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AN INTRODUCTION TO
MARITIME COLLECTIONS AT
THE HULL HISTORY CENTRE

HULL'S MARITIME COLLECTIONS

Hull's significance as a maritime city can be traced back to its earliest history.

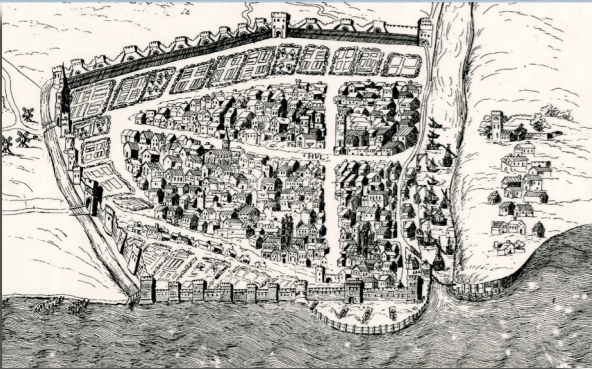
The city's position on the junction of two rivers, the Hull and the Humber, made early travel by water a possibility. Cargo could be transferred from river craft to sea-going vessels, and trade with northern Europe became the key feature of Hull's economic activity.

In times of national conflict, Hull's location on the Humber on the east coast of England made it a strategic position for those looking to hold or disrupt political power.

Illustration from the Port of Hull Society collection, 19th cent. [C DSSF]



Copy of an ancient plan of Hull, c.1530 [L MAPS/4/9]



As sailing technology improved whaling and fishing activities expanded. Overseas trade diversified and expanded, bringing the local community into greater contact with seafarers from other nations, and increasing the fortunes of local merchant families.

These trends helped to reshape Hull's urban landscape, as Hull's docklands developed to cope with increased shipping requirements.

Hull suffered with the decline of British shipping and the fishing industry in the 20th century. However, in the 21st century, the factors that made it successful as a port are now making Hull attractive to the renewable energy industry.

Hull's historical identity, for better or worse, is intrinsically linked to the sea. The records held at Hull History Centre reflect the multifaceted nature of this history and identity.



Contents of this guide

This guide has been compiled to highlight the extensive maritime collections held at Hull History Centre.

It is arranged thematically and covers the following areas:

- Hull's Docklands
- Fishing and Whaling
- Merchant Shipping and Shipbuilding
- Maritime Publications
- Charity and Welfare
- River and Port Administration
- Marine Ecology
- War and the Water

A number of 'spotlight' features explore key collections with extensive research potential.

Panorama showing Hull from the River Humber, part of the Hilbert Plan of Hull, 1737 [Lp.9.7.8]



Postcard, vessel entering the River Hull, 1909 [L RH/38]

CATALOGUES AND INDEXES



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Material described in the catalogue can be accessed in person at Hull History Centre.

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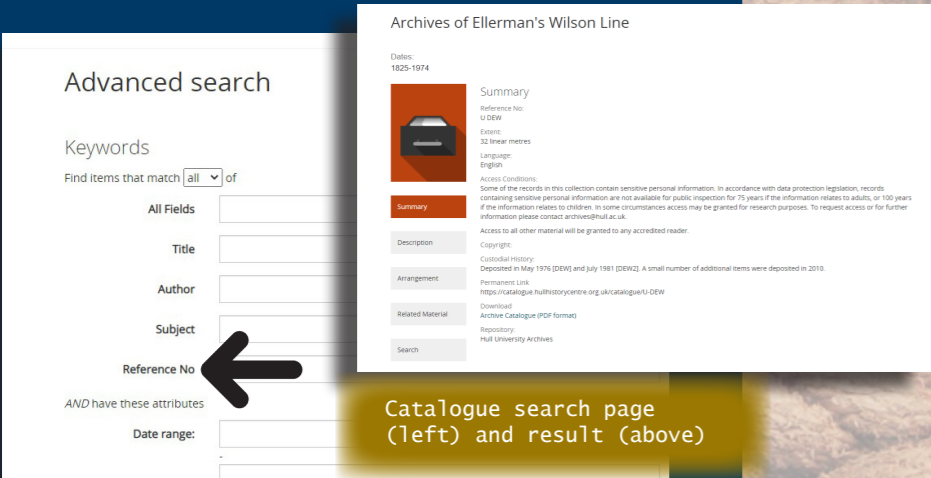
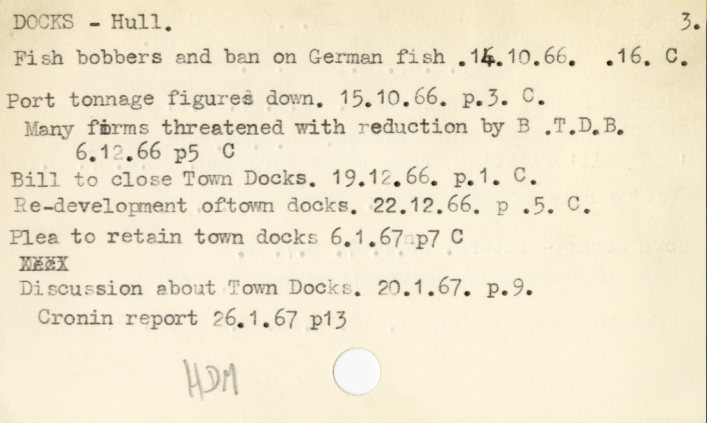
The Local Studies collection contains books from our lending stock.

It also includes reference material, such as press cuttings, pamphlets, journals, articles, illustrations, rare books and photographs.

Use our onsite indexes to explore material held under the following subject headings:

- Albert dock [L.387.16]
- Alexandra dock [L.387.18]
- Boatbuilding (primitive) [L.623.821]
- Fisheries, fishing heritage [L.639.22]
- Humber, ferries [L.386.6(9)]
- Humber, lightships, navigation [L.527(9)]
- Humber, river [L.9.9]
- Humber, shipping [L.387(9)]
- Humber sloops [L.387(9)]
- Humber, yachting [L.797.14(9)]
- Humber commercial development [L.380(9)]
- Humber dock [L.387.12]
- Humber keels [L.387(9)]
- Humber keels, construction [L.623.8]
- Humber pilots [L.9.9]
- Humber tugs [L.387(9)]
- Lifeboat stations [L.614.867]
- Marine painting [L.758]
- Merchant Navy, roll of honour [L.351.13]
- Merchant shipping [L.387]
- Navy [L.359]
- Paintings, ships [L.758]
- St Andrews dock [L.387.17]
- Sailing [L.797.124]
- Sailors’/Seamen’s hostels [L.362.521]
- Sea fishing [L.639.22]
- Sea shanty festival [L.791.6]
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- Ships [L.387.2]
- Ships chandlers [L.623.86]
- Ships equipment [L.623.86]
- Ships registers [L.387.2]
- Shipping, navigation [L.387 & L.527]
- Shipping posters, graphic art [L.760]
- Spurn lighthouse [L.627.9(69)S]
- Spurn lightship [L.527(9)]
- Trinity House Hull [L.361.91]
- Trawling [L.639.22]
- Trawler disasters [L.639.22]
- Prince’s dock [L.387.13]
- Queen Elizabeth dock [L.387.191]
- Queen’s dock [L.387.11]
- Victoria dock [L.387.15]

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HULL'S DOCKLANDS



Photograph showing Queens Dock, c.1920s [C TDP/2/4]

Detail from Peck's map of Hull showing the docklands, 1880 Map showing [L MAPS/4/32]

In Hull's earliest days as a port, ships were moored at staithes erected along the River Hull behind High Street.

