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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GREIF BROS. CORPORATION
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 31-4388903
(State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

621 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware, Ohio 43015
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

GREIF BROS. CORPORATION
INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION PLAN
(Full Title of the Plan)

Michael J. Gasser, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Greif Bros. Corporation
621 Pennsylvania Avenue
Delaware, Ohio 43015
614-363-1271
(Agent for Service)

Copies to:
Allan Hull,
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Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A Common Stock, without Par Value	1,000,000	\$25.875	\$25,875,000	\$7,841.00

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement also includes an indeterminable number of additional shares of Class A Common Stock that may become issuable pursuant to antidilution adjustment provisions of the Plan.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ National Market System on May 6, 1997.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(a) Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996, filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) Registrant's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended January 31, 1997, and all other reports, if any, filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 since the end of the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996.

(c) The description of Registrant's Class A Common Stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on November 7, 1995, under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this registration statement which indicates that all securities offered hereunder have been sold, or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold under this registration statement, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Not applicable; the class of securities to be offered is registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 5. INTEREST OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Allan Hull, of Hull and Hull, Legal Counsel, whose attorney's opinion is attached as Exhibit 5, is the owner of 149,600 shares of the Class B Common Stock of the Company, and is the recipient of a non-statutory option of 10,000 Class A Common Stock under the Greif Bros. Corporation Incentive Stock Option Plan. Mr. Hull, as a non-employee director, also has been granted options for 4,000 shares of Class A Common Stock under the 1996 Directors' Stock Option Plan of the Company.

Item 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Article 46 of the Bylaws of the Company, as amended, provides:

"Each director and officer of the Company shall be indemnified by the Company and saved harmless, whether or not then in office (and his heirs, executors and administrators) against all loss, expenses and damages sustained or reasonably incurred by him in connection with any action, suit or proceeding commenced or threatened, to which he may be a party by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Company, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of his duties as such director or officer, and the foregoing indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which he may be entitled as a matter of law or otherwise."

The Registrant also maintains an insurance policy insuring its directors and officers against liability for certain acts and omissions while acting in their official capacities.

There is no litigation pending, and neither the Registrant nor any of its directors know of any threatened litigation, which might result in a claim for indemnification by any director or officer.

Item 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

Not applicable.

Item 8. EXHIBITS

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Exhibit

Number Description of Document

4.1 Incentive Stock Option Plan (contained herein).

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4.2 Copy of Amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation setting forth the current provisions covering the Class A and Class B Common Stock. Said amendment was adopted by the stockholders at their meeting on February 27, 1995 (contained herein).
- 5 Opinion of Hull and Hull (contained herein).
- 23.1 Consent of Price Waterhouse LLP (contained herein).
- 23.2 Consent of Hull and Hull (included in Exhibit 5).
- 24 Powers of Attorney (contained herein).

Item 9. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at

that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6, above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Delaware, State of Ohio, on the 8th day of April, 1997.

GREIF BROS. CORPORATION

By_/s/ Michael J. Gasser
Michael J. Gasser
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

(Signature) /s/ Michael J. Gasser

(Title) Michael J. Gasser Chairman of the Board &
Chief Executive Officer

(Date) April 8, 1997 (Principal Executive Officer)

(Signature) /s/ William B. Sparks, Jr.

(Title) William B. Sparks, Jr. President, Chief
Operating Officer and Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ John K. Dieker

(Title) John K. Dieker Controller

(Date) April 8, 1997 (Principal Financial Officer
and Principal Accounting Officer)

(Signature) /s/ Charles R. Chandler*

(Title) Charles R. Chandler Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ Michael H. Dempsey*

(Title) Michael H. Dempsey Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ Naomi C. Dempsey*

(Title) Naomi C. Dempsey Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ Daniel J. Gunsett*

(Title) Daniel J. Gunsett Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ Allan Hull*

(Title) Allan Hull

Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ Robert C. Macauley*

(Title) Robert C. Macauley

Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ David J. Olderman*

(Title) David J. Olderman

Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

(Signature) /s/ J Maurice Struchen*

(Title) J Maurice Struchen

Director

(Date) April 8, 1997

*The undersigned, Michael J. Gasser, by signing his name hereto, does hereby execute this Registration Statement on behalf of each of the other above-named persons pursuant to powers of attorney duly executed by such persons and filed as an exhibit to this Registration Statement.

