

*1962-1964*

First cash book for Pig Improvement Company (PIC).

1 volume

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- TR DX2321 AD**                      **Administrative records**  
*[c. 1960]-14 Jul 2006*  
Minutes of board meetings, employee records, records relating to different Pig Improvement Company (PIC) branches, and commercial records including records about PIC's import and export activities.  
4 boxes (42 folders)
- TR DX2321 AD1**                      Minutes and proceedings of board meetings  
*1961-Dec 1967*  
1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD1/1**                      File of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) board Minutes  
*1961-Dec 1967*  
First cash book for Pig Improvement Company (PIC).  
1 volume (some loose sheets)
- TR DX2321 AD3**                      **Records related to Pig Improvement company (PIC) employees**  
*1962-1995*  
Wage book and sheets, correspondence, and training material.  
1 volume, 3 folders
- TR DX2321 AD3/1**                      File with Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) first wage sheets  
*1962-1966*  
Bound wages book; includes loose sheets and notes at the back.  
1 volume

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- TR DX2321 AD3/2** File of Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) wage sheets  
*1966-1968*
- Includes a booklet 'Quotation for a Pension and Life Assurance Scheme for employees of Pig Improvement Co. Ltd.' and a draft of the scheme, dated 1 January 1970.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD3/3** File of correspondence relating to Dr. Maurice Bichard's appointment  
*1966; 1974*
- File includes a job description for the role of Director of Research and Development written by Dr. Bichard
- [Dr. Maurice Bichard was initially appointed as a consultant for the Pig Improvement Company (PIC) in 1966, and subsequently as Director of Research and Development in 1974. Dr. Bichard later became Technical Director until his retirement in 1995.]
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD3/4** File of Pig Improvement Company in-house Technical Training Course, and two Technical Managers' meetings  
*Jul 1969-1990*
- The Technical Managers' Course is dated July 1969. The meetings are dated Nov 1986 and 22 Aug 1988. The file includes a photograph from the 1990 Technical Manager's Meeting in Lake Louise, Canada, with a list of those present as well as those missing from the photograph.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD6** **Branch Records**  
*[c. 1960]-14 Jul 2006*

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Records relating to international branches of Pig Improvement Company (PIC), or PIC's involvement abroad. These include Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, the USSR, Slovenia, United States, Central and Eastern Europe, and Spain.

2 boxes (29 folders)

### TR DX2321 AD6/1

File of papers relating to the CAMBAC Pig Sales Ltd.

*30 Mar 1966-3 Jun 1970*

File includes documents relating to the set-up of 'Quality Pig Sales' (CAMBAC), meetings minutes, and correspondence, and a handwritten note with company history, written in 2019, as shown below.

[CAMBAC Pig Sales was a marketing grower set up to sell slaughter pigs from Pig Improvement Company (PIC) owned and PIC customer herds. CAMBAC merged with other groups, including Thames Valley Pigs and is today (2019) one of the largest groups in the UK.]

1 folder

### TR DX2321 AD6/2

File of papers relating to J. Bibby Agriculture Limited (Bibby), Pig Improvement and Development Ltd. (PIDL) and Newbottle Nucleus Farm

*c.1960-1970*

Includes meeting minutes, correspondence, a 'Memorandum and Articles of Associations of Pig Improvement and Development Limited', and an 'Agreement for Commercial Co-operation between Pig Improvement Co. Ltd (PIC), Pig Improvement and Development Ltd. (PIDL), and J. Bibby Agriculture Ltd. (Bibby)'.

1 folder

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- TR DX2321 AD6/3** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Australia
- c.1990-2010*
- Includes newsletter with images of staff, and information booklets.
- [PIC Australia began in 1972 as an independent venture of Dalgety Australia, due to import restrictions, more information on the history of PIC in TR DX2321 AD6/4.]
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD6/4** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Brazil (Genética de Suínos - Agroceres PIC)
- Undated (c.1990-1999)*
- Includes information sheet on history of PIC written by Maurice Bichard, and Pig Improvement Company (PIC) information booklet in Portuguese.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD6/5** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Bulgaria
- c.1970-1995*
- Includes staff photos, reports from visits by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Bulgaria, notes on contracts, correspondence, information booklets, and newspaper clippings.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 AD6/6** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Canada, Ltd.
- c.1975-1985*
- Includes reports from visits by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Canada, newspaper clippings, and notes.



