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The Company bears the name of the founder, Thomas Ferguson (**27th April 1820- 24th February 1900**), who was born at Clare, near the village of Waringstown in Co. Down, where his father John farmed.

At that time the locality was a centre of Irish Linen hand weaving and this activity was commonly combined with farming.



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There he continued with his hand weaving business, until in 1866 he formed a partnership with his two brothers-in-law, James and Benjamin Dickson.

Following the formation of this Company, Dickson, Ferguson & Co., the partners decided to build a new factory.

Work was started in 1867 on the site which Thomas Ferguson had earlier purchase the lease, and the factory was equipped with steam powered looms with Jacquard machines for damask weaving.



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In November, 2012 the John England brand came under the same ownership as Thomas Ferguson. John England (Banbridge) Ltd. is a designer and wholesaler of apparel and interior fabrics, and carries a wide range of unique off-the-shelf linens.

In January, 2015 John England (Banbridge) Ltd. joined Franklins Group. Now as a sister company of Thomas Ferguson both companies are working very closely together.

John England exclusively sells fabrics by the metre and adds a wide choice of unique stock fabrics for the fashion and apparel, curtain, upholstery, theatrical linens, film productions, etc. to the range.

It also designs unique fabrics along with our customers; to meet their specific requirements. In 2019 the company celebrated 165 years in business.