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Introduction

Though the company assumed its name in 1882 when Edwin A. Beazley joined William Gracie, it traces its origins back to 1845 when it traded under the name of Edmund Thompson & Co., in whose service William Gracie entered as an apprentice in 1859.

James Beazley founded the Beazley Line in 1845, owning twenty-eight sailing ships between 1849 and 1875, making regular sailings from Liverpool to Australia and New Zealand.

In 1864 he founded and managed the British Shipowners' Co., extending crossings to San Francisco and South America. In 1866 Edmund Thompson & Co., was renamed Thompson, May & Co., becoming Thompson, Gracie & Co., on the admission of William Gracie as partner in 1870, and subsequently renamed William Gracie & Co.

Gracie, Beazley & Co. acted as loading brokers for the service of other lines to Australia and New Zealand, including White Star Line, Shaw Savill & Albion, Tyser Line Ltd., and Manchester Australia Shipping Co.

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
B/GBE/1 - 9	<u>ARCHIVES OF GRACIE, BEAZLEY & CO.</u>	<u>1812 - 1937</u>
1	Pages from newspaper, <i>Billinge's Liverpool Advertiser</i> . [fragile]	19 Oct 1812
2	Order paid by N. & G. Baring Brothers & Co., to John Winter for £2.10s.0d., for voyage to St. John's, New Brunswick and envelope addressed to J.H. Beazley (n.d.).	16 Aug 1835
3	Volume of sailing notices and other ephemera with plans of accommodation aboard steamships <i>Taramung</i> and <i>Konoowarra</i> . Covers Australia, New Zealand, South and Mid America. [fragile]	1880 - 1899
4	Volume of sailing notices and other ephemera. Covers Australia and New Zealand services run by White Star Line, Shaw Savill & Albion, etc. [fragile]	1899 - 1925
5	Letter Book. [wet copy]	1889 - 1904
6	Newscuttings Books, includes obituary of Captain A. Enwright, one time Black Ball Line Captain, and telegrams, report from Tahiti British Consul, etc., re wreck of the firm's sailing vessel, <i>Dalgonar</i> , in the South Pacific and other loose cuttings.	1904 - 1922
7	Newscuttings Book, includes notes of speeches by J.G.B. Beazley, as Chairman of Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association on international maritime issues and other loose cuttings.	1933 - 1937
8	Volume entitled, <i>Australian Trade</i> , giving freight charges and set times of voyages.	28 Nov 1925 - 25 Aug 1934
9	Postcards, mainly of sailing ships, listed on postcard database. [49 items]	n.d.