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**TR DX2321 AD6/7**

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company's involvement in China

*c.1980-2000*

Includes a 1983 report produced by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives on a visit to People's Republic of China, correspondence, and newspaper clippings.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/8**

File of papers concerning a proposed 'Plan and Program of Pig Breeding in the Republic of Croatia'

*c.1995*

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/9**

File with report on Maurice Bichard's visit to Cuba

*21 Jun 1995*

Report mentions that Maurice Bichard attempted to 'audit the success of PIC [Pig Improvement Company] in transferring its technology to the Cuban industry.'

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/10**

File of papers relating to Pig Improvement Company in Czechoslovakia [Czech Republic]

*7 Nov 1991-3 Apr 1995*

Includes report from visit by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Czechoslovakia, and correspondence.

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- TR DX2321 AD6/11** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Denmark
- c.1970-1990*
- Includes reports, some photographs, and an information booklet on 'Pig Improvement Company Danmark'.
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- TR DX2321 AD6/12** File of material relating to Pig Improvement International (PII), France
- c.1984-1994*
- Includes reports, notes, articles, and correspondence relating to PIC in France.
- 1 folder
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- TR DX2321 AD6/13** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company in Germany, Deutsche PIG Improvement GmbH (DPI)
- c.21 May 1965-21 Jul 2001*
- Includes visit and meeting notes, reports, correspondence including between Prince Solms-Lich of Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Zuchtungskunde E.V. (DGfZ) and Dr. Maurice Bichard, and informational booklets.
- 1 folder
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- TR DX2321 AD6/14** File of material relating to Pig Improvement International (PII), Hungary and Ka-Hyb Pig Breeding Company, Ltd.
- c.1970-1995*
- Includes reports from visits by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Hungary, notes, and information booklet.
- 1 folder

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**TR DX2321 AD6/15** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company's involvement in Ireland

*c.1970-1980*

Includes reports on visits to Ireland by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Ireland, and a booklet and correspondence regarding 'Genetic Operations Research Workshop', held on 4 January 1974 in Dublin.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/16** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Italy (PIC Italia)

*c.1970-1980*

Includes background on 'PIC Italia', reports, and an information booklet.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/17** File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Japan

*c.1983-1986*

Includes a report and notes from visit by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Japan, an information brochure in Japanese, titled 'Camborough', and a number of charts and tables.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/18** File of correspondence relating to Pig Improvement Company, Korea

*5 Oct 1993-31 Jan 1995*

Includes correspondence regarding the export of Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) pedigrees to Korea, as part of a wider effort to set up PIC in the Republic of Korea. Correspondence includes letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), UK to Mr Sul Dong-Sup, President of the Korea Animal Improvement Association (KAIA).

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### TR DX2321 AD6/19

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Mexico

*10 Dec 1975-Nov 1994*

Includes report from Pig Improvement Company (PIC) UK representatives visit to Mexico, booklet titled 'Ecologia Porcina por David Hollier, El cuidado de la salud' in five parts, an article from 'Agro-Sintesis', and informational materials on PIC, in English and Spanish.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 AD6/20

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Netherlands

*Undated (c.1990-1999)*

Brochure and information booklet on Pig Improvement Company (PIC).

1 folder

### TR DX2321 AD6/21

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, New Zealand

*24 Mar 1986-4 Jan 1991*

Includes conference invitation, notes on launch of Pig Improvement Company New Zealand (PIC NZ), correspondence over dispute with PICA [?], possible bids for PIC NZ including from a company called Huttons Kiwi, and an annual review.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 AD6/22

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company's involvement in Poland

*20 Jul 1990-9 Nov 1992*

Includes a proposal for development of Polish pig market to an operating company, and extracts from Farmer's Weekly.

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**TR DX2321 AD6/23**

File of material relating to Pig Improvement's involvement in Portugal

*c.19 Nov 1978-1990*

Includes a report, and impressions from initial visit by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives to Portugal, as well as subsequent visits after the new joint company Gestao Agro Pecuaria (GAP) and PIC - RPIC, and informational documents.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/24**

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company's involvement in Romania

*4 Dec 1978-14 Jul 2006*

Includes correspondence and initial reports by Pig Improvement Company UK (PIC UK) representatives on pig breeding and market in Romania, and later PIC Romania, correspondence between Maurice Bichard and professors at University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca (USAMV), including printed email, and extracts from Farmers Weekly.

