

INVENTORY / REGISTER

to the
Records of
W. R. Grace

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Introduction

W.R. Grace & Company was a pioneer steam ship company active in both the 19th and 20th centuries. A number of studies of this firm, which established many seminal concepts for the industry, have been published including the following all available in the Luce Library.

VM Boughton, R.L. - From Clipper Ship to Clipper Ship
301
G8
B6

HD Clayton, L.A. - Grace: W.R. Grace & Co., the
9505 Formative Years 1850-1930
P4
C43
1985

*G Kooiman, W. - The Grace Ships 1869-1969
HE
753
G7
K66
1990

On December 12, 1969, the firm was acquired by the Prudential Line and the new firm became known as the Prudential-Grace Lines. A year later on November 21, 1970, Prudential-Grace announced that cruise service to the Caribbean, which heretofore had been a very vital part of the old company, would be discontinued with the sailing of the SANTA ROSA from New York on January 8, 1972.

It may be said that the records in this small Collection are those essentially of two units of the Firm, namely, the Finance Department and the Public Relations Department, and more especially, the latter. Finance Department records consist of volumes containing such documents as agreements and mortgages; while Public Relations records consist of press releases and photographs. More specifically, it may also be said that these records refer to a small number of the Grace Line ships especially the SANTA ROSA, the SANTA PAULA, and the SANTA ELIANA and a number of other "Santa" ships such as the SANTA MARIA, and the SANTA LUCIA. There was a tendency in the firm when describing these ships to refer to some of them as "New", that is, for example, the adjective was added as the "New Santa Rosa" or the "New Santa Paula" to distinguish the ships from those with the same names which had been launched earlier in the 1930s.

Scope

Records of the Grace Co. are fragmentary in nature and measure only two cubic feet. With but a rare exception, these records are dated in the decades of the 1950s and 1960s, that in which a number of the firm's "Santa" ships were built. This Finding Aid is divided into three Series - Financial Volumes, Press Releases, and Photographs.

Contents

I. Financial Volumes

There are seven volumes in this Series (all soft cover format plus one loose leaf format), which in one fashion or another deal with a financial aspect regarding the construction of a number of the Grace ships. They usually consist of such documents as Trust Indentures, Mortgage Contracts, Escrow Agreements, Financial Charts, and similar. All volumes bears the term "Conformed Copy" on the cover, except number 4 which bears the term "Composite Conformed copy", and number 7, the loose leaf format which has no marking. Titles as given here are taken as given on the front covers of the volumes. Volumes are listed in chronological order.

Box 1

1. Grace Line Inc. "SS SANTA ROSA" Financing. Amended Commitment To Income Mortgage by The United States of America Under Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act 1936, as amended (Conformed Copy)
Dtd. Sep 16, 1958

2. Grace Line Inc. "SS SANTA PAULA" Financing. Commitment To Insure Mortgage by The United States of America Under Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended
(Conformed Copy)
Dtd. Oct 6, 1958

3. Grace Line Inc. "SS SANTA LUCIA", "SS SANTA CRUZ", "SS SANTA CLARA", "SS SANTA ELENA", "SS SANTA BARBARA", and "SS SANTA ISABEL" Financing. Commitments To Insure Loans and Mortgages by The United States of America Under Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended
(Conformed Copy)
Dtd. Mar 23, 1966

4. Grace Line Inc. "SS SANTA LUCIA", "SS SANTA CRUZ",
and "SS SANTA CLARA" Financings. Trust
Indentures Nos. 7, 8 and 9 Dated as of February
1, 1967 and Related First Preferred Ship
Mortgages, Mortgage Insurance Contracts and
Escrow Agreement
(Composite Conformed Copy)

5. Grace Line Inc. "SS SANTA BARBARA" Financing.
First Preferred Ship Mortgage Dated July 14, 1967
and Related Mortgage Insurance Contract
(Conformed Copy)

6. Grace Line Inc. "SANTA ISABEL" Financing. First
Preferred Ship Mortgage Dated September 15, 1967
and Related Mortgage Insurance Contract
(Conformed Copy)

