

Copy of a bill of fare from Polson's in 1896

The bill heading identifies the shop as a Family Grocers, Draper and General Merchant, Ironmongery, Seeds and Drugs. It describes some of the goods, as *cheese, sugar spice, butter, bread, hams, syrups, treacle, soap, candles, paraffin, oil, brushes, tinned meats and preserved fruits of the finest quality.*

Wm. Polson
Blacksmith Road

Bought of J. V. Polson.

FAMILY GROCER
Draper and General Merchant

DRUGS, SUGAR, SPICE, BUTTER, EGGS, BREAD, HAMS, SYRUPS, TREACLE, SOAP, CANDLES, PARAFFIN, OIL, BRUSHES, TINNED MEATS & PRESERVED FRUITS OF THE FINEST QUALITY ETC.

1896

July 18. Received of Mr. J. V. Polson
1 lb. of

1	3	6
1	4	6

All bills shown in this book were lent by Lily Byron. Unfortunately Grandpa had a fondness for 'the bottle' and often bought illegally distilled (or smuggled) whisky. When I was a child he took me out every morning and stood on the bridge waving a red hankie with white spots. This was the signal for two swans 'Billy and Kate' to come to the bridge for buns.

I have vivid memories of him throwing the 'Scotsman' across the room at myself and my brother John and shouting "Confound you" when the noise got out of hand..