Please note the original printed emails have been removed from the file and replaced with redacted copies.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/25**

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company's involvement in Russia, the USSR, and Ukraine

*4 Oct 1976-23 Nov 1994*

Includes reports on visits by Pig Improvement Company (PIC) UK representatives to Russia, the Soviet Union, the USSR, and Ukraine, photographs of staff and an event, and announcements and

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correspondence on a contract between Ukraine and PIC.

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### TR DX2321 AD6/26

File of papers relating to Dr Maurice Bichard's visit to Slovenia

*May 1993-10 Oct 1995*

Includes Dr Maurice Bichard's paper at the Food and Agriculture Organization's European Commission on Agriculture in Bled, Slovenia and an agenda for this, a report on the visit, and information booklet on Slovenian Agriculture, and a photograph.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 AD6/27

File of papers relating to pig improvement in the United States of America (USA)

*16 Aug 1974-24 June 2004*

Papers include correspondence from Pig Improvement Company, United States (PIC US), material relating to the National Swine Improvement Federation conference in 1978, material regarding two PIC seminars including correspondence, attendee lists, pre-liminary reading material including 'Pigs in the Future' and 'Changes in the Organisation of Pig Breeding' by Ken W. Woolley, and a photograph. Also includes a report on visit to the USA by PIC UK representatives in 1976, informational material on swine improvement programs in the USA, including some from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and some email correspondence (printed) belonging to Dr. Maruice Bichard.

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**TR DX2321 AD6/28**

File of papers relating to Pig Improvement Company's involved in Central and Eastern Europe

*23 Jul 1990-30 Aug 2001*

Material relating to opportunities for Pig Improvement Company (PIC) in Eastern Europe including reports, meetings, correspondence, visits to Eastern European pig breeding companies, list of contacts when recruiting for Central and Eastern Europe, photographs, material regarding PIC's involvement with European Association for Animal Production (EAAP), articles by Dr Maurice Bichard including 'The Production of Pigs, Poultry Meat and Eggs in the European Union and Characteristics of Relevant Legislation, book on the proceedings of a Regional Workshop organised by The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and National Research Institute of Animal Production at Balice. Countries covered include Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, and Germany.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD6/29**

File of material relating to Pig Improvement Company, Spain - PIC Empresa de Mejora Procina (PICE)

*20 Nov 1970-18 Jun 1993*

Papers include correspondence, analysis and action plan for PICE, and information booklets on PICE, in Spanish.

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**TR DX2321 AD7**

**Commercial Records**

*10 Apr 1964-15 Feb 1995*

Includes papers relating to intellectual property, import and export, and standards within the European Community.

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**TR DX2321 AD7/1**

File of papers relating to Industrial and Intellectual Property in Pig Improvement Company (PIC)

*10 Aug 1988-2 Oct 1993*

Actions taken by the British Society in Animal Protection (BSAP), as well as the European Communities (EC) in patent and legal protection of biotechnical inventions and subsequent legislative developments and implications for PIC.

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**TR DX2321 AD7/2**

File of papers relating to Pig Improvement Company's applications to import pigs into the UK

*10 Apr 1964-13 Apr 1966*

Includes drafts of proposals for pig imports to the UK, intended for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods (MAFF), correspondence regarding pig imports to the UK from Holland, United States of America, and Sweden, letters for support sent to MAFF, correspondence with The British Landrace Pig Society, and includes a report titled 'A Comparison of Dutch and English Landrace Breeds' by K.W. Woolley.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 AD7/3**

File of papers relating to the export of breeding pigs from the UK to Europe

*28 Feb 1974-27 Dec 1978*

Papers include correspondence regarding the development of regulations and processes of exporting pigs from the UK, documentations from the European Economic Community (EEC) on the 'movement of pigs within the community', and pedigree certificate templates.

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**TR DX2321 AD7/4**

File of papers relating to the export of breeding pigs, and the European Communities' (EC) draft zootechnical standards



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*3 Jan 1979-9 Dec 1988*

Papers include correspondence regarding export of breeding pigs to Spain, correspondence between Pig Improvement Company (PIC), the UK's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods (MAFF), and National Pig Breeder's Association regarding the EC's draft rules on zootechnical standards. Also includes correspondence regarding export pedigree certificates, and some correspondence between Maurice Bichard and Robert Jackson, MP. Includes handwritten notes from Dr. Maurice Bichard.