7. Grace Line Inc. Application For Ship Mortgage
and/or Loan Insurance Under Title XI Merchant
Marine Act, 1936 as Amended. SS "SANTA LUCIA".
SS "SANTA CRUZ", SS "SANTA CLARA", SS "SANTA
ELENA", SS "SANTA BARBARA", SS "SANTA ISABEL" (6
Cargo Vessels - Type MA Design
C4-S-65a)

ca. 1965

II. Press Releases

This Series contains both finished Press Releases (that is, the Press Release eventually issued by the Public Relations Department), as well as other research materials either used in the writing of the Releases or simply background miscellaneous documents held in the Department. It is on this basis, therefore, that this Series has been divided into the two Sub-Series of Finished Press Releases; and Research or Background Documents. Most Press Releases usually refer to more than one ship. Though for the most part they are in finished printed form, some are typed carbon copies. The original folders in which they were housed usually had various office notes written on them, said notes being pertinent to the office routine at that time, such as "Send with photo of old "SANTA ROSA"; or something similar.

Box 2

A. Finished Press Releases

The List which follows will give titles or portions of titles of specific completed releases, and will indicate (as it sometimes occurs) if other miscellaneous documents are found in a particular year or subject. Releases were usually identified by the Company as "Grace Line News", and bear the imprint of the Public Relations Department. Occasionally, in the case of an undated Press Release, a date has been arrived at from internal evidence or other known historical data, and such dates should be correct at least within a year. It is possible that a few miscellaneous documents may have actually been Press Releases as well but were not identified by the Company as such. We have only listed as Press Releases only those which were officially titled and imprinted by the Grace Company as Grace Line News.

1959

Miscellaneous Document - Grace Line to Build Three New
Combination Ships

1961

Grace Lines Triple Keel-Laying Ceremonies...

Grace Line Firma Contrato Por Tres Nuevos "Santas" Que Costaran
20 Milliones De Dolares Cada Uno Para El Servicio a Panama
(Grace Line Signs Contract For Three New "Santas" Which Will
Cost 20 Million Dollars Each For Service To Panama)

La Grace Line Firmo Contrato Por Tres Nuevos "Santas" a Un
Costo De U.S. 60,000,000... Guayaquil a Nueva York
Puertos Terminales
(Grace Line Signs a Contract For Three New "Santas" At a Cost of
\$60,000,000 Dollars ... Guayaquil to New York Terminals)

Miscellaneous Document - Special Features - Grace Lines New
"SANTA ROSA" and "SANTA PAULA"

1962

New Grace Liner Scheduled For Launching May 11th to be Named
"SANTA MARIANA"

Two Ships Share a Day as "SANTA MARIA" is Launched

Grace Line to Offer Ship Bonds

Ceremonies For Two Ships to Mark Launching of "Santa Maria"

Rare Honors to be Accorded Second Grace Line Ship at Her
Launching May 11th

Special Features of Grace Line's New "SANTA ROSA" and "SANTA
PAULA"

Miscellaneous Document - Travel Brochure detailing "Santa Rosa"
and "SANTA PAULA" 13 Days Caribbean Cruises

1963

Third New Grace Liner Joins Sisters in Weekly Sailings to
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Captain Robert J. Twoddell in Command of New "SANTA MAGDALENA"

1963 (Cont'd)

SANTA MARIANA Newest American Flag Passenger Ship to Make a Unique Maiden Arrival at New York June 20th

Pre-Columbian Cultures in Ecuador Keynote Modern Decor on Grace Lines New "SANTA MARIANA"

Wife of Ecuador's President Accords Unusual Honor to Grace Lines New "SANTA MARIANA"

Grace Line Cruise Sailing -- Extraordinaire! White Baby Lama to Pay Courtesy Call ... SANTA ROSA Sailing ...

