

Harland and Wolff Shipbuilders

Harland & Wolff had a long association with the White Star Line – having completed the first steamer, the Oceanic, for the company in 1871. Over the next thirty eight years Harland and Wolff built 54 vessels for the company.

Edward Harland formed the partnership with Gustav Wolff on 1st January 1862. Both men were experienced shipbuilders and Harland and Wolff soon developed a reputation for turning out high class ships.

By 1907 Sir Edward Harland had died and Gustav Wolff retired, Lord Pirrie was now chairman of the company. Thomas Andrews, his nephew became general manager. These two men directed the construction work and Thomas Andrews died on the Titanic.