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### **TR DX2321 AD7/5**

File of papers relating to the European Communities' (EC) draft zootechnical standards for breeding pigs

*19 Jan 1989-18 Dec 1989*

Includes correspondence between Pig Improvement Company, the UK's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods (MAFF), the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC), and others, relating to a consultation meeting regarding the EC's draft on zootechnical standards. Includes handwritten notes from Dr. Maurice Bichard.

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### **TR DX2321 AD7/6**

File of papers relating to the European Communities' (EC) zootechnical standards, and imports from non-European Community countries

*17 Mar 1990-15 Feb 1995*

Includes correspondence on the EC's draft zootechnical standards, 'The Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992', a document and correspondence on the proposal of zootechnical requirements for imports from non European Community countries, papers on problems with exports, and some correspondence between Maurice Bichard and Robert Jackson, MP. Includes handwritten notes from Dr. Maurice Bichard.

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Review of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) worldwide operations

*1990*

Includes information on ownership and senior management, the market, sales, the organisation, and developments within each PIC worldwide.

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**Company legal records**

*04 Apr 1961-2010*

Records relating to acquisitions, partnerships, share holdings, and purchases.

1.5 boxes (7 folders)

**TR DX2321 CO1**

**Company legal records relating to acquisitions, partnerships, and changes in management**

*06 Jun 1965-2010*

Records relating to acquisitions and partnerships with Thornbers Pigs, Kleen Leen, National Pig Development Company, Dalgety, Sygen, and Genus. Also includes some records relating to changes in management.

5 folders

**TR DX2321 CO1/1**

File of papers relating to Thornbers Pigs, Pig Improvement Company (PIC), and PIC's acquisition of Kleen Leen and National Pig Development Company (NPD)

*6 Jun 1965-Aug 1995*

Includes handwritten information sheet on the history of Thornbers and Pig Improvement Company (PIC), written 20 Aug 2019.

File mostly contains material related to Thornbers Pigs. Contains a paper titled 'The Thornber-Farmer Co-operative Pig Improvement Scheme', as well as reports and correspondence giving an overview of Thornbers Pigs and their approach to pig breeding, mostly by John H. Watson (one of the founders of Thornbers Pigs). Includes additional reports and correspondence mostly by Maurice Bichard, who took over the management of Thornbers around 1975, after PIC acquired the company in 1972, detailing the management of Thornbers. Includes informational material on Thornbers Pigs.

File includes a news release announcing PIC's 1985 purchase of Kleen Leen, Inc., a previous U.S.A.

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competitor, as well as one announcing Dalgety acquired share capital of National Pig Development Company (NPD) 1995.

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### TR DX2321 CO1/2

File of material relating to the Pig Improvement Company (PIC) and Dalgety partnership

*7 Apr 1970-1995*

Includes correspondence regarding agreement between Pig Improvement Company (PIC) and Dalgety, as well as about general business post-partnership agreement, reports, information about shares, accounts, and salary negotiations, newspaper cuttings, a conference paper given by Ken Woolley at Harvard Agricultural Business School in 1976, an Annual Report from 1995, and information booklets on Dalgety.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 CO1/3

File of papers relating to management changes with Pig Improvement Company (PIC) up to Maurice Bichard's (Technical Director) retirement in 1995

*25 Feb 1976-15 Dec 1994*

Contains minutes of meetings, memorandums, Pig Improvement Company (PIC) Camborough report 1976, correspondence including regarding changes in responsibilities within PIC as well as handwritten notes on these, and regarding European ventures. Papers give an overview of tensions between Dalgety and PIC, and regarding changes in responsibilities and new ventures.

File includes divisional organisation chart for Livestock Division, appointments of different Chief Executives and Board members, and notes and correspondence between Maurice Bichard (Technical Director) and Peel H. Holroyd of Marks & Spencer.

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**TR DX2321 CO1/4**

File of papers relating to the emergence of an independent Pig Improvement Company under the name of 'Pig Improvement Company International Group (PIC International Group PLC)'

*21 Sep 1997-2001*

Contains correspondence, memorandums and newspaper clippings relating to the break up of Dalgety (1998) and eventual emergence of the independent Pig Improvement Company International Group (PIC International Group PLC). Also contains PIC International Group material such as Annual General Meeting 1998, a corporate profile, and annual reports and accounts. Includes correspondence between Maurice Bichard, now retired, and Ken Hanna of Dalgety, regarding articles in the press about Pig Improvement Company and its success being due to Dalgety.