SS "SANTA MARIA" Arrives September 30th

Grace Line's New SANTA MARIA Honors Columbus With at San Salvador

Captain Raymond J. Tierney to Command the New "SANTA MARIA"

Captain Nathaniel C. Davis to Command the New "SANTA MARIANA"

Miscellaneous Document - Guide to the New "SANTA MARIA"

Miscellaneous Document - Guide to the New "SANTA MARIANA"

Miscellaneous Document - Four Famous "Sister" Ships ("SANTA ROSA", "SANTA PAULA", "SANTA ELENA" and "SANTA LUCIA")

Miscellaneous Document - A Unique Cruise on a Brand-New Ship and Her Sister Ships (SANTA MAGDALENA, MARIANA, MARIA)

1964

Impressive Record Established by New Grace Line Ships

"SANTA MAGDALENA", "SANTA MARIANA", "SANTA MARIA", "SANTA MERCEDES" - Major Characteristics and Important Facts

Miscellaneous Document - Unique Cargo-Handling Facilities on New "SANTA MAGDALENA" and Her Three Sisters ("SANTA MARIANA", "SANTA MARIA", "SANTA MERCEDES")

Miscellaneous Document - Guide to New "SANTA MAGDALENA"

1965

Bolivia's First Lady to Christen New Grace Line Ship

Untitled - first sentence reads "Six Fast New Freighters Will Form the Major Additions Over the Next Years to Grace

Line's Fleet ...".

Miscellaneous Document - Remarks by W.J. McNeil, President, Grace Line, at the launching of the S.S. SANTA LUCIA

Miscellaneous Document - Statement by W.J. McNeil, President of Grace Line, on the Occasion of the Maiden Voyage of the S.S. SANTA LUCIA

1966

Second of Grace Lines New Freighters to Arrive in New York (SS "SANTA CRUZ")

Grace Line's Newest Ship Arrives in New York ("SANTA LUCIA")

1967

"SANTA ISABEL" is Christened by Mrs. Ronald E. Deane

"SANTA ISABEL"'s Maiden Arrival in New York Scheduled for September 19th

Miscellaneous Document - Grace Line Combination Cargo- Passenger Ship

Undated (ca. mid 1960s)

The "M.P.Grace" (gives a brief history of the 19th century Clipper Ship launched in 1875, and of the "Down Easters" in general)

B. Research or Background Documents

Unlike the previous Sub Series which contained essentially completed Press Releases, this Sub Series comprises essentially, only background materials. These materials consist of some drafts, carbon copies, magazines, and similar, and in a very few cases (e.g., 1 below) provide considerable information. Titles have been derived, whenever possible, by identifying thrust of the materials found in a particular folder, if such materials were not already identified by the Public Relations Department.

1. New "SANTA ROSA" - "SANTA PAULA"

Press Book - Deck Plans

Gives detailed information on Deck Plans, Special Kitchen Equipment, Art Work in Staterooms, and similar. Dtd 1957-1958

2. Press Book - New Deck Plans for the "SANTA PAULA" and the "SANTA ROSA"

Apparently some drafts of Press Releases or typed working copies, as well as some printed releases all referring to the two ships, and gathered together loosely bound. This item is related to the above, and perhaps this volume essentially contains draft versions of material listed in the above. Dtd 1958-1959

3. National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Newspaper Clippings, carbon copy letter, Machu Picchu brochure, and Journal published for the First Champagne Luncheon and Fashion show held March 10, 1965 for the Benefit of the Society. Grace line contributed to the event by donating a prize for a American cruise and by providing a stage replica of the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu

4. Prudential - Grace Lines

Brochures, Press Releases and magazine inserts of Special Reports, and Miscellaneous Documents dealing with the Company which came into being in 1970 when the Prudential Lines bought the Grace Company to become the Prudential - Grace Lines. Dtd 1970s

B. Research or Background Documents (Cont'd)

5. Miscellaneous

Seating Arrangements and Menu for the Alfred E.

Smith Memorial Dinner. Dtd 1974

6. Miscellaneous

Memoranda and some related documents regarding the donation of this Collection to the Library. Dtd 1986

III. Photographs

A large number of the approximately 300 photographs herein are for the ship, SANTA ROSA. Other ships included are the SANTA PAULA, SANTA ELIANA, SANTA LENOR, SANTA REGINA, SANTA CRISTINA, SANTA MERCEDES, SANTA RITA, and the SANTA LUCIA. Unless otherwise indicated, all photographs are black and white prints and measure 8x10", and with but one exception are not accompanied by a negative. From time to time, duplicate prints are found. We have counted as different photographs even but the slightest deviation in pictorial content or some instances of cropping. These, however, are not found very frequently. Very, very occasionally, a concise description of the photograph has been photocopied on the print itself. A bit more common, however, is a typed description or caption of the photograph to aid newspaper editors or publishers, and these have been attached to the photograph.

