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Introduction

Bahr, Behrend & Co., Ltd., traces its origins back to Lorentz Hansen, whose name first appears in Gore's Liverpool Directory for 1790 as a book-keeper. As a ship broker Hansen was successful. Charles Louis Bahr became his partner in 1814 and in 1835 as sole partner, Bahr was joined by two other Liverpool shipbrokers, David Behrend and Henry Alexander Stewart. The firm was hence forward known as Bahr, Behrend & Stewart until Stewart left in 1847.

Bahr, Behrend & Co. remained in private partnership until 1 June 1958 when it became a private limited company. As shipbrokers Bahr, Behrend & Co., Ltd., also have a controlling interest in Bahr, Behrend & Co. (Chartering) Ltd., Bahr, Behrend, Roberts & Co., Ltd., and Bahr Trustees Ltd.

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B/BB/1/1 - 6	<u>LEGAL</u>	<u>1930 - 1947</u>
1	Statement of general average per C.B. Pederson, Master, <i>H. Dahlstrom</i> , Geelong, via Queensland to Liverpool.	1930
2	Agreement between A.B. Paterson, J.R. Paterson and E.A. Behrend and others re tenancy of offices on 3 rd floor, City Buildings, Old Hall Street, Liverpool.	1941
3	Agreement between A.B. Paterson, J.R. Paterson and E.A. Behrend and others re tenancy of offices on 1 st floor, City Buildings, Old Hall Street, Liverpool.	31 Jul 1941
4	Lease G.C. Nickels (by J.R. Paterson, receiver) to E.A. Behrend and others re offices at City Buildings, Old Hall Street, Liverpool.	19 Jul 1946
5	Agreement between Bahr, Behrend & Co., 48-50 St. Mary Axe, London and Gregson & Co., Ltd., for the letting of two rooms at 15 Bury Street, London EC3, with 2 letters re same.	1947
6	Agreement between Telephone Rentals Ltd. and Edward A. Behrend and others re tenancy of offices on 2 nd floor, City Buildings, Old Hall Street, Liverpool.	n.d.

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
B/BB/2/1 - 6	<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>1935 - 1973</u>
1	Account sheets showing profit, intake and balance with letter re excess profits and note. [2 items]	1935 - 1943
2	Cash Book. [bound]	May 1941 - Jul 1944
3	General Ledger No. 6.	1943 - 1956
4	Balance Sheet Book No. 3.	Dec 1947 - Dec 1973
5	Private Ledger.	Jan 1948 - May 1958
6	Account Book.	Apr 1955 - Dec 1964

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B/BB/3/1 - 5	<u>OPERATIONAL</u>	<u>1939 - 1969</u>
1	Registry of charter parties.	1939 - 1954
2	Chartering and Commission Book. [spine very poor]	June 1941 - Mar 1969
3	Rate Book - joint India, Ceylon and Burma conference; minimum rates from UK loading ports for direct shipments to Bombay and Karachi, with extensive MS notes.	Oct 1944
4	Position Book No. 2, West Indies with details of loading and unloading cargo.	Jan 1960 - Sept 1966
5	File: tariff of freight rates UK/India and Pakistan. [annotated]	Dec 1963

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B/BB/4/1 - 11	<u>SALES AND SERVICE</u>	<u>1944 - 1982</u>
	Company publicity pamphlets on the following subjects:	
1	Group forwarding services.	c.1980s
2	Nearly two centuries of service to shipowners, exporters and importers.	c.1980s
3	Travel service.	c.1980s
4	International Freight Forwarders	n.d.
5	Publicity leaflet re services and dates of sailings.	n.d.
6	Publicity leaflet for Ivaran Line's freight service to South America.	n.d.
7	A message to our friends and clients, 1793-1944.	Summer 1944
8	Our past, present and future.	Feb 1973
9	The Old Order changeth but the names the same. [2 items]	June 1975
10	Monthly calendar, with picture of <i>Low Tide</i> , by G.L. Behrend.	1982
11	Information sheet re the London branch of the company, with map.	n.d.

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B/BB/5/1 - 6	<u>STAFF AND WAGES</u>	<u>1948 - 1978</u>
1	Actuarial reports on the staff pension scheme. [3 items]	1948
2	Cricket scoring book, with an extra large scoring form.	1949
3	'Cumulative' cricket scoring book.	1952 - 1953
4	'Cumulative' cricket scoring book.	Jul 1954 - Jul 1962
5	The 'Empire Cumulative' cricket scoring book.	Aug 1954 - Aug 1955
6	Photocopy of the <i>Guide to Employees</i> , including staff pension scheme booklet.	1978

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B/BB/6/1 - 11	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>1884 - 1980</u>
1	Diary of the Royal Swedish Vice-Consulate.	1946 - 1980
2	Embarkation notice, Cunard Line's Liverpool services.	Aug 1957
3	The Exporters Year Book.	1958
4	Pamphlet - <i>Subscriber Trunk Dialling</i> , Post Office.	1961
5	Poster re exhibition, "The Twopenny Telephone comes to Liverpool", Post Office.	1961
6	Booklet: <i>Interviewing in Twenty Six Steps</i> , by John S. Gough.	May 1961
7	Booklet: <i>Welcome Stranger</i> , by Ronald Smurthwaite.	Feb 1963
8	The Journal of Commerce's UK freight guide.	1966
9	Newspaper cuttings from the <i>Liverpool Courier</i> , including reports, etc., on 'The State of Ireland'.	1884
10	Photocopy of news cuttings, including articles on British sports and pastimes, and various advertisements. [6 items]	1884
11	Leaflet re the Indian Swastika - house flag emblem of Scindia Ltd., shipowners.	n.d. [late 1940s, c.1950s and 1960s]