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**TR DX2321 CO1/5**

File of papers relating to Sygen

*Nov 2001-06 Feb 2006*

Pig Improvement Company International Group becomes Sygen International and moves into shrimp breeding alongside its pig breeding activities. Head Offices moved to California as the new business declared itself a biotech company, and acquired SyAqua, a shrimp production company in Mexico.

File contains annual reports for Sygen and a handwritten information sheet regarding Sygen, as well as a number of printed emails.

Please note the original printed emails have been removed from the file and replaced with redacted copies.

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**TR DX2321 CO1/6**

File of papers relating to Genus

*29 Oct 2005-2010*

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Sygen was acquired by the cattle breeding company Genus in December 2005. File includes newspaper clippings, proposal documents for acquisition by Genus, some correspondence, an annual report, and a handwritten information note on Genus.

Please note the original printed emails have been removed from the file and replaced with redacted copies.

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**TR DX2321 CO2**

**Company legal records: memorandum and shares**

*04 Apr 1961-13 May 1971*

1 folder

**TR DX2321 CO2/1**

File of legal papers concerning the establishment of the Pig Improvement Company, early share holdings, and meetings

*04 Apr 1961-13 May 1971*

Includes correspondence and material relating to Memorandum and Articles of Association (drafts and final), early annual general meetings, and matters relating to share holders and holdings.

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**TR DX2321 CO4**

Property records

*24 Aug 1961-19 Aug 1967*

1 folder

**TR DX2321 CO4/1**

File of papers relating to Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) original purchase of the Nucleus Farm at Fyfield Wick, Abingdon, Berkshire (now Oxfordshire), England, UK

*24 Aug 1961-19 Aug 1967*

Includes correspondence and maps.

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- TR DX2321 ET**                      **Technical records**
- Jun 1935; Dec 1955-5 Feb 2003*
- Records relating to experimental technical work within Pig Improvement Company, and records such as papers and dissertations in pig breeding and the pig industry.
- 5.5 boxes (27 folders)
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- TR DX2321 ET1**                      **Technical Records: Experimental and General Reference**
- May 1961-5 Feb 2003*
- Includes records about PIC's breeding programmes, research and development reports, and technical policy papers all of which detail PIC's work within the pig industry.
- 4 boxes (19 folders)
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- TR DX2321 ET1/1**                      File of papers relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC)'s breeding plan and scheme
- May 1961-11 Sep 1962*
- Includes correspondence and notes.
- 1 folder
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- TR DX2321 ET1/2**                      File of papers given on the Pig Improvement Company's breeding programme
- Feb 1969-22 Nov 1973*
- Three papers by Ken W. Woolley, and one by T.J.L. Alexander.
- 1 folder
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- TR DX2321 ET1/3**                      File of papers related to the Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) work on the selection of more prolific sows



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*23 Aug 1976-1995*

Includes articles from various authors including Maurice Bichard, as well as material relating to collaborative work between Pig Improvement Company (PIC) and other organisations such as European Association for Animal Production (EAAP), Institute of Animal Genetics, Edinburgh and the University of Reading.

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 ET1/4**

File of material relating to outdoor pig production, and Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) development of the Cambrough Blue breed

*17 Mar 1978-1990*

Includes information on the saddleback breed and material such as correspondence, newspaper articles and informational booklets.

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 ET1/5**

File of correspondence and reports evaluating Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) control lines

*21 Apr 1987-20 Aug 1992*

Reports written by Jørn Rind Thomasesn. Some material in Danish.

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 ET1/6**

File of papers relating to the use of Chinese Meishan pigs in the UK by Pig Improvement Company (PIC)

*17 Mar 1987-7 Oct 1993*

Includes correspondence, articles, newspaper articles, and reports.

1 folder

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- TR DX2321 ET1/7** File of correspondence and articles on developmental abnormalities or defects in pigs
- 3 Dec 1998-5 Feb 2003*
- Articles by various authors, including a number from the Institute of Animal Genetics, Edinburgh, and Maurice Bichard of Pig Improvement Company (PIC). Includes report from Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Fisheries.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 ET1/8** File of papers relating to the technical function within Pig Improvement Company (PIC)
- 26 Sep 1969-22 May 1995*
- Includes a review of Pig Improvement Company (PIC), review of policies, a consultancy on the role of technical function within PIC and subsequent report.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 ET1/9** File of Pig Improvement Company Research and Development reports numbers 1 to 20
- Apr 1974-Nov 1988*
- Includes an index to Research and Development reports, index has a total of 90 reports, only up to 89 present in the physical folders.
- 3 folders
- TR DX2321 ET1/10** File of Pig Improvement Company Research and Development Discussion documents, numbers 1 to 51
- 7 May 1974-17 Jul 1981*
- Includes an index to the Research and Development Discussion documents, index has a total of 51 documents.
- 1 folder

