

Rocappi Ltd.

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Hazell Sun Group was an initial investor in Rocappi. Shortly after the deal was made, Hazell Sun merged with Purnell to form the British Printing Company (BPC) — the largest such company in the UK.

In exchange for its investment in Rocappi, BPC acquired the right to establish a separate Rocappi Ltd. in Britain using copies of the software developed in the U.S. Rocappi Inc was given a minority interest in Rocappi Ltd.

Rocappi Ltd. sent Tim Archer to the U.S. to learn the software. He was to return to the UK as head programmer for Rocappi Ltd. In 1964, the two companies made a trade: Colin Barber, the original head programmer for Inc. returned to the UK to assume that the same position at Ltd. Tim Archer stayed in the US as head programmer for Inc. From that point on, the two companies went their separate ways. Ltd. evolved its own software and did not use any of the later Rocappi Inc developments.

Rocappi Ltd produced its first job in 1965. BPC withdrew its support in 1967, forcing the company to close down.