

Diaries of Sir George Dowty: Summaries and Extracts from the pocket diaries of Sir George Dowty, 1919-1975, edited by Caroline Flippance, who served as Secretary to Sir George Dowty, 1970-1975, and Martin Robins, who served in the Dowty Group Finance Office, 1973-1982, published 2025.

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Sir George Dowty (1901- 1975) was one of Gloucestershire's premier industrialists and he kept a Dunlop pocket diary covering the years from 1919 until his passing.

The diary is mainly a record of his appointments, but includes many of his reflections on life. The Dowty Group- initially known as Aircraft Components- rose from humble origins in Cheltenham in 1931 to become one of the world's most respected engineering concerns.

Sir George Dowty's last secretary has meticulously edited the diaries and her work has been published in book form. Included in the book is a summary of Sir George's career written by the Second Master at Kings School in Worcester and biographical details of people of note with whom he was associated with during his long career.

Few industrialists of Sir George Dowty's generation have had a statue erected in their honour and the Diary Book adds to the remembrance of one of Gloucestershire's most famous sons.