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#### **INTRODUCTION**

**Edward W. Turner & Son was founded in 1883 by the late Edward Wrake Turner as a sailing ship owner, and he also acted as a ship agent and ship broker at Garston Docks. The firm is a private partnership owned by the founder's son and two grandsons and is still mainly engaged in the original business of Ship Agents, Ship Brokers and Forwarding Agents. Since the war the firm has expanded and is also acting as Loading Brokers for a regular monthly deep-sea liner service and has also developed an Insurance and Merchant Business in Nigeria. In addition to the head office in Liverpool, which was established in 1903 and the original office at Garston Docks, two branch offices have been opened at Preston Dock and Ellesmere Port Dock, and also at Lagos, Nigeria (from the Port of Liverpool Year Book, 1960-61).**

**The archives also cover Captain E.W. Turner's career as a seaman and captain, and the operators of the *Mertola*. It contains early interesting sketchbooks of vessels. E.W. Turner was an Alderman of the City of Liverpool.**

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	<b><u>Mertola I</u></b>	
	<b><u>Boxes 1 and 2</u></b>	
F1	Log Books: meteorological voyage reports, also handwritten transcripts from log books.	1865 - 1882
	<b><u>Box 3</u></b>	
F2	Voyage Account Books: daily estimates, profits and losses.	1882 - 1885
F3	Survey Report Book: surveys carried out by E.W. Turner on various sailing vessels.	19 Jul 1895 - 25 Jul 1919
	<b><u>Box 4</u></b>	
F4	Log Books: containing time and daily positions.	1866 - 1882
	<b><u>Box 5</u></b>	
F5	Rough Books: set out in tabulation form; six sets of daily meteorological observations for voyages from Garston Docks; handwritten extracts from Rough Books.	1880 - 1882
	<b><u>Box 6</u></b>	
F6	Insurance Certificates: issued by Pickford Brothers for merchandise carried on the <i>Mertola</i> for voyages from Garston Docks to the River Guachiana.	19 Apr 1880 - 8 Nov 1880
F7	Certificates of Bill of Sale: of the <i>Mertola I</i> to Thomas Vickers-Bird.	13 Feb 1882
F8	<i>Mertola I</i> Seaman's Wages Books.	1866 - 1877
F9	Handwritten Agreement to carry stone from Lisbon to Gibraltar, for building the Gibraltar Mole.	2 June 1871
F10	Liverpool Pilots Certificate: issued to <i>Pilot Boat No. 7</i> .	16 Aug 1786
F11	Handwritten Exercise Book: 'Memoranda for Guidance of Masters Instructions for the Master of the <i>Mertola I</i> .	1866
F12	Letters, receipts, bills and personal correspondence pre and including the purchase of the <i>Mertola I</i> .	1860s - 1890s

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	<b><u>Mertola I (cont)</u></b>	
	<u>Box 6 (cont)</u>	
F13	Portuguese Certificate of 'Corta De Saude'.	1880s
	<b><u>Mertola II</u></b>	
	<u>Box 7</u>	
F14	Insurance Claim Policies issued by the Liverpool Underwriters Association and Lloyd's Underwriters for the MV <i>Mertola II</i> (ex. <i>Poortvliet</i> ).	1960 - 1961
F15	Adjustment Books: typewritten details re the adjustment of general and particular average on ship.	1966 - 1968
F16	Typed and handwritten correspondence: 'Ministry of Shipping Papers'.	1916 - 1918
F17	Time Charter Parties Book.	7 Mar 1906 - 9 Apr 1953
	<b><u>E.W. Turner, Shipbroker</u></b>	
	<u>Box 7 (cont)</u>	
F18	Certificate of Articles of Partnership between E.W. Turner and C.E. Turner.	25 Jul 1911
	Certificate of Articles of Partnership between C.E. Turner and J.C.E. Turner.	31 Dec 1938
	Certificate of Agreement of Partnership between C.E. Turner, J.C.E. Turner and E.H.E. Turner.	1948
F19	Letter of Agreement to Mersey Docks & Harbour Board from C.E. Turner, to act as a Master Porter, Master Stevedore and Master Lumper.	1932
	Letter of Agreement between E.W. Turner and M.K. Chebli, Sierra Leone, to act as sole agent for E.W. Turner for the sale of goods.	10 Aug 1932