As Hull's prominence as a port town grew, more space was required to support its burgeoning shipping demands.

Queen's Dock, originally known as The Dock, was the first to be opened in 1778.

As shipping continued to expand during the 19th century, further docks were constructed leaving a lasting mark on the urban landscape.

FACT

Hull's docks in order of opening:

- Queen's Dock (1778)
- Humber Dock (1809)
- Junction / Prince's Dock (1829)
- Railway Dock (1846)
- Victoria Dock (1850)
- Albert Dock (1869)
- William Wright Dock (1873)
- St Andrew's Dock (1883)
- Alexandra Dock (1885)
- Riverside Quay (1907)
- King George Dock (1914)



Postcard of Prince's Dock, c.1920 [L RH/80]

Highlight...

Reference: L DBB
Collection: Hull Barnsley and West Junction Railway and Dock Company
Covering dates: 1879-1917
Extent: 2.5 boxes

The company was formed in 1879 to construct Alexandra Dock and a new railway line to service it.

Records include shareholder records, annual reports, accounts, minutes, maps and plans.

Photograph of Prince's Dock, 1957 [Lp.387.13.18]

Useful Collections

- [C DIFO] Hull Docks, 1968
- [C DIMW] Hull Docks, 1967-1980s
- [C DIRS] Hull Docks, 1972
- [C DMAA] Victoria Dock, early 20th cent.
- [C DIVD] Hull Docks, Rivers and Buildings, 1962-1974
- [C DBD] Drypool Engineering and Dry Dock, 1756-1944
- [C TCQD] Hull Corporation Queen's Dock Committee
- [C TCDA] Hull Town Council Accommodations, 1836-1838
- [C TCDD] Docks Deputation Committee, 1886-1890
- [C TCFD] Hull Town Council Ferry Boat Dock Committee, 1879
- [C TCFB] Hull Town Council Ferry Boat Dock Committee, 1845-1848
- [C TCFJ] Hull Town Council Ferry Boat Dock (Joint) Committee, 1877-1880
- [C TCDU] Hull Town Council Dues and Docks Bill Deputation Committee, 1852
- [C DPN] Hull and Goole Dock Labour Board of the National Dock Labour Board, 1941-1989
- [L DBB] Hull Barnsley and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Company, 1879-1917
- [L RH] Renton Heathcote Postcards, including many images of docks, 19th-20th cent.
- [L] OS and historical maps showing the development of Hull's docks
- [C TCDP] Hull Town Docks, Parliamentary and Docks Visiting Committees, 1858-1859
- [C TCM] Hull Council Minutes (including committees relating to docks)
- [C CQP] Dock plans submitted to Courts of Quarter Sessions, 18th-19th cent.
- [C DFX/59] Records of William James Brittain, Marine Engineer, 1892-1904
- [C DPD] Humber Conservancy & Ports (including Hull Dock Company), 1772-1982
- [C CQB] Quarter Sessions records, including inquests into dockside deaths, 19th-20th cent.
- [C SRL/R/68] Article 'Dangers of the Dockside', 20th cent.



FISHING & WHALING

Historically, two of Hull's major maritime industries were fishing and whaling.

Fishing had taken place from the earliest days of settlement at Hull.

As boat technology progressed, longer journeys were possible and sea stocks were further exploited.

Whaling voyages from Hull appear to have begun in the 17th century, peaking in the 19th century.

Many related trades grew up around these economically significant industries.

FACT

St Andrew's Dock was opened in 1883. Synonymous with Hull's fishing industry, it was known colloquially as Fish Dock.

It remained so until 1972, when the fishing fleet relocated to Albert Dock.



Photograph of fishing crew, c.1910 [C DIYK/1]



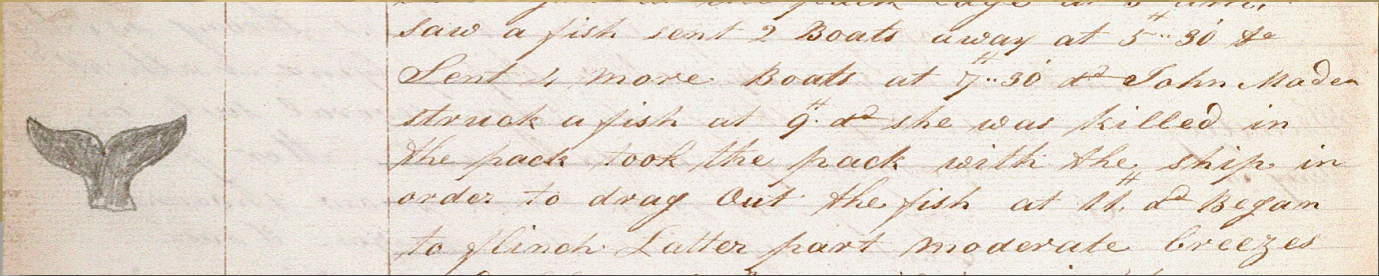
Postcard showing fish being landed at Billingsgate, 1912 [L RH/273]

Highlight...

Reference: L DMWH
Collection: Whaling Records
Covering dates: 1606-1938
Extent: 23 volumes, 4 items, 1 bundle

Records relating to Hull's whaling trade, with a heavy focus on the 19th century.

Records include log books for Hull whaling ships, 1812-1852, account book for the ships 'Exmouth' & 'Neptune', volume of Hull whaling industry statistics, 1763-1842, and various published and printed items, 1606-1938.