(Signature) /s/ Michael J. Gasser

(Title) Michael J. Gasser

in Fact

Attorney

(Date) April 8, 1997

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- 4.1 Incentive Stock Option Plan (contained herein).
- 4.2 Copy of Amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation setting forth the current provisions covering the Class A Common and the Class B Common Stock. Said amendment was adopted by the stockholders at their meeting February 27, 1995 (contained herein).

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5	Opinion of Hull and Hull (contained herein).
23.1	Consent of Price Waterhouse LLP (contained herein).
23.2	Consent of Hull and Hull (included in Exhibit 5).
24	Powers of Attorney (contained herein).

INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION PLAN
GREIF BROS. CORPORATION

1. PURPOSE

This Incentive Stock Option Plan ("the Plan") is intended as an incentive and to encourage stock ownership by certain key employees of Greif Bros. Corporation ("the Company") and its subsidiaries by the granting of stock options as provided herein. It is intended that certain options issued pursuant to the Plan will constitute incentive stock options within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code ("the Incentive Stock Options"), and the remainder of the options issued pursuant to the Plan will constitute non-statutory options. The Committee referred to in Section 2 shall determine which options are to be Incentive Stock Options and which are to be non-statutory options and shall enter into option agreements with the recipients accordingly.

In this Plan where there is no contrary indication, the provisions of the Plan apply to Incentive Stock Options and non-statutory stock options.

2. ADMINISTRATION

(a) The Plan shall be administered by a Committee of two or more disinterested members of the Board of Directors appointed by the Board of Directors ("the Committee"). The Board of Directors may remove from, add members to, or fill vacancies in the Committee.

(b) The Committee is authorized, subject to the provisions of the Plan, to establish such rules and regulations as it may deem appropriate for the conduct of meetings and proper administration of the Plan, and to make such determinations under, and such interpretations of, and to take such steps in connection with, the Plan or the options granted thereunder as it may deem necessary or advisable.

(c) No person shall be a member of the Committee, who is, or at any time during the preceding one-year period was, eligible for selection as a person to whom stock may be allocated or to whom stock options may be granted pursuant to the Plan or any other Plan of the Company which would entitle him to acquire stock or stock options of the Company or its subsidiaries.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Incentive Stock Options may be granted in such amounts of shares and to such key employees of the Company or its subsidiaries as the Committee shall select from time to time. No director who is not an officer or other employee of the Company or its subsidiaries shall be eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options under the Plan. Any individual may hold more than one option.

4. STOCK

The stock to be subject to options under the Plan shall be shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock held as treasury shares. The aggregate number of shares of stock for which options may be granted under the Plan shall not exceed 1,000,000 shares (as constituted after the two-for-one stock

split to be voted on at the special shareholders' meeting, February 27, 1995), subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of Section 10 hereof. The shares subject to the unexercised portion of any terminated or expired options under the Plan may again be subjected to options under the Plan.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS

All options granted by the Committee pursuant to the Plan shall be considered authorized by the Board of Directors and shall be evidenced by stock option agreements in writing ("stock option agreements") in such form and containing such terms and conditions as the Committee shall prescribe from time to time in accordance with the Plan, in accordance Section 422 of the Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to Incentive Stock Options, and Regulation 16b-3 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. An Incentive Stock Option shall not be transferable by the optionee otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by him.

6. PRICE

The option price per share of each option granted under the Plan shall be not less than 100% of the fair market value, as determined by the Committee, of a share of stock on the date of grant of such option. An option shall be considered granted on the date the Committee acts to grant the option or such later date as the Committee shall specify.

7. OPTION PERIOD

Each stock option agreement shall set forth the period for which such option is granted, which with respect to Incentive Stock Options, shall not exceed ten years from the date such option is granted ("the option period").

8. 10-PERCENT SHAREHOLDER

Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 7 hereof, in the case of an individual who, at the time an Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company (or subsidiary of the Company), the option price shall not be less than 110 percent of the fair market value of the stock subject to the option at the time the option is granted, as determined in good faith by the Committee, and the option shall not be exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date it is granted.

