How to use this list of sources

These are the resources we have available for researching this vessel. Enquiries should be directed to the Duty Archivist - contact details are at the end of this list.

**Comparison of Costs and Estimates Book**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/86/127 Costs and Estimates Book 1938-39

**Cunard Letter Books**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/9 Letter Books Mar-Aug 1936
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/10 Letter Books Sep 1936- Jan 1937
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/11 Letter Books Feb-Sep 1937
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/12 Letter Books (also includes *Queen Mary*) Oct 1937- Mar 1938
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/13 Letter Books Apr 1938- Jan 1939
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/14 Letter Books Jan 1939- Feb 1940
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/16/15 Letter Books (also includes other Cunarders) Mar 1940- Oct 1945

**Engine Particulars Books**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/92/96 Book 1
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/92/97 Book 2

**Enquiries, Tenders and Contracts Files**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/21/141 Cunard Steamship Co: stress investigations on *Queen Elizabeth*, *Caronia* and other Cunarders. Reports, plans, memoranda. c1960

**Illustrated Brochures**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/115/9 Launch presentation publication by Cunard White Star: Mainly photographs showing progress of construction but with some technical information in non-technical terms 1938

**Launch Invitation**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/113/4 Invitation 27 Sep 1938

**Manager's Progressive Cost Books**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/77/263 Cost Books 1936-40

**Newspaper Cuttings**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/114/4 Cuttings 1936-38

**Particular Vessel Files**
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/135 General correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd: proposed sister ship to the *Queen Mary*, agreement, insurance, payment instalments and construction 1935-36
Particular Vessel Files (continued)

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/136  General correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd: construction, fittings, insurance 1937

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/137  General correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd: regarding construction, launch, publicity, visitors, payments and secret maiden voyage to United States 1938-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/138  Correspondence with Cunard White Star Ltd: regarding contract and specifications 1936-37

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/139  Contract with Cunard White Star Ltd for construction, memoranda and proposals regarding new express steamer and agreements, with HM Treasury regarding debenture stock 1936

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/140  Transfer of labour to naval construction, licence to continue building, liability for construction risks insurance, Counsel’s opinion 1939

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/141  Construction risks insurance etc, submission to and opinion of Counsel 1939-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/142  Builder’s risks and war risk insurance, underwriter’s proposals etc 1937-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/143  Launch: notes of speeches, photostat letter from King George VI and comparative costs as between Queen Mary (No.534) and No.552 1938

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/144  Record of correspondence with Clyde Navigation Trust and Clyde Lighthouses regarding dredging of channel and passage of vessel down river 1937-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/145  Record of correspondence with Clyde Navigation Trust and Clyde Lighthouses regarding dredging of channel and passage of vessel down river 1941

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/146  Correspondence etc. with Clyde Lighthouses Trust regarding dredging requirements and passage of vessel down river 1937-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/147  Correspondence etc. with Clyde Lighthouses Trust regarding dredging requirements and passage of vessel down river 1937-42

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/148  Defence of vessel under construction, projected wartime use as carrier of aircraft or troop transport, trials and secret maiden voyage to United States, reports and New York newspaper cuttings 1939-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/149  Passage down river, mooring arrangements and voyage to United States, work incomplete, and projected use of vessel as cargo carrier or troop transport 1939-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/150  Builder’s certificate of tonnage etc, compass certificate 1940

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/151  Miscellaneous rough notes on costing and comparisons with Queen Mary (No.534). c1938-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/152  Comparison of costs and estimate: Hull and machinery 1939-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/153  Rates used in extras and rebates c1937-40

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/154  Reconditioning: minutes of meetings and correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd 1944-45
Particular Vessel Files (continued)

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/155  Reconditioning: minutes of meetings and correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd  Jan- Mar 1946

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/156  Reconditioning: minutes of meetings and correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd  Apr – Dec 1946

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/157  Reconditioning: minutes of meetings and correspondence mainly with Cunard White Star Ltd  1947-50

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/158  Reconditioning: progress claims 1-7  1946-47

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/159  Reconditioning: progress claims 8-17  1947

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/107/160  Reconditioning: correspondence with Thornycroft, Southampton  1946-47

Photographs

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/56  Album No.1, under construction:
Berth preparation; progress, ways and cranes (10 photos)  7 Oct-30 Nov 1936
On ways; progress (40 photos)  5 Dec 1936-15 Feb 1937

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/57  Album No.2, under construction:
On ways; progress (68 photos)  22 Feb-4 Aug 1937

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/58  Album No.3, under construction:
On ways; progress (79 photos)  19 Aug 1937-1 Mar 1938

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/59  Album No.4, under construction:
On ways; progress (82 photos)  17 Mar-25 Aug 1938

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/60  Under construction:
On ways; progress including views of Profile, Bows Stern, Rudder, Propellers and Launching Mechanism (40 photos).  25 Aug-27 Sep 1938
Launch; Profile and Bow Views, (Vessel in tow) and empty berth (6 photos)  27 Sep-28 Sep 1938
Fitting out; progress, Part-profile and Deck views (53 photos)  20 Oct 1938-22 May 1939

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/61  Under Construction:
Fitting out; progress Hull, Superstructure and Decks, including view alongside Suffolk (No.559) and HMS Fiji (No.558) (81 photos)  25 Jun 1939-29 Jan 1940
Boilers; lighting first boiler fire (2 photos)  16 Nov 1939
Finished vessel in river; Semi-profile (1 photo)  26 Feb 1940

GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/62  Finished vessel:
In river; Profiles (4 photos)
Model; Profile, Decks etc. (18 photos)
Exterior; Hull, Superstructure, Deck views and details (139 photos)
Interior; Wheelhouse (1 photo)
Interior; Public Rooms etc. (25 photos)
Interior; Cabins etc. (6 photos)
Interior; Kitchens etc. (4 photos)
Interior; Machinery (4 photos)
Photographs (continued)
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/116/63
Photographs taken at New York showing condition of vessel after leaving Clydebank during War. (The first twelve photographs are of Tank Landing Craft in Sections and as Deck cargo aboard a freighter)
Exterior; Deck Views etc. (6 photos)
Interior; Public Rooms etc. (35 photos)
Interior; Cabins etc. (9 photos)
DC 87/2/18 Lantern Slide
DC 87/16/10 Lantern Slide
DC 113/2563/1 Negative, Black and White, Midships Bar, 1st Class
DC 113/2563/2-4 Negative, Colour, Swimming Pool
DC 113/2563/5 Negative, Black and White, Aerial View
DC 113/2563/6 Negative, Black and White, Profile
DC 113/2563/7-11 Negative, Colour, Profiles
DC 113/2563/12 Negative, Colour, Semi-profile
DC 113/2563/13-14 Negative, Colour, Profiles
DC 113/2563/15 Negative, Colour, Semi-profile
DC 113/2563/16-22 Negative, Colour, Profiles

Plans
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/110/552/1 Rigging - no others surviving.
For redrawn plans, contact The National Maritime Museum

Specification Books
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/91/27 Engine Specification Notebook 1938

Vessel Particulars
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/93/16 Yard Nos. 296-699 (Freeboard and Tonnage)
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/93/17 Yard Nos. 300-644c
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/93/21 Yard Nos. 415-644c
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/93/29 Yard Nos. 530, 534 and 552

Weights worked into Engines and Boilers
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/100/2 1938
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/100/3 1938-39
GUAS Ref: UCS 1/100/4 1938-39