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F19 (cont)	Certificate of Agreement between C.E. Turner and the British Continental Steamship Co., agreeing to purchase the steamship service Antwerp to Garston from E.W. Turner.	30 Nov 1937
	Letters of correspondence between E.W. Turner and S.D. Daram & Sons, to act as agents in the purchase of textiles and other material on the Gold Coast.	3 Sept 1946 - 11 Dec 1947
	Agency Contract between E.W. Turner (West Africa Office) and De Kuyper of Schiedam, granting E.W. Turner sole agents to deliver alcohol to Nigeria.	14 May 1956
F20	Certificates and Letters of Agreements for tenancy of offices in Tower Buildings and Garston Docks.	1 Jul 1945 - 18 June 1958
F21	Letter of Liability re survey work carried out on the SS <i>Susetta</i> .	20 May 1915
	Correspondence re the chartered sailing vessel SS <i>Ranheim</i> .	Dec 1948
	Letters re E.W. Turner to act as agents at Albert Edward Dock, Preston, for John S. Sellers Ltd.	June 1949
	Letters terminating the agreement of loading brokers from J.T. Fletcher & Co., Liverpool.	Dec 1973
	Letters and Agreement re the operation of joint service between Liverpool and Manchester to Antwerp and Amsterdam under the name of Britain Benelux Line.	June 1970
	Letters and Agreement from Uniroyal Ltd., to act as a Handling Agent.	31 Mar 1976

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	<b><u>E.W. Turner, Shipbroker (cont)</u></b>	
	<u>Box 7 (cont)</u>	
F22	Turners Travel Agency Agreements and Contracts:	
	George Henry Lee.	1946 - 1953
	I.O.M. Holidays Ltd.	16 Feb 1948
	Ribble Motor Services Ltd.	1 May 1948
	TWA.	7 Feb 1952
	Airwork Ltd.	1 Mar 1955
	Skyways Ltd.	1 Mar 1957
	T.A.P.	7 Apr 1959
	Travel Reservations International Ltd.	1959
	Silvercity Airways Ltd.	30 Oct 1959
	Global Tours.	1 Jan 1963
	Aer Lingus.	10 Jan 1963
	Cambrian Airways.	19 Apr 1963
	Air Canada.	26 May 1964
	Air Afrique.	1 June 1965
	Mediterranean Villas Ltd.	18 Aug 1966
	Apollo Tours.	1 Nov 1966
	Yugotours.	15 Nov 1966
	Iran National Airlines.	20 Feb 1967
	British United Airways.	29 June 1967
	Butlins Ltd.	1970
	British Island Airways.	1 Jan 1971
	Travel Finance Ltd.	30 Apr 1970
	Letter re travel agency accommodation and rent.	3 Oct 1953
	Travel Brochure.	1934
F23	Correspondence re stocks and shares certificates, coupons and receipts letters:	
	National Coffee Palace Co., Ltd.	31 May 1879
	Wreck Recovery Salvage Co., Ltd.	1879
	Victory Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	1888
	Altarura Ltd.	1892
	Great Reef Ltd.	10 Oct 1895
	Sherlaws Gold Mine Ltd.	1895
	The New Morgan Gold Mining Co.	1892
	Oriental Railway Lottery.	24 Mar 1909
	Gattie Springs Ltd.	1922

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F23 (cont)	Mersey Docks & Harbour Board Bonds. Wilson Brothers Bobbin Co., Ltd. Imperial Tobacco Co.	19 Aug 1936 1936 - 1952 31 Aug 1951
F24	<u>Box 8</u> Cash Day Books, crew wages, insurances, petty cash:  Book 1.  Book 2.  Book 3.  Book 4.	   1 Jan 1919 - 16 Mar 1920  17 Mar 1920 - 28 May 1921  30 May 1921 - 20 Dec 1922  21 Feb 1922 - 15 Aug 1924
	<u>Box 9</u> Book 5.  Book 6.  Book 7.	 16 Aug 1924 - 12 Dec 1927  19 Dec 1927 - 8 Aug 1933  21 Aug 1933 - Feb 1941
F25	<u>Box 10</u> Annual Statements and Balance Sheets.	31 Dec 1921 - 31 Dec 1933
F26	Correspondence between E.W. Turner and Bibby Line Ltd. re the joint proposal in forming a Private Limited Company to run and manage an offshore base at Morecambe Bay.	1982 - 1983