9. MAXIMUM PER OPTIONEE

With respect to Incentive Stock Options, the aggregate fair market value, as determined by the Committee, of the stock for which an optionee may be granted Incentive Stock Options under the Plan and any other plans of the Company or its subsidiaries exercisable for the first time during any calendar year shall not exceed \$100,000 plus any "unused limit carryover", within the meaning of Section 422(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, to such year.

10. ADJUSTMENT IN THE EVENT OF CHANGE OF STOCK

In the event of any change in the outstanding stock by reason of stock dividends, recapitalizations, reorganizations, mergers, consolidations, split-ups, combinations or exchanges of shares and the like, the number and kind of shares which thereafter may be optioned and sold under the Plan, the number and kind of shares under option in outstanding stock option agreements and the purchase price per share thereof shall be appropriately adjusted consistent with such change. The determination of the Committee as to any adjustment shall be final and conclusive.

11. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

Each option may be exercised at any time during its option period, but not earlier than two years from the date of the grant, subject to the restrictions in this section and in the stock option agreement under which it is issued. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, no Incentive Stock Option shall be exercisable while there is outstanding any other Incentive Stock Option which was previously granted to the optionee to purchase shares of the Company or of any other corporation which, on the date of grant of the option, was a parent or subsidiary of the Company, or of any predecessor of such parent or subsidiary.

12. PAYMENT FOR OPTIONS

Within five business days following the date of exercise, the optionee shall make full payment of the option price (i) in cash; (ii) with the consent of the Committee, by tendering previously acquired shares of stock (valued at

their fair market value, as determined by the Committee, as of the date of exercise) or (iii) with the consent of the Committee, or any combination of (i) and (ii).

13. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

The Board of Directors may amend, modify or terminate the Plan, at any time; provided, however, that no such action of the Board of Directors, without approval of the shareholders may (a) increase the total number of shares of stock for which options may be granted under the Plan, except as contemplated in Section 10, (b) permit the granting of Incentive Stock Options to anyone other than a key employee of the Company or its subsidiaries, (c) decrease the minimum option price with respect to Incentive Stock Options, (d) increase the maximum option periods with respect to Incentive Stock Options, (e) increase, with respect to Incentive Stock Options, the maximum per optionee set in Section 9, (f) withdraw the administration of the Plan from the Committee, or (g) permit any person while a member of the Committee to be eligible to receive or hold an option under the Plan. In addition, in its initial adoption of the Plan following an approval by the voting of shareholders of the Company, the Board of Directors may amend the terms of the Plan in any way with respect to Incentive Stock Options which does not violate the prohibitions in the preceding sentence or which does not effect a substantive change in the Plan with respect to Incentive Stock Options. No amendment, modification or termination of the Plan shall in any manner affect any option theretofore granted to an optionee under the Plan without the consent of the optionee or the transferee of such option.

14. TERM OF THE PLAN

The Incentive Stock Option Plan shall become effective on the date of its adoption by the Board of Directors following the approval of the Plan by the holders of a majority of the shares of stock of the Company entitled to vote at the annual meeting of shareholders on February 27, 1995. The Plan shall terminate ten years, less one day, from the effective date of the Plan, or on such earlier date as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Termination of the Plan, however, shall not affect the rights of options under options therefore granted to them, and all unexpired options shall continue in force and operation after termination of the Plan except as they may lapse or be terminated by their own terms and conditions.

15. NON-STATUTORY OPTIONS

Included in the Plan are potential non-statutory options which, it is recognized, may, by separate action of the Board of Directors, be granted, subject to provisions and conditions established by the Board, to key persons for whom the Plan does not suffice or for those who do not qualify for the Plan because of not being employees of Greif Bros. Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries.

16. REGISTRATION OF OPTIONED SHARES

During the two-year period in which the holder of an option is not authorized to exercise the option, the Company contemplates registering under the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 sufficient Class A

Shares out of its treasury to satisfy the outstanding options. If this proves impractical, some other method of issuing the shares will be investigated.