Photographs are arranged by the name of the ship, and within that by the depiction of some kind of activity this description usually being given by the Public Relations Department. This results also in essentially placing the photographs in some near chronological order though this has not always been possible. Usually, it can be said that most photographs of a ship were taken on one or two particular days, usually at launching ceremonies and/or maiden voyages.

Box 3

SANTA ROSA (Keel Laying Ceremonies, Jan 15, 1957; launched Aug 28, 1957; sea trials, May 26-May 28, 1958)

1. Keel Laying Ceremonies, Newport News, Va.

2 photographs

Box 3 (Cont'd)

2. At Outfitting Pier

2 photographs

3. Progress Shots Between Keel Laying and Launching,

4 photographs

4. Funnel Placed in Position

2 photographs

5. Final Inspection of Sperry Gyrofin Ship Stabilizer

3 photographs (including 2 photographs of sketches or drawings of the Gyro-Accelerometer Unit and Radar Screen)

6. Propeller view

2 photographs

7. Launching - Rigger Room and Signal Control Board that Controls Launching Operation

1 photograph

8. Launching - Guests Arrive at Station including Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City, Leave Train, Wait For buses, etc.

7 photographs

9. Launching - Groups on Stand including Mrs. J. Peter Grace and her maid-of-honor, Miss Carolyn Flint and Miss Elena Cervantes, daughter of Naval Attache at Colombian Embassy

17 photographs

10. Launching - Grand Stand and Hull

2 photographs

Box 3 (Cont'd)

11. Launching - Speakers at Ceremonies including Msgr.

John J. O'Donnell, Chaplain of the Port of
New York; Lewis A. Lapham, President of
Grace Line; Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New
York City; and William E. Blewett, Jr.,
President of the Newport News
Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

6 photographs

12. Launching - Workmen prepare for launching

8 photographs

13. Launching - Christening Ceremony

2 photographs

14. Launching - Ship Leaves Ways - Shown From Front and
From Side

18 photographs

15. After Just Being Launched and shown Without
Superstructure

4 photographs

16. The Old and the New SANTA ROSA

4 photographs

17. Model in the Passenger Department Foyer

13 photographs

18. Grace Line Poster that Won First Prize in Steamship
Division Offered by Lausanne Tourist Office at
1957 ASTA Convention in Madrid

1 photograph (negative included)

Box 3 (Cont'd)

19. Inaugural Trip
22 photographs
20. Inaugural Trip - Labelled as being "Key Set"
21 photographs
21. Unidentified - four men including Lewis A. Lapham
holding oversized broom on ship's
deck
1 photograph

SANTA PAULA (Launched Jan 9, 1958)

1. Launching - Grand Stand and Hull

7 photographs

2. Launching - Dignitaries at ship and railroad station including David D. Townsend, Grace Line Official; Mrs. Townsend, Miss Sarah Marquis of the Sarah Marquis Travel Service of New York City; Admiral Norborne L. Rawlings. Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. official; and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, wife of the Vice-President of the United States

9 photographs (includes 1 smaller size negative)

Box 3 (Cont'd)

3.Launching -Dignitaries at speakers' platform including Lewis A. Lapham, President of Grace Line; and William E. Blewett, President of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

7 photographs

4.Launching - Sliding from her ways at launching

2 photographs

5.Launching -In the James River after being launched

4 photographs

Box 4H

SANTA ELIANA

1. Approaching New York Harbor and Berth at Port Newark

8 photographs

2. Captain Ronald Mackenzie

1 photograph

3. Transfer of Containers

A note accompanying these photographs reads
"This series of photos details the transfer of a container from an alongside barge to the hold of the ship. Placed in sequential order 11/18/86, E. Koehler" There may be two or three duplicates, but this is difficult to ascertain.