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**TR DX2321 ET1/11**

File of Pig Improvement Company Special Group Project 1 reports, numbers 1 to 21

*23 Dec 1988-2 Oct 1989*

Contains an index to the Special Group Project 1 reports, index has a total of 21 reports. Includes a summary and schedule document for 'Berea Project 1' which became 'Special Group Project 1'. Report number 20 missing.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 ET1/12**

File of Pig Improvement Company Technical Notes, reports, and memos

*6 Apr 1987-27 Mar 1995, 2 Jul 1997*

Includes Technical Notes, and Technical and Development Notes, Memos and Reports which are numbered, but they are not in complete series. Also includes an index to the Technical and Development Reports for PIC UK from Nov 1981-Sep 1988 (numbers 1-27); index to Technical and Development Technical Notes from Jun 1982-May 1992 (numbers 3-62); index to Technical and Development Technical Notes UK from Apr 1983-Aug 1989; other incomplete indexes. One document titled 'European Economic Weights: Update of P. Knap's 1994 paper' by Mark Bovey dated 02 Jul 1997.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 ET1/13**

File of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) 'T&D Technical Policy Papers' 1-75

*May 1979-Aug 1994*

Includes an index to 70 of the 75 papers. Some papers are in draft. Contains reviews, proposals and reports on current technical developments within or relevant to Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) activities.

3 folders

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- TR DX2321 ET1/14** File of numbered memoranda written by Dr. Maurice Bichard whilst working as a consultant for Pig Improvement Company
- 21 Jul 1966-27 Sep 1973*
- Contains 28 memoranda, and an index.
- 1 folder
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- TR DX2321 ET3** **General technical reference records**
- Jun 1935; Dec 1955-1994*
- Records include papers on developments within the pig industry, particularly in breeding, as well as dissertations and a PhD thesis.
- 1.5 boxes (9 folders)
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- TR DX2321 ET3/1** File with papers on genetic improvement of pigs
- Jun 1935, Feb 1964-7 Oct 1971*
- Includes conference papers, and reports from organisations such as Pig Improvement Development Authority (PIDA). Material mostly published in the UK and U.S.A. Not all items are dated.
- Item dated 1935 is a bulletin from the University of Minnesota Agricultural Experiment station, titled 'A six years study of crossbreeding swine' by K. M. Winters, O.M. Kiser, P.S. Jordan, and W.H. Peters.
- 1 folder
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- TR DX2321 ET3/2** File of background papers on pig breeding in the UK
- Dec 1955, 7 Jan 1960-Aug 1970*
- Papers by various authors, collected around the time that Pig Improvement Company (PIC) began. Includes papers on initial principles of PIC. One item dated Dec 1955.
- 1 folder

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- TR DX2321 ET3/3** File of papers by various authors, on developments in UK pig breeding
- Jan 1971-1988*
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 ET3/4** File of papers on the changing structure of the UK pig industry
- 1960-22 Oct 1992*
- Includes surveys and censuses from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.
- 2 folders
- TR DX2321 ET3/5** File with report from the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) titled 'The Competitive Position of the British Pig Industry'
- 1994*
- Includes report and summary.
- 2 bound folders
- TR DX2321 ET3/6** File of papers regarding economic implications of pig production and management in the UK
- Dec 1966-1988*
- Includes economic reports.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 ET3/8** File with PhD thesis on 'Selection Studies in Pig Populations', from the University of Newcastle
- 1975*
- Student supervised by Dr Maurice Bichard who would later become part of the Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) staff. Student acknowledges the use of PIC records, and the fact that analysis was based on data from a herd of PIC pigs.

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1 folder

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**TR DX2321 P**

### **Publications**

*1959-Aug 2015*

Records include house journals and technical bulletins, advertising campaigns, press cuttings, and other papers and reports.

3.5 boxes (21 folders)

**TR DX2321 P4**

### **House journals and technical bulletins**

*1959-Aug 2015*

Records include some related to the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) and Pig Industry Development Authority (PIDA), bulletins and journals with the following titles: 'Camborough Bulletin', 'PIC People', 'The Picwick Paper', 'PIC Pig Improver, A Digest of the Generic and Management Information for Modern Hog Producers', 'New Developments in Scientific Pig Breeding', and some marketing brochures.