(Registrant's Note: The Stock Option Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, consisting of disinterested directors, has granted to officers and employees of the Company incentive stock options for 361,600 Class A Common shares and a non-statutory option to a non-employee for 10,000 shares. None of these options have been exercised, and the earliest possible date of exercise of any of these options is April 17, 1997.)

EXHIBIT 4.2

Copy of Amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation setting forth the current provisions covering the Class A and Class B Common Stock. Said amendment was adopted by the stockholders at their meeting on February 27, 1995.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that it is deemed advisable in the judgment of the Board of Directors of Greif Bros. Corporation, to amend the Certificate of Incorporation for the purpose of dividing the Common Stock of the Corporation of both classes in the ratio of two to one without otherwise affecting the rights of any Class A or Class B shareholder, and for that purpose it is necessary to increase the authorized capital stock of both classes and to amend the Fourth Article of the Certificate of Incorporation to read as follows:

Fourth: The total number of authorized shares of the capital stock of this Corporation is forty-nine million, two hundred eighty thousand (49,280,000), divided into two classes namely: Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, all of which shall be without nominal or par value. The total number of shares of such Class A Common Stock authorized is thirty-two million (32,000,000) shares, without nominal or par value. The total number of shares of such Class B Common Stock authorized is seventeen million, two hundred eighty thousand (17,280,000) shares, without nominal or par value. The description of said classes of stock and the designations preferences and restrictions, if any, and the voting powers or restrictions or qualifications thereof, of such Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, are as follows:

The Class A Common Stock shall be entitled to receive, in each and every year cumulative dividends at the rate of One (1) Cent per share per annum, payable quarterly on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July and the first day of October in each and every year, before any dividend, whether in cash, property, stock or otherwise shall be declared, set apart for payment or paid upon the Class B Common Stock. Such dividends upon the Class A Common Stock shall be cumulative from and after the date of original issue thereof.

In any year, after the full dividend at the rate of One (1) Cent per share for such year and any and all arrearages thereof for preceding years shall have been declared and paid to, or set apart for the Class A Common Stock, the Class B Common Stock

shall be entitled to receive noncumulative dividends up to the amount of One Half (1/2) Cent per share, provided, however, and upon the condition that the surplus or net profits of the Corporation, after the payment of any such dividends to the Class B Common Stock, shall be at least equal to the sum required for payment in full of the aforesaid cumulative dividends on the Class A Common Stock for one (1) year.

Out of any further distribution of surplus or net profits by way of dividend in any year in excess of the aforesaid dividends upon the Class A Common Stock and upon the Class B Common Stock, the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to share in such further distribution in the proportion of One (1) Cent per share for said Class A Common Stock to One and One-Half (1-1/2) Cents per share for said Class B Common Stock.

Dividends upon either class of stock shall be payable only out of the surplus or net profits of the Corporation as determined by the Board of Directors and only as and when declared by the Board of Directors, but may, in any year, be paid out of such surplus or net profits whether arising during the same year or accrued during prior years.

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the Class A Common Stock shall be entitled, out of the assets of the Corporation, to be paid cumulative dividends accrued thereon and Thirty-One and One-Quarter Cents (\$.3125) for each share of such Class A Common Stock before any distribution or payment shall be made to the Class B Common Stock, and after such payment in full to the Class A Common Stock, as aforesaid, the Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to be paid the sum of Thirty-One and One-Quarter Cents (\$.3125) for each share of Class B Common Stock; and after such payment in full to the Class A Common Stock, and the sum of Thirty-One and One-Quarter Cents (\$.3125) per share to the Class B Common Stock, as aforesaid, any remaining assets to be distributed shall be distributed to the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock, share and share alike.

The Class A Common Stock shall have no voting power nor shall it be entitled to notice of meetings of the stockholders, all rights to vote and all voting power being vested exclusively in the Class B Common Stock. If, at any time,