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F27	Time Chartered correspondence files.	1976 - 1983
F28	Correspondence files:  Svendborg Enterprise, Shipmanager. British Waterways Board. Lewis Peat Group of Companies.	1979 - 1982 1980 - 1982 1978 - 1981
	<u>Boxes 12 and 13</u>	
F29	Correspondence files re North Delta Line.	1977 - 1983
	<u>Box 14</u>	
F30	Sundries.	1977 - 1983
	<u>Box 15</u>	
F31	Volumes of newspaper cuttings.	1891 - 1955
F32	<i>The Mariner.</i> <i>Liverpool Daily Post &amp; Echo.</i> <i>Liverpool Daily Post &amp; Echo.</i> <i>Liverpool Echo and Evening Express.</i> <i>Journal of Commerce,</i>	Aug 1893 10 Apr 1959 14 Apr 1959 10 Apr 1959 10 Apr 1959
	<u>Box 16</u>	
F33	Brochure: Opening of the Stalbridge Dock, Garston. Fiver Art Views of Ancient/Modern Liverpool, by the <i>Liverpool Post, Mercury &amp; Echo Ltd.</i> Garston Docks and Estate by the London and North Western Railway Co. The Mercantile Marine Service Association. The Port of Liverpool and the Great War.	24 Feb 1909 1907  1908  1876 1914 - 1919
F34	Typewritten history of the firm E.W. Turner & Son.	n.d.
F35	Personal invitations; includes the official opening of the Manchester Ship Canal.	1894 - 1921



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F36	Collection of family photographs and album; includes framed family photographs, <i>Mertola II</i> and the <i>SS Kynoch</i> ; also Liverpool's official Pageant postcards.  <u>Box 18</u>	1880s - 1950s
F37	Handwritten reminiscences of 3 years service in the Royal Navy, 1858-1861, by E.W. Turner.  Handwritten reminiscences of a voyage to the West Indies in 1863, by E.W. Turner.  Handwritten, 'Ocean Bogies of the last Century', by E.W. Turner.  Handwritten, 'Reminiscences of a winter spent in frozen Russia', by E.W. Turner.	n.d.  n.d.  n.d.  n.d.
F38	Personal family letters and papers; also correspondence re the estate of E.W. Turner.	1860s - 1950s
F39	Church Lads Brigade Certificate; School Certificates awarded to E.W. Turner; and School Reports.  <u>Box 19</u>	1880s - 1900
F40	War efforts papers, correspondence, Special Constabulary Log Books, and Handbooks.  <u>Box 20</u>	1917 - 1938
F41	Plaque: Liverpool Special Constabulary, Sergeant C.E. Turner.	1916 - 1919
F42	Official Liverpool Council document case, belonging to Alderman E.W. Turner.	n.d.

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	<b><u>Booklets</u></b>	
	<b><u>Box 21</u></b>	
F43	<i>The Lights and Tides of the World</i> , by J.F. Imray.	1866
F44	<i>The Times Book of the Navy</i> .	1914
F45	<i>War Instructions for British Merchant Ships</i> .	1917
F46	Report of the Commission appointed by Act of Parliament, to enquire into the operations of the War in Mesopotamia.	1917
	<b><u>Box 22</u></b>	
F47	Liverpool Tide Tables.	1930s - 1940s
F48	Collection of First World War and Second World War pamphlets.	1915 - 1940s
F49	Gattie Committee Report, Part II, on improving the method of handling goods and traffic.	1920
	<b><u>Box 23</u></b>	
F50	Collection of miscellaneous pamphlets.	1900s - 1920s