31 photographs

Box 4H (Cont'd)

4. Flying Camera - New York Reception January 12, 1960

These photographs are all photocopy thermal negatives and are in very poor condition - evidently taken from a helicopter, they depict ship in New York Harbor

13 photographs

5. Sailing Ceremonies

Dignitaries depicted such as S. Sloan Colt, Chairman of Port Authority; and Governor Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey. Containers also depicted

13 photographs

6. Off Coast

One photograph may depict a previous ship bearing the same name; while another depicts control mechanism evidently used to lift containers

12 photographs

Box 5H

SANTA LENOR

1. Construction Process. A note accompanying these photographs reads "These shots in sequence illustrate the procedure used in the construction of the SANTA LENOR... 11/18/86, Erhard Koehler"

23 photographs

Box 5H (Cont'd)

SANTA REGINA

1. Arriving in Milwaukee on Inaugural Trip
Through the Saint Lawrence Seaway

1 photograph

2. In Montreal Harbor with the Jacques
Cartier Bridge in background

1 photograph

3. In Montreal Harbor (insert on photograph
depicts Captain H. MacDermid

1 photograph

SANTA CRISTINA

1. In Saint Catherine Lock of Welland Canal -
- Seaway

2 photographs

SANTA MERCEDES (launched Jul 30, 1963)

1. Loading Activities in Milwaukee with Seed
Potatoes for Shipment to Havana, Cuba
Via Saint Lawrence Seaway

5 photographs

SANTA RITA

1. Ship at Sea. Verso of the photograph
carries a listing of various dimensions
of the ship which are also applicable
to the SANTA ANNA, a ship of the same
class

1 photograph

Box 5H (Cont'd)

SANTA LUCIA

1.Ship at Sea

1 photograph

SANTA ROSA and SANTA PAULA (depicted together)

1.Ships Under Construction

4 photographs

SANTA ELIANA and SANTA LENOR (depicted together)

1.Artist's Conception

1 photograph

2.Under Construction

5 photographs

Pier 57

1.Exterior shots (1 interior) of Pier 57 on
the Hudson River including aerial views

10 photographs

Java Street, Brooklyn Pier

1.Aerial view of Pier, and interior view
depicting fire-Engines waiting to be
loaded aboard SANTA OLIVIA for
Shipment to Buenaventura, Columbia,
March 23, 1956

2 photographs

Box 5H (Cont'd)

Miscellaneous

1. Photos depicting the New York City Skyline; an artist's conception of a ship; a Captain at Control of the Ship (perhaps Captain George Didriksen of the SANTA LUCIA); a Seaside Resort in Salinas, Ecuador; and a Panama Indian boy of Darien

5 photographs

CONTAINER LIST (Shelf List)

For Staff Use Only

Box 1

Series - FINANCIAL VOLUMES
No. of Folders - 7

Box 2

Series - PRESS RELEASES
No. of Folders - 15

Box 3

Series - PHOTOGRAPHS
No. of Folders - 28

Remarks - There are duplicates in the following folders:

Folder 1	(SANTA ROSA)	- 1 dup
Folder 3		- 2 dups
Folder 4		- 3 dups
Folder 5		- 1 dup
Folder 7		- 3 dups
Folder 8		-12 dups
Folder 9		- 1 dup
Folder 10		- 1 dup
Folder 13		- 4 dups
Folder 15		- 2 dups
Folder 16		- 1 dup
Folder 17		- 1 dup
Folder 18		- 2 dups

Folder 1	(SANTA PAULA)	- 6 dups
Folder 2		- 1 dup
Folder 3		- 2 dups
Folder 5		- 1 dup

Box 4H

Series - PHOTOGRAPHS
No. of Folders 14
Remarks - There are duplicates in the following folders:

Folder 1 - 5 dups
Folder 2 - 1
dup Folder 3 - 3
dups Folder 6 - 8 dups

5H

Box
Series -

PHOTOGRAPHS
No. of Folders - 14
Remarks - There are duplicates in the following folders:

Folder 4 - 2 dups
Folder 5 - 1 dup (smaller size)
Folder 8 - 1 dup
Folder 9 - 2 dups
Folder 10 - 4 dups
Folder 11 - 5 dups
Folder 12 - 1 dup

Appendix A

Samples of Press Releases

Appendix B

Samples of Photographs