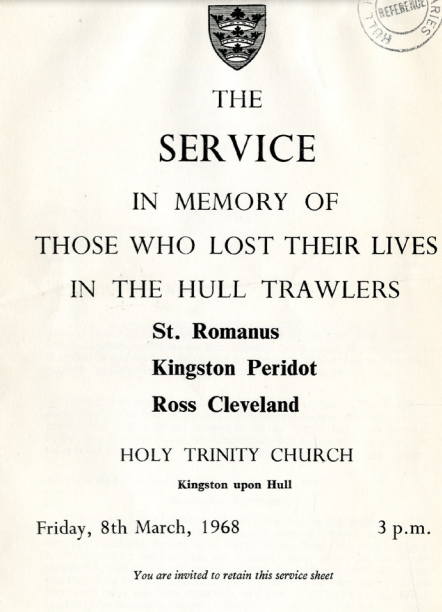


Extract from log book for the whaler 'Andrew Marvell', 1831 [L DMWH/1/2]

Useful Collections

- [C DPF] Fishing Voyage Agreements, 1884-1914
- [C DPFX] Fishing Voyage Agreements, 1885-1897
- [C DIGM] Hull Trawler Log Books, 20th cent.
- [L DMWH] Whaling Log Books, 1606-1938
- [C DBX/5/1] Whaling Log Book for the 'Eagle', 1820-1823
- [C DIS] The Wilberforce, 1979
- [C DOS] ST Southcoates, 1906
- [C DBHB] Hellyer Brothers Trawler Owners, 1887-1979
- [C DBHF] Hull Fish Meal & Oil Company Ltd, 1890-1967
- [C DBTH] Thomas Hamling and Co Ltd Trawler Owners, 1834-1983
- [C DBFM] Hull Fish Merchants' Club Ltd, 1901-1967
- [C DBHA] Hall, Hamlyn and Company, 1922-1971
- [C DICR] Richardson & Sons Fish Haulage Contractors, 1927-1929
- [C DBBL] Boyd Line, 20th Cent.
- [C DSST] Boyd Line Ltd, 1965-1999
- [C DIEN] Thyge Enevoldson, Hull Trawler Skipper, 1890-1933
- [C DIHU] James Humphrey of Hull Trawlerman and Skipper, 1952-1993
- [C DIJW] John Henry Wilson Trawlerman, 1910-1920s
- [U DX117] Christian Agerskow of Hull Trawler Skipper, 1928-1955
- [C DIWK] Joseph Robinson, Fishing Vessel Skipper, 1890s-1929
- [L WHA] Whaling reference collection
- [C DBX/5/1] Log book for the Whaling vessel 'Eagle', 1820-1823
- [C DSF] Hull Fish Merchants' Society, 1954-1976
- [C DTLM] Journal of Edward Harris, captain of whaling vessel, 1832-1835
- [C DSFM] Hull Fish Merchants' Protection Association, 1890-2008
- [L DBFI] Fishing vessel logbooks, ships sailing out of Hull, 1798-1835
- [C DILA] Hull's Fishing Industry: wage slips, pensions register, photographs, 1917-1996
- [C DBHB/26] Skippers Cards relating to Pickering & Haldane, Lord Line, Thomas Hamling, Loch, Kingston Trawling, 1929-1960
- [C DITC] Fishing vessel log books (Cape Barfleur, Mariato, Finisterre, Comorin), 1948-1952
- [C BRG/6-13] Apprenticeship registers, with fishing & trawling related trades, 1651-1788
- [U DCN/109-110] Hull fishing industry compensation claims, 1989-1999
- [U DAAJ] Trawlermen's compensation claims and pensions, c.1980s-1990s
- [C DPC/1/50-60] Fishing Vessel Registers, 1869-1886 and 1913-1988

Order of service held to mark the Triple Trawler tragedy, 1968 [L.639.22]



MERCHANT SHIPPING & SHIPBUILDING

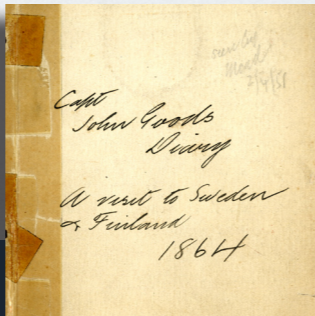


Many of Hull's notable families made their fortunes from the merchant shipping and shipbuilding industries.

Some of the world's largest cargo and passenger lines were based in the port. This industry, alongside the fishing industry, created a high demand for shipbuilding and supported related occupations.

Photograph showing S.S. Edith in Hull central dry dock, Feb 1899 [C DBBC/15/14]

Cover of a diary kept by John Good during a visit to Scandinavia, 1864 [U DGO/36]



Useful Collections

- [C DSTR] Hull Trinity House Muster Rolls, 1747-1851
- [C DIJE] Log book for the 'Jemima', 1769-1774
- [C DIRA/1] Log book for the S.S. Isis, 1901-1903
- [C DIS] The Marbella, 1897
- [C DIWA] Peter Warren Merchant Navy, 1938-1944
- [C DILR] Michael Murphy, Merchant Seaman, 1887-1898
- [C DSN] Hull Merchants' Society, 1577-1700
- [C DBEL/1-5] G.T. Earle Ltd, 1809-1821
- [U DEW] Ellerman's Wilson Line, 1825-1974
- [U DGO] John Good & Sons, 1741-1990s
- [C DBWH] W.H.H. Hutchinsons Ship Owners, 1871-1890
- [C DIRA] Merchant Navy records of Samuel Rayner, 1900-1903
- [C DIMO] John Albert Morley Merchant Navy, 1940-1964
- [C DBSC] Stewart & Craig Ltd Ship Repairers, 1950-1962
- [C DITD] Kingston-upon-Hull Passenger & Goods Company, 1864-1983
- [C DBBC] Brigham & Cowan of Hedon Road, Ship Repairers, 1874-1961
- [C DSHK] Humber Keel & Sloop Society, 19th-20th cent.
- [U DX65] Hull Vessels, 1859-1878
- [U DEA] Earle's Shipbuilding & Engineering Company Ltd, 1858-1909

FACT

In the early modern period, many of Hull's merchant families chose to build town houses along High Street.

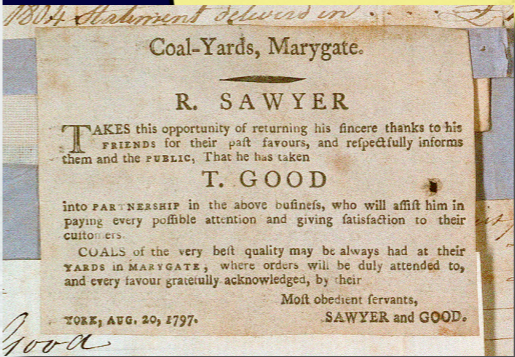
This provided close proximity to the staithes on the River Hull, where they loaded and landed their wares.

Highlight...

Reference: U DGO
Collection: John Good & Sons Shipping Ltd.
Covering dates: 1741-1990s
Extent: 92 items

The company was founded by John Good, a seafarer from Scarborough who settled in Hull. They acted as agents for various Finnish shipowners, operating between Finland and England's north east coast.

Records include directors' and shareholders' minutes, ledgers, marketing material, and a series of diaries kept by John Good between 1829-1874, which record his business activities and travels in Scandinavia.