however, and whenever four (4) quarterly cumulative dividends upon the Class A Common Stock shall be in default or unpaid in whole or in part, the Class A Common Stock shall have the same voting power as the Class B Common Stock, to-wit: One (1) vote for each share of stock, and shall be entitled to receive notices of meetings of shareholders; and such voting power shall so continue to vest in the Class A Common Stock until all arrears in the payment of cumulative dividends upon the Class A Common Stock shall have been paid and the dividends thereon for the current dividend shall have been declared and the funds for the payment thereof set aside. However, if and when thereafter the defaulted dividends shall be paid in full and provisions made for the current dividend as herein provided (and such payments shall be made as promptly as shall be consistent with the best interest of the Corporation) the Class A Common Stock shall be divested of such voting power and the voting power shall then revert exclusively in the Class B Common Stock; but subject always to the same provisions for the vesting of such voting power in the Class A Common Stock in case of any similar default or defaults in the payment of four (4) quarterly cumulative dividends upon the Class A Common Stock and the re-vesting of such entire voting power in the Class B Common Stock in the event that such default or defaults shall be cured as above provided.

Such Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock may be issued by the Corporation from time to time for such consideration as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors thereof.

Upon this amendment becoming effective, each holder of shares of Common Stock of either class, previously issued and outstanding, shall become the holder of two shares of Common Stock of the same class, with rights as set forth in this Amended Fourth Article, in place and instead of each share of Common Stock previously held by such holder.

This Amendment to the Fourth Article shall not in any way reduce the aggregate capital of the Corporation

Be it further resolved that the foregoing Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the vote of the shareholders of the Corporation at a special meeting to be held at the offices of the Corporation at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T., on the 27th day of February, 1995, that such meeting be called by the Chairman of the Board; that notice of such meeting be sent in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws of this Corporation to each registered holder of the capital stock of this Corporation, both of Class A and Class B Common Stock, as of the close of business on February 6, 1995, which shall be the record date for shareholders entitled to vote at said meeting; and that at such meeting the foregoing Amendment to the Articles be presented separately to the holders of the Class A Common Stock and to the holders of the Class B Common Stock for their vote of approval or rejection, and be considered adopted when it has received a vote of approval from the holders of a majority of the shares of the Common Stock of each class.

EXHIBIT 5

March 28, 1997

Greif Bros. Corporation
621 Pennsylvania Avenue
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have requested our opinion as Counsel for Greif Bros. Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and the public offering by the Company of up to 1,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan.

We have examined the Company's Registration Statement of Form S-8 in the form to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about April 1, 1997 (the "Registration Statement"). We further have examined the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, the Bylaws and the minute books of the Company as a basis for the opinion hereafter expressed.

Based on the foregoing examinations, we are of the opinion that, upon issuance and sale in the manner described in the Registration Statement, the shares of Common Stock covered by the Registration Statement will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

HULL AND HULL

By_/s/ Allan Hull
Allan Hull

EXHIBIT 23.1

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated November 27, 1996 which appears on page 33 of Greif Bros. Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 1996. We also consent to the incorporation by reference of our report on the Financial Statement Schedules, which appears on page 51 of such Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ Price Waterhouse LLP
Columbus, Ohio
May 9, 1997

EXHIBIT 24

GREIF BROS. CORPORATION
POWER OF ATTORNEY

For Form S-8 Registration Statements

The undersigned, a director or officer of Greif Bros. Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Michael J. Gasser and each of his successors to the office of Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and each of them, my true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place, and stead, in my capacity as director or officer of the Company, to execute any and all of the Company's Registration Statements on Form S-8, and any and all amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), to register under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), any shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company for sale under, and pursuant to, any and all of the Company's current or hereafter adopted or approved stock option plans or other "employee benefit plans" (as such term is defined under Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act), as such plans are currently amended or shall hereafter be amended, including without limitation the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan and 1996 Directors Stock Option Plan, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned has executed and delivered this Power of Attorney on April 8, 1997.

/s/ Charles R. Chandler
Signature

Director

Position (s) with the Company

Charles R. Chandler
Print or Type Name

(Signatures continued on next page)

/s/ Michael H. Dempsey
Signature Director Position(s) with the Company

Michael H. Dempsey
Print or Type Name

/s/ Naomi C. Dempsey
Signature Director Position(s) with the Company

Naomi C. Dempsey
Print or Type Name

/s/ Daniel J. Gunsett
Signature Director Position(s) with the Company

Daniel J. Gunsett
Print or Type Name

/s/ Allan Hull
Signature Director Position(s) with the Company

Allan Hull
Print or Type Name

/s/ Robert C. Macauley
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/s/ David J. Olderman
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