8 folders

**TR DX2321 P4/1**

Folder with Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) and Pig Industry Development Authority (PIDA) yearbooks and a register of herds

*1959-1975*

1 folder (4 volumes)

**TR DX2321 P4/2**

File of Pig Improvement Company series: 'Camborough Bulletin'

*Apr 1970-Feb 1974*

Folder states 'for liaison with multipliers'.

1 folder

**TR DX2321 P4/3**

'File of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) series: 'PIC People'

*Oct 1973-May 1980*

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PIC People includes information on Pig Improvement Company (PIC) employees, such as new appointments, marriages, and social events information.

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 P4/4**

File of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) series: 'The Picwick Paper'

*1982-1984*

'The Picwick Paper' replaced in-house publications the 'Camborough Bulletin' and 'PIC People'.

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 P4/5**

File of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) series: 'PIC Pig Improver, A Digest of the Generic and Management Information for Modern Hog Producers', USA

*1980-1990*

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 P4/6**

File of Pig Improvement Company series: 'New Developments in Scientific Pig Breeding' numbers 1 to 6

*1979-Apr 1989*

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 P4/7**

File of Pig Improvement Company (PIC) marketing brochures

*1964-Aug 2015*

1 folder

### **TR DX2321 P7**

**Records relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC) events**

*16 Jan 1967-17 Sep 1990*



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2 folders

### TR DX2321 P7/1

File of documents relating to two Pig Improvement Company (PIC) events

*16 Jan 1967; Oct 1969*

1 folder

### TR DX2321 P7/2

File of documents relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC) marketing

*28 Feb 1974-17 Sep 1990*

Includes 'The PIC Approach' document.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 P9

**Other publications records (including cuttings)**

*15 Nov 1963-2005*

Records include press cuttings, and publications by Dr Maurice Bichard.

5 folders

### TR DX2321 P9/1

File of press cutting relating to Pig Improvement Company's work in pig breeding

*15 Nov 1963-1995; 29 Oct 2005*

Includes articles from 'Hog Farm', 'Farmers Weekly', and 'Farmer and Stockbreeder'. One article from The Times from Oct 29 2005.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 P9/2

File of publications by Dr Maurice Bichard

*Jul 1965-2003*

Includes draft handwritten papers, published essays, and conference papers by Dr Maurice Bichard primarily

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concerning pig breeding, and his work at Pig Improvement Company.

4 folders

### TR DX2321 PF

#### Project files

*11 Sep 1965-Nov 2003*

Records include papers and reports relating to projects undertaken by Pig Improvement Company.

6 folders

### TR DX2321 PF/1

File of documents relating to the successful campaign for the abolition of bull and boar licensing

*17 Jun 1968-5 Mar 1970*

Includes correspondence, a survey of opinion, and press cuttings.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 PF/2

File of papers relating to disease control within Pig Improvement Company (PIC)

*11 Sep 1965-9 Feb 1980*

Includes articles and reports. Includes technical policy paper number 21.

[Note from depositor, signed M. Bichard, August 2019, states that disease control is 'greatly under-represented in these files', and explains that this is because all files came from the company's Chief Geneticist, and the disease/health files were not available. He adds that 'disease control was equally, or more important in PIC's success than genetics'.]

1 folder

### TR DX2321 PF/3

File of papers relating to Pig Improvement Company's European product development plans

*11 Apr 1995-1966; Jun 1998*

1 folder

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- TR DX2321 PF/4** File of papers on aspects of biotechnology in the work of Pig Improvement Company (PIC)  
*Mar 1988-Nov 2003*  
1 folder
- TR DX2321 PF/5** File of papers relating to independent evaluations of Pig Improvement Company breeding stock  
*1977 -20 Nov 1992*  
Includes reports from these evaluations, and copies of two issues of 'Breeding, A Pig Farming Supplement'.  
1 folder
- TR DX2321 PF/6** File with papers relating to House of Lords European Communities Committee on Agriculture and Food on the implications for agriculture of the Europe Agreements with Eastern Europe  
*28 Jul 1993-26 Jan 1994*  
1 folder