Notice relating to coal shipping, 1797 [U DGO/31] (left)

Advertisement for John Good & Sons Finland Line, 1939 [U DGO/24] (right)



Useful Collections

- [C BRG/6-13] Apprenticeship Registers (including merchant shipping and shipbuilding related apprenticeships), 1651-1788
- [U DDBH/26/25] Letters relating to William Philip Baines, merchant shipping apprentice onboard the Port Yarrock, 1890-1895
- [C DIRG] Photographs of ships built at John Harker (Shipbuilders) Knottingley for Hull shipping Companies, 1966-1974
- [C DFRH] Richard Henry Hobbs, Manager of Humber Steam Trawling Company and Director of Newington Steam Trawlers, 1896-1933
- [C DBN] Newton Brothers & Holiday Ltd & Humber Stores Ltd, Ship Suppliers, 1953-1967
- [C DBH] Charles D. Holmes & Co. Shipbuilders, Mariners & Boiler Makers, 1862-1944
- [C DMC/5/79] Apprenticeship Indentures (including marine engineering related), 1835-1980
- [C DIPH] George Bell Jefferson, galley boy and ship's cook, 1920-1968
- [C DPC] Customs & Excise records, including Hull shipping registers, 1804-1994
- [C WB/432-749] Bills of Entry for the Port of Hull (daily and weekly), 1850-1862

Spotlight on...

The Merchant Shipping Act of 1835 established a national requirement to keep fishing vessel and crew agreements.

These documents had to be filed at the Register Office of Merchant Seamen.

Over 25,500 agreements exist for vessels operating out of Hull in the period 1884-1914.

The agreements usually list the following data about individual crew members:

- Name
- Age
- Place of birth
- Date and place of joining the ship

They also record the ship's name, port of registration, number, tonnage, and voyages undertaken.

FACT

The birthplaces and names recorded in the Hull agreements reveal that local fishermen worked alongside fellow seafarers from across the UK and Europe.


Fishing Vessel & Crew Agreements [C DPF]

Crew list for
the Devon, 1887
[C DPF/4/258]

Agreement No. 28592

Particulars of Trawler and Employment.


S. 9.
Late Eng. 79.
FISHING.



ISSUED BY
THE BOARD OF TRADE,
February, 1889,
In pursuance of
46 & 47 Vict. c. 41.

Name of Trawler and Port of Registry.		Official Number.	Port—Letters and No.	
<i>S.P. Richard Simpson Hull</i>		<i>95823</i>	<i>Hull. H 91</i>	
Commencement of Agreement.			Gross Tonnage.	Registered Tonnage.
Date.	Place.			
<i>4/7/91</i>	<i>HULL</i>		<i>184 71</i>	<i>65.42</i>

* If a Steam Vessel, S.S. should be placed before the name.



RUNNING AGREEMENT

AND

ACCOUNT OF VOYAGES AND CREW

OF A

Trawler of 25 Tons or upwards,

ENGAGED IN THE SEA FISHING TRADE;

Longtime fishing

If a death or other major incident occurred during a voyage, the details had to be recorded on the agreement under a dedicated section.

Related Material

A further series of post 1914 fishing vessel and crew agreements relating to Hull have survived.

These records are held at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

Agreement No. **10101**
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Agreement No. **10101**
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Reference No. (1)	SIGNATURES OF CREW. (2)	Capacity. (3)	Age. (4)	Town or County where born. (5)	Date of present Engagement. (6)	When to be on Board. (7)	Wages per Week. (8)	Amount of Advance. (9)	Amount of Weekly Allowance. (10)	To whom paid. (11)	Discharge.			Character.		We, the undersigned, hereby release this Towler, and the Skipper and Owner thereof, from all Claims for Wages, or otherwise, in respect of this Voyage or Expedition. (20)	Witness to Release. (21)
											Date. (15)	Place. (16)	Cause. (17)	Ability. (18)	Conduct. (19)		
1	G. Woodgate	Skipper.	31	Wexford	1/1/12						1/2	1/4	1/16	Wexford			G. Woodgate
2	Kerry	2nd Hand	30	London	1/1/12						1/4	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	Kerry
3	John Lincham	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						2/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	Lincham
4	Robert Woodgate	3rd	24	Wexford	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	R. Woodgate
5	Walter Walker	3rd	24	Wexford	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	W. Walker
6	Albert Pearson	3rd	24	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	A. Pearson
7	C. Atley	3rd	24	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	C. Atley
8	J. Kury	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	J. Kury
9	J. Burgess	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	J. Burgess
10	J. Painter	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	J. Painter
11	A. Coleman	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	A. Coleman
12	J. Stephens	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	J. Stephens
13	A. Smith	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	A. Smith
14	J.	3rd	23	London	1/1/12						1/100	1/4	1/16	Wexford	19	19	J.

HERE RECORD CASUALTY.

Date and Place of Casualty.	Nature of Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.
18/3/09. 4 A.M. Brunat Sands South Coast of Ireland.	Vessel stranded and likely to become a total wreck.	Over-running our Log, and land being obscured by thick snow-showers.

* 1. When the cause of death is Disease, the name or nature of the same should be stated.
 2. When the cause of death is Accidental, the circumstances attending the accident should be fully stated.
 3. If at the time of an Accidental Death the Fishing Boat sustained any damage, loss of gear, cargo, &c., the nature of such damage or loss should be stated.
 4. If the death is occasioned by any other cause, full particulars of the same should be stated.

I declare the above to be correct and true.

William Pearce Skipper.
P. Goodings Witness.

NOTE.—The entries in the above Forms are to be made immediately after the occurrence, and are to be signed by the Skipper and Second Hand, or, if either cannot write, by a member of the Crew, in lieu of the one who cannot write.

HERE RECORD DEATH OR INJURY.

Name of Person Killed or Injured.	Date and Place of Occurrence.	Nature and Cause of Accident.	Date and Place of Casualty.
Albert Pearson. 3rd 2nd.	Dec. 16 th 1885. 11 A.M. North Sea.	Dashed overboard by a large swelling wave and S.W.-280 miles	

Spotlight on...

The Missions to Seamen was founded in 1856.

The aims of the society were to minister to the spiritual and moral welfare needs of seafarers.

The society's Church of England outlook formed the basis of all missionary and educational activities, which included ship and hospital visiting, distribution of reading material, and the holding of services and social events. Over time, chaplaincies were established in key ports throughout the world.

In 2000, the name was changed to the Mission to Seafarers to reflect the changing nature of seafaring occupations.

Photograph of chaplain's visit onboard a lightship, c.1930s [U DMS/11/1]

Photograph showing the Hong Kong Flying Angel Institute, Feb 1956 [U DMS/11/2]



FACT

The Mission to Seafarers have operated in Hull since the earliest days of the Society's history.

The first Hull chaplain worked in conjunction with the pre-existing Port of Hull Society.

