C DBH Charles D. Holmes & Co. 1862-1944 shipbuilders, marine engineers and boiler makers.

Historical Background: Charles D Holmes and Co, Hull were shipbuilders, marine engineers and boiler makers based on Alfred Street, English Street, and Alexandra Dock, Hull. They were the direct descendants of the shipbuilders Brownlow, Pearson and Company which had been founded by William Brownlow and William Hunt Pearson in 1838, although the former had been building ships with a Mr Weddle for some years earlier. Brownlow, & Pearson were also managers of the Hull Packet Company. In 1860, Brownlow entered in partnership with a Mr Lumsden and took on Charles Denton Holmes (1843-1938) in the same year. Holmes had been an apprenticed engineer at Earles engineers and assistant manager at the Junction Foundry. After Brownlow's death in 1864 Lumsden tried unsuccessfully to recruit others in to the business, such as James Down and Christina Rose. The situation was resolved in 1869 when Holmes became a partner and the company was styled C.D. Holmes. Lumsden died in 1876. Between 1910 and 1913, Harold D. Sheardown, another marine engineer joined Holmes. In 1926 severe economic difficulties saw Holmes acquire a financial stake in Cook, Wilson & Gemmell of Beverley, a company which made many of the ships Holmes engineered. Holmes finally took over Cook, Wilson & Gemmell in 1963, where the new Tradesman class of trawlers was produced, before selling the yard to the Drypool Group in 1973. In 1979 the engineering works of Holmes closed, due to factors such as the collapse of the Hull fishing industry, a decline in engineering generally and a nationwide strike by engineering workers.

Custodial history: Deposited by the firm through Mr M.H.R. Brockman

Description: Financial and administrative records, correspondence and records relating to engineering work

Extent: 13 volumes 5 items

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DBH/1	Financial records 6 volumes, 3 items	1869-1944
C DBH/1/1	Cost ledger for prices of engineering work undertaken Gives the name and number of vessel built, tonnage, dimensions, decks, various labour figures, boilers and total cost (labour and materials). Also shows ships bulit between 1865-1866 and addresses for whom constructed 1 volume	n.d. 1860s
C DBH/1/2	Private Journal Showing sundries, general ledger, profit and loss details 1 volume	1 Jan 1869- 31 Dec 1876
C DBH/1/3	Bills of Exchange and Receivable 1 volume	31 Oct 1896- 1 Feb 1916

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C DBH/1/4	Draft costings for the year Shows rough calculations of expenses, wages, materials and sales 1 item	1908-1919
C DBH/1/5	Receipt Book With index showing date, customer, work carried out and price 1 volume	29 Mar1916- 6 Mar 1917
C DBH/1/6	Records relating to wages 1 volume and 1 item	Dec 1940- Mar 1944
C DBH/1/6/1	Wages register 1 volume	Dec 1940- Mar 1944
C DBH/1/6/2	Papers relating to payments for work 1 item	11 May 1943- 20 Aug1944
C DBH/2	Administrative Records and Correspondence 1 volume, 2 items	1891-1920s
C DBH/2/1	Map of Hull showing area around English Street English and Edgar Streets are highlighted 1 item	1891
C DBH/2/2	2 Site plans, showing layout of works 1 item	n.d. 1920s
C DBH/2/3	Letter book, outgoing 1 volume	26 Feb 1930- 18 Feb 1936
C DBH/3	Records relating to engineering work 6 volumes	1862-1893
C DBH/3/1	Notes, memoranda, specifications and sketches relating to various ships 1 volume	1862
C DBH/3/2	Notes containing specifications and engine performance details for various ships 1 volume	n.d. c.1860s
C DBH/3/3	Particulars of propellers supplied Giving specifications and (in some cases) diagrams of propellers, with an index of ships names 1 volume	Feb 1869- Sep 1893
C DBH/3/4	Notes showing specifications and calculations for various ships 1 volume	n.d. late 19th cent.

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C DBH/3/5 Calculations of engine power of various ships and n.d. late 19th miscellaneous notes cent. 1 volume C DBH/3/6 Statistics and calculations n.d. late 19th (a) Statistics of certain ships (dimensions, tonnage, cent. horse power, consumption per hour, speed constant to tonnage under deck, crew and owners (b) Ready reckoner for the surface areas of tubes of various dimensions (c) Registered tonnage rules (d) Statistics and calculations as to the materials and labour inputs of certain ships

1 volume