

1969 and Apple Corporation, Ltd.:

See Hunter Davies, *The Beatles*, with a new introduction, New York: Norton, 2009 and Tim Riley, *Tell Me Why: A Beatles Commentary*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988.

- January: Recording sessions for *Let It Be*  
Album released May 8, 1970
- April 11: "Get Back" (McCartney) / "Don't Let Me Down" (Lennon)
- May 30: "The Ballad of John and Yoko" (Lennon)/ "Old Brown Shoe" (Harrison)
- Spring: Management issues over Apple make the news

Apple Corporation, Ltd.

Founded in 1967 (after Epstein's death)

*Magical Mystery Tour* was the inaugural project

A set of companies (Apple Retail, Apple Publishing, etc.)

Beatles also renew contract with EMI/Parlophone/Capitol

EMI retains ownership of the recordings

Capitol will distribute until 1975

Apple Records

Founded in 1968 as a subdivision of Apple Corp.

Other artists signed

The problem:

Lennon (+ Harrison + Ringo) want Allen Klein to manage the business. He does until 1973.

McCartney wants Lee Eastman (his father-in-law to be)

Eastman will make McCartney one of the wealthiest people in entertainment

Eastman tells Paul to buy interest in Northern Songs (the Lennon-McCartney publishing house run by Dick James). Paul does this without telling the others.

February 1969: Brian Epstein's brother sells NEMS, Brian's management company to Triumph Investment Trust

March 1969: Dick James sells his interest in Northern Songs to ATV (Associated Television Corporation)

Klein (with the ok of John, George, and Ringo) tries to buy the rest of Northern Songs. He is not successful.

May 1969: ATV has control of Northern Songs, with the Beatles as minority holders of their own songs

- 1970: Paul sues the other three, dissolving the Beatles as a business partnership
- May 1971: Recordings before the formation of Apple Records are re-released on the Apple label
- 1973: Neil Aspinall, former roadie and personal assistant, becomes head of Apple until 2007.

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