Vol.15 No.1 Jan/Feb issue of the Flying Angel News, produced by the Society, 1972 [U DMS/13/3/15]

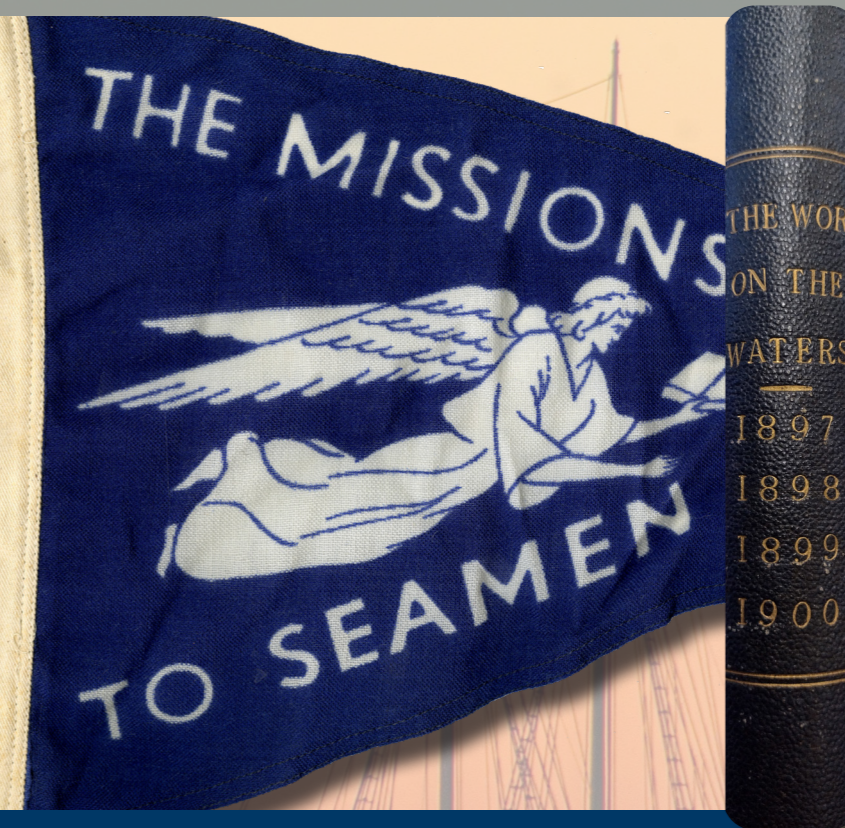


The Mission to Seafarers [U DMS]

The collection covers all aspects of activity, at home and abroad, in the period 1825-2014.

Records include:

- Minutes
- Annual reports & accounts
- Port files
- Personnel files
- Committee files
- Publications
- Photos & AV material
- Subject files
- Diaries and scrapbooks
- Objects
- Records of local branches and amalgamated societies



Nov. 12 On the 'Comeric' I found that Captain Hall, as a boy, used to live at North End, a few doors from us, and that he knew Percy very well indeed, and went to sea about the same time. Spent a long time in Hospital, as there are many seamen there at present.

Related Material

- [C DSMS] Hull Mission to Seafarers, 1796-2002
- [C TYR] WWII ARP Personnel Cards, 1935-1947
- [L.362.73] Adverts in The Helmsman, 1919-1937
- [L MAPS] Maps showing locations of associated buildings
- [U DCIM] Records of International Christian Maritime Association
- [U DX365] Lantern Slides of J.B. Barton, MtS Chaplain, c.1890-1930
- [U DX302] Records of the General Secretary of the Missions to Seamen, 1980s
- [C DSSF] Records of the Hull Sailors' Families Society (including the Port of Hull Society and Hull Branch Missions to Seamen)

Extract, diary of Rev Nibbs, 1909-1912 [U DMS/20/2/1]

Princes Dock, 1953
[Lp.387.13.172/1]



Spotlight on...

Extract from passenger
steamer handbook showing
steamer room layouts,
1893 [U DEW/8/1]

At one time, Ellerman's Wilson Line was the largest privately owned shipping company in the world.

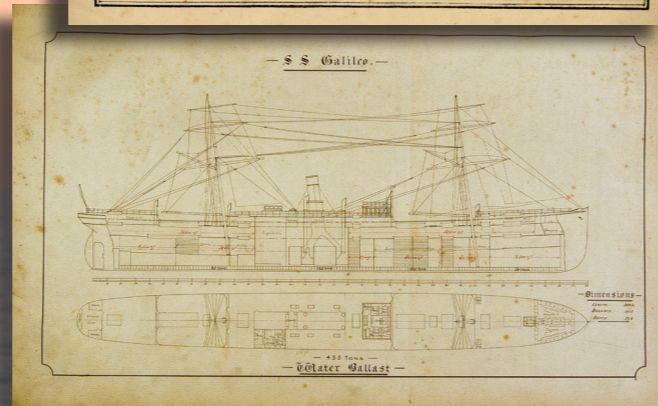
Its origins are to be found in an initial venture by Thomas Wilson of Hull in 1820, who first formed a partnership with John Beckington in 1822, and then with additional partners Thomas and John Hudson.

Following the death of Beckington and the withdrawal of the Hudsons, Wilson brought in his son David to form Thomas Wilson Son & Co in 1841. Younger children, Charles and Arthur, joined the company in 1850 to create Thomas Wilson Sons & Co.

In 1916 a deal was concluded with Sir John Reeves Ellerman, another Hull based ship owner, and the company's name was changed to the Ellerman's Wilson Line in January 1917.

In 1972 the bulk of the remaining Ellerman's Wilson Line became the Transport Division of Ellerman Lines Ltd. This was not a success and Ellerman Lines, along with what little was left of Ellerman's Wilson Line, was bought by Trafalgar House and became part of the Cunard Steamship Company Ltd.

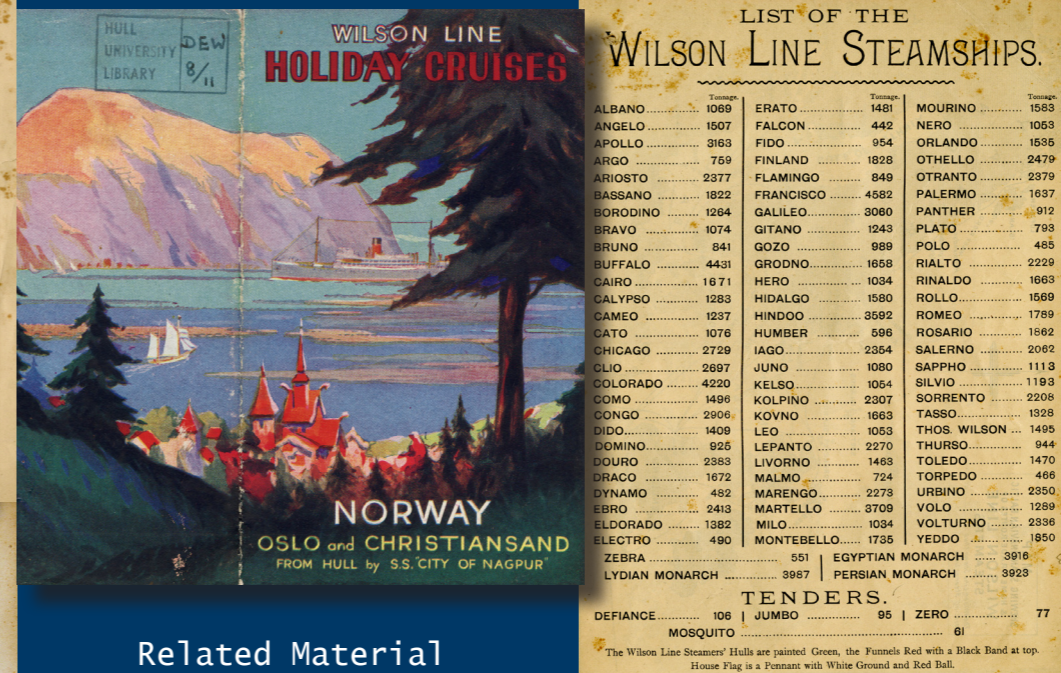
Plan of S.S. Galileo from a
Wilson Line Ships' Registry
Book, 1860-1883 [U DEW/10/1]



FACT

Ellerman's Wilson Line
operated numerous shipping
routes from Hull to areas
including Scandinavia, North
America, the Adriatic, the
Black Sea, India, Russia, and
the Mediterranean.