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- TR DX2321 SH**                      **Records relating to awards**  
*10 Oct 1975-06 Jun 1988*  
2 folders
- TR DX2321 SH2**                    **Registers of lists and awards**  
*19 Mar 1968-2006*  
Records relate to the David Black Award and The Royal Agricultural Society of England Technology Award.  
6 folders
- TR DX2321 SH2/1**                **File of records relating to the David Black Award**  
*10 Oct 1975-19 Oct 1983*  
This was awarded to Pig Improvement Company's (PIC) Ken Woolley in 1976, and Dr. Maurice Bichard in 1983.  
1 folder
- TR DX2321 SH2/2**                **File of records relating to The Royal Agricultural Society of England Technology Award, which Pig Improvement Company (PIC) won in 1988**  
*10 Jan 1988-6 Jun 1988*  
1 folder
- TR DX2321 SP**                      **Social and personal records**  
*19 Mar 1968-2006*  
Records relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC) staff, as well as events, societies and organisations within or related to PIC.  
9 folders
- TR DX2321 SP1**                    **General reference records including company histories**  
*19 Mar 1968-2006*

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Records include personal histories, and notes for Pig Improvement Company historical book.

3 folders

### TR DX2321 SP1/1

File of contributions from Pig Improvement Company (PIC) staff, for the book 'Small in number, big in spirit', published in 1999

*1 Sep 1993; 27 Nov 1997; 19 Mar 1998*

This book is available in the MERL Library: MERL LIBRARY--4532-PIG/MON. Includes Ben Broughton's (original Director) personal history of Pig Improvement Company (PIC), with some annotations, this is dated 19 Mar 1998.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 SP1/2

File with personal history of Pig Improvement Company (PIC)

*19 Mar 1968-2006*

Ben Broughton's (original Director) personal history of Pig Improvement Company. Also includes Michael Nicholson's (original Director) funeral service details [this was taken out of Michael Nicholson's autobiography 'The Long Straw', published in 2006, which also includes a history of PIC. The book is now available in the MERL library with the call number: MERL LIBRARY--3740-NIC]

1 folder

### TR DX2321 SP1/3

File of records relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC) historical marker at Fyfield Wick

*5 Jan 1998*

Includes a pen sketch of proposed marker.

[Note from depositor, dated 19 Aug 2019, states 'historical marker was later moved from its original position near the PIC office (now demolished), to the

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roadside near the farmhouse at Fyfield Wick, where the farm and company started in 1962.]

1 folder

### TR DX2321 SP2

#### Records of events, societies and organisations

*Jan 1965-8 May 2012*

Includes records related to the early Wallingford Pig Study Group, international conferences, and anniversary and retirement dinners.

6 folders

### TR DX2321 SP2/1

File of records relating to the Wallingford Pig Study Group

*Jan 1965-12 Nov 1974*

Includes lists of members, meeting and programme notes, and handwritten notes for a talk on Pig Improvement.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 SP2/2

File of records relating to the first Pig Improvement Company (PIC) International Conference

*15 May 1973; 11-15 Jun 1973*

Includes the proceedings of the conference.

1 folder

### TR DX2321 SP2/3

File of records relating to the second Pig Improvement Company (PIC) International Conference, and the PIC Technical Conference

*5-7 Jan 1971; 15-17 Jul 1976*

Includes some of the conference proceedings, attendee list and a summary of the international conference.

1 folder

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- TR DX2321 SP2/4** File of records relating to Pig Improvement Company (PIC) international conferences
- 5 Jul 1977- Sep 1994*
- Includes information and some papers from the sixth, seventh, ninth, and tenth Pig Improvement Company (PIC) International Conferences. Also includes a list of all conferences held, and various staff photographs.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 SP2/5** File of records relating to the 21st anniversary of Pig Improvement Company (PIC)
- 22 Feb-13 Jun 1983*
- Includes attendee list, speeches, and correspondence.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 SP2/6** File of records relating to the 50th anniversary of Pig Improvement Company (PIC)
- 30 Sep 1998; 8 May 2012*
- Includes programme, attendee list, papers, and brochures including a 'Class of 2012' booklet with staff photographs.
- 1 folder
- TR DX2321 SP2/7** File of correspondence and other documents related to Ken Woolley's retirement dinner, and later his death
- 1991-1995*
- Includes guest list for Ken Woolley's retirement dinner in 1991; a letter to his wife on his death in 1994 from the Pig Improvement Company's chairman, obituaries, and a speech given by Dr. Maurice Bichard in 1995. Ken Woolley was one of the founders of the Pig Improvement Company (PIC).
- 1 folder

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