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**Records of Messrs. Tealby & Co. Ltd.,
Timber Merchants of Hull**

1800-1960

Historical Background:

The partnership agreement that signalled the foundation of this firm was signed on 16 May 1800 between John Newbald, John Newmarch and Robert Tealby. At the end of three years John Newbald withdrew from the firm leaving Newmarch and Tealby in partnership. Tealby and Co. was one of the first timber companies in Hull and unlike other businesses that started in the early nineteenth century it was unusual in surviving into the twentieth century. Through the first decades of the nineteenth century the business grew, with financial help from Raikes Bank, and by the late nineteenth century it commanded about 5% of the trade - about the same as Horsley Smith and Co. Ltd. for whom the Library also holds records (Bellamy, 'Some aspects of the economy of Hull', I, p.188; ii, Appendix ix).

Tealby and Co. was located in Docks street with a counting house in Thornton Street. It imported wood from Russia and Scandinavia and supplied businesses largely in Hull, though some in Lancashire, Lincolnshire and the Midlands. John Newmarch had also left the firm by 1817 and Robert Tealby formed a number of other partnerships, the firm's name consequently passing through several mutations. When Robert Tealby died, his second wife, Elizabeth, and son by his first marriage, also Robert Tealby, carried on the business and by 1857 Elizabeth Tealby was running the accounts with the help of a clerk. This was probably John Fisher with whom she went into business in 1866 and his involvement in the Hull Banking Company from 1882 appears to have helped the firm through some financial difficulty at times. When Elizabeth Tealby died in 1870, John Fisher continued as head of the firm, bringing his sons into the firm, who in turn brought their sons into the firm. In 1906 Tealby and Co. moved from its original site in Dock Street to High Street, with timber storage at the Victoria and Alexandra Docks. In 1951 it became a private limited company. In 1964 G H Fisher retired, but he formed links with G W Sissons Ltd. to ensure the continuance of Tealby's as Hull's oldest timber trading firm.

Custodial history:

Donated by Messrs. Tealby & Co. Ltd., Hull, August - October 1967

Description:

The records of Tealby and Co. Ltd. date back to the foundation of the firm and comprise a copy of the original partnership agreement of 1800, account books for most of the period and miscellaneous items such as some early nineteenth century lists of imports and exports through Hull, some articles about the timber trade and photographs and some statutory information about grading wood from the early 1950s. In addition there is an 1812 copy of the Holy Trinity Church register entry annulling the marriage of Robert Tealby and Mary Cross (1785) and some biographical notes about one of the early partners, John Newmarch (1889).

Arrangement:

U DTE/1-21	Account books, 1804 - 1960
U DTE/22-34	Miscellaneous, 1800 - 1959

Extent: 5 linear metres

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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U DTE/1	Ledger 1 volume	1804 - 1810
U DTE/2	Ledger 1 volume	1868 - 1906
U DTE/3	Transfer Ledger 1 volume	1920 - 1935
U DTE/4	Ledger 1 volume	1920 - 1937
U DTE/5	Ledger 1 volume	1951 - 1958
U DTE/6	Ledger 1 volume	1951 - 1960
U DTE/7	Journal 1 volume	1924 - 1944
U DTE/8	Timber Control Cash Book 1 volume	1930 - 1941
U DTE/9	Timber Control Cash Book 1 volume	1933 - 1936
U DTE/10	Cash Book 1 volume	1930 - 1951
U DTE/11	Cash Book 1 volume	1934 - 1938
U DTE/12	Cash Book 1 volume	1935 - 1942
U DTE/13	Cash Book 1 volume	1942 - 1950
U DTE/14	Cash Book 1 volume	1951 - 1954
U DTE/15	Cash Book 1 volume	1954
U DTE/16	Purchase and Credit Day Book 1 volume	1935 - 1946
U DTE/17	Purchase Day Book 1 volume	1951 - 1954

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U DTE/18	Debt Book 1 volume	1891 - 1959
U DTE/19	Expenses Account Book 1 volume	1903 - 1939
U DTE/20	Account Book. Bills drawn and matured 1 volume	1916 - 1960
U DTE/21	Account Book. Accounts with individual firms 1 volume	1930 - 1931
U DTE/22	Framed photocopy. Partnership Agreement between John V Charles Newbald, John Newmarch & Robert Tealby 1 item	16 May 1800
U DTE/23	List of imports and exports through the port of Hull 1 item	17-24 Feb 1806
U DTE/24	Sentence in York Consistory Court annulling marriage of Robert Tealby and Mary Cross (Holy Trinity, Hull, 4 April 1785) 1 item	19 Mar 1812
U DTE/25	List of imports and exports through the port of Hull. Framed 1 item	23-30 Mar 1816
U DTE/26	Biographical notes on John Newmarch, a partner in Tealby & Co., and on the firm 1 bundle	9 Feb 1880
U DTE/27	Pictures of 'Representative Members of the Timber Trade of Hull and Grimsby', being a supplement to 'The Timber Trades Journal'. Framed 1 bundle	27 Feb 1892
U DTE/28	'Past and Present: 1837 - 1897'. Article on timber-importing firms in Hull, reprinted from 'The Timber Trades Journal'. Framed 1 item	3 Jul 1897
U DTE/29	Pictures of 'Members of the Wood Trade on the Humber', being a supplement to 'Timber'. Framed 1 bundle	4 Mar 1903
U DTE/30	'Shipping marks on timber'. 12th edition 1 item	1937
U DTE/31	Contract Book 1 volume	Sep 1938 – Aug 1939

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U DTE/32	Stock Ledger 1 volume	1951 - 1959
U DTE/33	'Grading rules for Eastern Canadian Spruce' 1 item	1953
U DTE/34	'Standard grading and dressing rules for Douglas Fir, West Coast Hemlock, Sitka Spruce and Western Red Cedar Lumber' of the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau 1 item	1956