The line's steamers had green hulls with red funnels, which were topped with a black band.



Related Material

- [U DJF] Jeffrey Robert Fewlass, 1881-1998
- [U DFW] Wilson and Wilson-Filmer Families, 1696-2002
- [U DX368] Ellerman's Wilson Line and Company, c.1928-1989
- [U DX385] Wilson Family, 1983-1984
- [U DX386] William Hamilton Broughton & the SS Rinaldo, 1902

Ellerman's Wilson Line [U DEW]

Advert, Wilson Line's
Norwegian passenger
route, 1936 [U DEW/8/11]
(below left)

Wilson Line steamships
list, 1893 [U DEW/8/1]
(below right)

Records cover the period 1825-1974 and include:

- Minutes
- Accounts
- Ships' log books
- Note books
- Ship specifications and contracts
- Bills of sale for ships
- Correspondence & subject files
- Publicity material
- Personnel records

List of shipments, Hull
to Windau, made by
Wilson Line, 1902-1903
[U DEW/4/46]

Year	Steamer	Tons	Average per Steamer	Tons Freight	
<u>1902</u>	17	275	16	£26	
<u>1903</u> <i>to end of June</i>	14	409	29	£49	Local.
		6422	14 1372	£1372	x New York.
<u>by Bailey & Latham</u>					
<u>1902</u>	13	216	22		
<u>1903</u> <i>to end of June</i>	9	323	36		
<u>by United S S Co</u>					
<u>1902</u>	21	584	28		
<u>1903</u> <i>to end of June</i>	11	493	45		
<u>1902</u>		<u>Nelson</u>		Tons.	
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				261	

Spotlight on...

Notice, 1932
[C DPD/1/3/5/1/217]

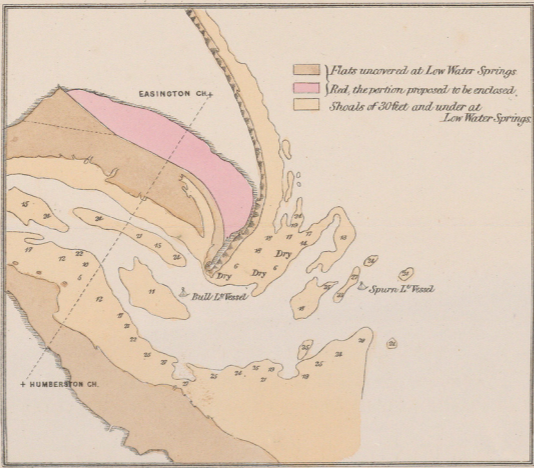
Detail, survey of the entrance to
the Humber, 1852 [C DPD/1/2/3/5/10]

The Humber Ports comprised the docks at
Hull, Goole, Immingham and Grimsby.

The development, maintenance and administration of
these ports, as told through the records in this
collection, is a history of acquisitions, mergers,
nationalisation, and privatisation.

This process culminated in the operation of the
ports by Associated British Ports (ABP) and the
deposit of the collection at Hull History Centre.

FROM THE LATEST ADMIRALTY SURVEY
By Staff Commander Calver R.N. 1852



Note Soundings in feet

(9)
HUMBER CONSERVANCY BOARD.
NOTICE TO MARINERS.
(LOWER HUMBER).

**Establishment of Light Buoy off
Life-Boat Slipway at Spurn.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on or
about the 7th instant, the Royal National Life-Boat
Institution propose to commence the alteration and
extension of their Life-Boat Slipway in the Humber
at Spurn. When completed, the Slipway will extend
about 81 feet further into the river than it does at
present.

To mark and light the Slipway, it is proposed,
on or about Wednesday next, the 9th instant (weather
and other circumstances permitting), to establish a
conical buoy, painted black and exhibiting a white
light giving one flash every 6 seconds (1 second flash
and 5 seconds eclipse), in a position approximately
100 feet Northward of the end of the Slipway as
proposed to be extended.

No further Notice will be issued.

By Order,
ALFRED W. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

HULL, 3rd March, 1932.

Copies of this Notice may be obtained on application at the Board's Offices at
Hull (Whitefriargate, Tel. Cent. 35410) : Grimsby (54a, Cleethorpe Road, Tel. 3129) and
Goole (Stanhope Street, Tel. 52).

Humber Ports & Conservancy [C DPD]

This large collection contains records relating
to Humber Conservancy Commissioners (c.1800-
1967), Hull Docks Company (1772-1971), Hull &
Barnsley Railway (1886-1917), Aire & Calder
Navigation (1870-1930s), Dock engineering (1827-
1969), Dock estate (1810-1964), and British
Transport Docks Board, Hull (1885-1982).

Subject coverage includes bouyage, lights,
wreckage management, coastal erosion, pilotage,
and dock development.

Records include minutes, accounts, plans and
surveys, lighthouse and lightship log books,
correspondence, reports, Parliamentary bills and
petitions.

FACT

A statute of 1852 established
the Humber Conservancy
Commissioners, giving them
administrative powers to
maintain, improve and mark
navigation channels along the
Humber. This work was vital to
keeping the river safe.

In 1907, the Commissioners
were dissolved and replaced
by the Humber Conservancy
Board. Powers were extended to
include oversight of beaconage,
buoyage, lighthouses, and
pilotage. These functions had
formerly been undertaken by
Hull Trinity House.

Port of Hull
A List of the Shipowners as
registered on the 31st December 1899, with
the respective names, residences and registered
tonnage of the vessels in respect of which they
are registered, and the number of shares in
each of such vessels held by them.

OWNER'S NAME.	RESIDENCE.	SHIP'S NAME.			
Day, Benjamin	45 Spynner St. Hull	Lily	72	82	36
Day, Joe	68 Reform St. Hull	Alpha	64	21	21.
Dean, Frank English	42 North Terrace Wood Dock Avenue, Hull	Albatross	65	16	16.
Reddington Steam Ship Company Limited The	Hull	Arlington	1986	64	1986
		Burton	1271	64	1271
		Barton	2184	64	2184
		Barton	1761	64	1761
		Leica	1389	64	1389
			8591		

Register of ship owners eligible
to vote in elections of the
Humber Conservancy Commissioners,
1900 [C DPD/1/2/2/3]

Related Material

- [U DPI] Humber Pilots, 1898-1976
- [U DTR] Hull Trinity House, 1661-1907
- [U DEW2/24] Humber Conservancy Board, 1933-1957
- [C DIMA] Humber Conservancy Commissioners, 1852-1882

List of Wrecks removed by explosive by the Humber Conservancy Commissioners, 1899 [C DPD/1/2/3/37]

Description	Tonnage	Name of Vessel	Date when reported to Wrecks Committee	Name of Ship
Schooner	about 100	Darlington	5 December 1876	New
Schooner	about 100	Pilgrim	2 January 1877	New
Wheel	about 50	John F. Hardline	14 March 1877	New
Barge	1499	Deerfoot	5 December 1878	New
Schooner	1055	Peace	22 August 1879	New
Schooner	100	Hammack Booth	2 September 1879	New
Smack	about 80	Edwards	28 February 1881	New
Smack	about 75	June	28 February 1881	New
Smack				New
Schooner				John
Smack				John
Smack	about 70	Ruby	2 January 1885	Thel
Wheel	about 60	Annie	9 January 1885	New
Wheel	about 50	Edna	10 March 1885	New

MARITIME PUBLICATIONS

Cover of Anchor magazine, produced by the Apostleship of the Sea, 1947 [U DAPS/6/1/1]

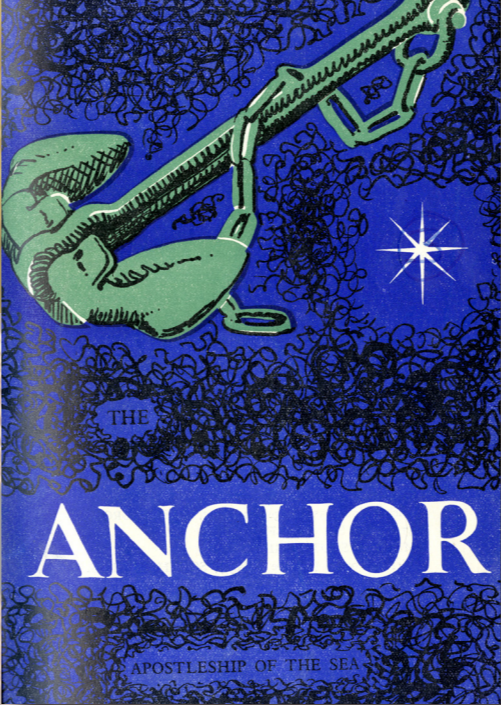
Over the centuries, various newsletters, newspapers and magazines have been published by organisations and individuals with an interest in seafaring and the marine world.

These publications provide useful background information for maritime research.

They often contain notices, adverts and articles relating to shipping companies, wreckages, tragedies at sea, alterations and extensions to docklands, charities, and a host of other relevant subjects.

These resources can be used on their own, or as a supplement to collections listed in this guide.

Notice in The Helmsman, produced by the Port of Hull Society, 1931 [L.362.73]



Yesterday afternoon, an appropriate discourse was delivered at Waltham-street chapel, to the seamen employed in the fisheries, by the Rev. James Everett: the chapel was extremely crowded, and the audience highly attentive.— We understand that a sermon, also addressed to the seamen, will be preached on Sunday afternoon next, at Bethel chapel, Dock-street;

Extracts from the Hull Packet relating to a seafarer's service, 24 Feb 1818, and a fishermen's strike, 17 Dec 1880 [L]

TERMINATION OF THE FISHERMEN'S STRIKE IN HULL.
—On Monday night a meeting of the fishermen on strike against the "boxing" system was held at the St. James's Schoolrooms, Porter-street, Hull, Mr James Carrick in the chair. A resolution was put to the meeting, and carried, that the strike should terminate at once, and that all the members of the Hull Trawl Fishermen's Protection Association, which has had the management of the movement, should be at liberty to resume their occupations and go to sea under any system they pleased. The strike was first declared by a resolution of the Fishermen's Protection Association passed at a meeting held on Monday, October 18th, and the strike has therefore lasted exactly eight weeks.

FACT
Prior to the start of the fishing, trawling and whaling seasons, special services were held for seamen in recognition of the dangerous work they were about to undertake.

Sermons from these services, usually long moral tales directed at the seamen, were often printed for circulation and sale as a reminder of the spiritual and moral dangers that existed alongside the physical dangers of a life at sea.

Issue of The Helmsman, produced by the Port of Hull Society, 1931 [L.362.73]

1821

Sailors' Institute

1931

Waterhouse Lane.

INSTITUTE.	SERVICES.	LIBRARIES.
Open Daily. 9-0 a.m. to 6-0 p.m. Daily Papers. Stationery provided free.	Sunday: Afternoon 3- 0 p.m Evening 6-30 p.m Tuesday: 7-30 p.m. All Sailors Cordially Invited.	Loan Library: 350 Volumes on loan to Sailors. Ocean Library Libraries issued and exchanged.

Highlight...

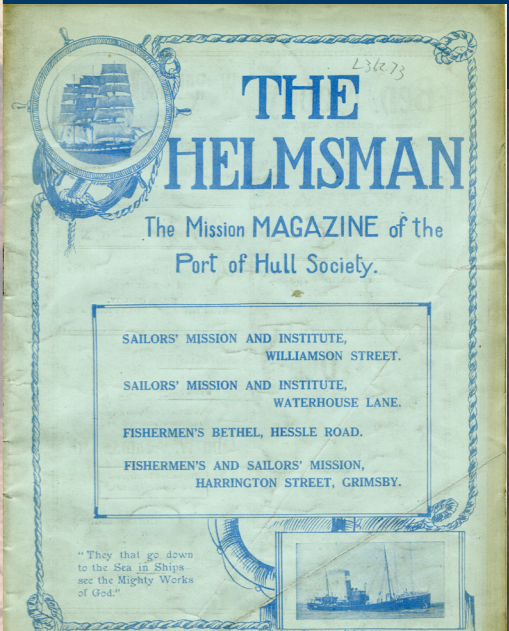
Reference: U DX338
Collection: The Shipping and Mercantile Gazette
Covering dates: 1870-1884
Extent: 52 volumes

The Gazette was issued everyday but Sunday and featured articles relating to world shipping news, shipping and maritime intelligence, shares and wind charts.

Features include: Morning Summary, listing ships' voyages, sales, and casualties; Ships Loading and Dock Directory, including a monthly tide table; The Homeward-bound List, showing ships due home.

Useful Collections

- [L] Hull Packet
- [L] Hull Advertiser and Exchange Gazette
- [U DAPS] The Anchor, 1947-1996
- [U DAPS] At Anchor, 1963-1968
- [U DAPS] Apostleship of the Sea Quarterly, 1936-1947
- [U DAPS] Catholic Maritime News, 1945-1996
- [U DMS] The Flying Angel News, 1958-2010
- [U DMS] The Sea, 1974-2010
- [U DMS] The Church and the Sailor, 1911-1957
- [U DMS] The Word on the Waters, 1858-1910
- [C DSSF/1/2/1] Ashore and Afloat, 1881-2001
- [C DSSF/1/2/2] The Helmsman, 1919-1937
- [L.387(9)] Slabline: Journal of the Humber Sloop and Keel Preservation Society
- [L.380] Port of Hull Journal
- [L.639.22] Trawling Times
- [L.252] Printed sermons
- [L.639.22] Accounts of fishing and other voyages
- [L.821] Poems on maritime themes
- [L(WHA).639.28] Accounts of whaling voyages





Illustration, the Floating Chapel, 1820s
[C DSSF/1/2/5/40]

CHARITY & WELFARE

The seafaring life was a dangerous one.

Many sailors and fishermen were injured or killed as a direct result of their work. Others were affected by the seasonal and unpredictable nature of the work.

The 19th century saw a surge in the formation of societies, charitable funds, and civic endeavours aiming to ease the social and economic problems this created.

Hull Fishermen's Widows and Orphans Relief Fund.

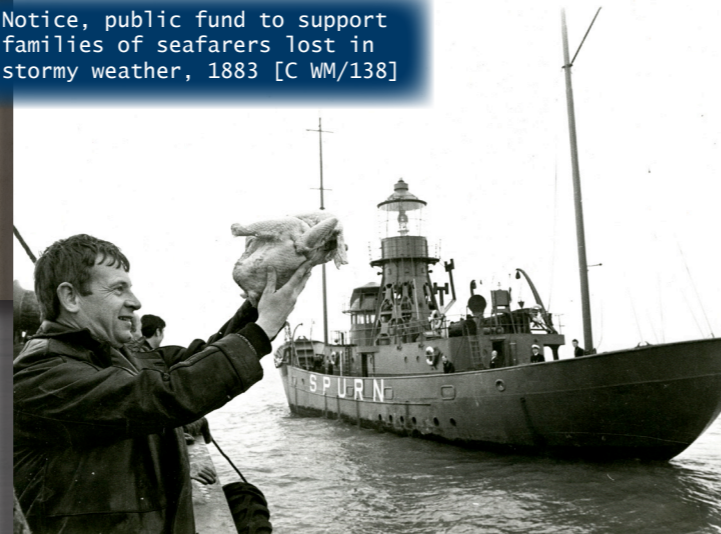
Scheme for Distribution of the Fund.

The estimated balance of this Fund available for distribution among the Widows and Orphans of Hull Fishermen, lost at sea during the heavy gales of January and March, 1883, amounts to the sum of £5511.

It is proposed that this amount shall be divided in the following manner:—

To each Widow	£45	0	0
„ Orphan	21	0	0
„ Aged Parent	20	0	0

Notice, public fund to support families of seafarers lost in stormy weather, 1883 [C WM/138]



Photograph showing a Christmas gift giving visit to the crew of the Spurn lightship, 20th cent.
[C DSMS/3/6/2]

Useful Collections

- [U DTR] Hull Trinity House, 1661-1907
- [U DMS] Missions to Seamen, 1825-1995
- [U DAPS] Apostleship of the Sea, 1922-2014
- [C DSMS] Mission to Seamen Hull, 1858-2002
- [C DSHO] Sailors' Orphans Society, 1853-1886
- [C DSSF] Sailors' Children's Society, 1821-2001
- [C TMM/3/1] S.S. Westbourne Relief Fund, 1889-1891
- [C DCGL] German Lutheran Church & Mission, 1867-1990
- [C WM/138] Hull Fishermen's Widows & Orphans Fund, 1883
- [C WM/184] Hull Fishermen's Widows & Orphans Fund, 1895
- [C DITT/2/9] Minesweepers' Widows & Orphans Fund, 1919
- [C DBTH/45] Hull Fishermens' Widows & Orphans Fund, 1897-1982
- [C DUS] Federation of Sailmakers of Great Britain and Ireland, 1893-1915

Highlight...

Reference: C DSHO
Collection: Hull Seamen's and General Orphanage
Covering dates: 1853-1986
Extent: 52 boxes

Formed in 1853 as the Hull Mariners' Church Orphan Society, the Society provided clothing and education for orphaned children, with preference given to children of deceased seafarers.

Records include minutes, reports, letter books, rules, photographs, financial statements and accounts, applications and registers.

Leaflet produced by the Hull Seamen's & General Orphanage
[C DSHO/1/162]

For the Benefit of the Distressed Widows and Orphans of the Unfortunate Seamen who perished in the Ship Royalist.

MECHANICAL & OPTICAL EXHIBITION, WHITEFRIARGATE, HULL.

MR. LOUIS, duly impressed with a sense of gratitude for the generous and distinguished Patronage, with which his "RATIONAL AMUSEMENTS" at the above place have been honoured, by the Inhabitants of Hull and its Vicinity; prompted also by a feeling of Humanity, to assist in the noble undertaking of wiping the tear from the eye of those who have so unfortunately been plunged into Wretchedness, by a most calamitous and untoward Disaster, begs most respectfully to announce, that he intends apportioning the Whole of the Receipts of One Day and Evening's Exhibition in aid of the RELIEF of the said WIDOWS and ORPHANS, who, by this unfortunate Event, have been deprived a like of Protection and Support: and that Monday next, September 19th, is fixed upon for that Purpose; when the nett Profits arising from that Day and Evening's Exhibition will be paid into the Hands of the Gentlemen forming the Committee for managing the Subscription for the above benevolent design.

Notice in the Hull Advertiser & Evening News, 17 Sep 1814 [L]



AN ACROSTIC,

SEAMAN'S ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Sunny and bright at early day
Each heart is bounding light and gay,
And the brave barque sails swift and free
Majestic on the mighty sea.
Alas! how changed within an hour,
Neptune puts forth malignant power.
Swift lightning on the sea is hurld,
Outburst the thunders on the world;
Remorseless is the greedy wave,
Promptness and skill fall short to save;
Hope is in vain, the mountains leap,
All hands are lost within the deep.
Now turn we to the distant shore
And witness scenes that all deplore,
Sweet babes without a father's care,
Yielding to sadness and despair,
Lo! in this grief arise and see,
United are the sisters three,
Mercy, and Hope and Charity.

J. H.
Hull, Oct. 1st, 1884.

FACT

Many of the societies formed in the 19th century had a Christian missionary foundation.

The earliest of these was the Hull Marine Bible Society, formed in 1817. This was shortly followed by the Port of Hull Society in 1821. The Port of Hull Society operated a floating chapel onboard the ship 'Valiant', which was moored in Queen's Dock.

RIVER & PORT ADMINISTRATION

Management of the River Humber has been an important feature of administration in Hull since the medieval period.

Issues such as ships entering and leaving port, installation and maintenance of lights and buoys, and removal of wrecks had to be managed for customs purposes and safety reasons.

Responsibilities in these areas have been taken on at various times by Hull Trinity House, Humber Conservancy Commissioners, Humber Conservancy Board, Humber Docks Board, Council Committees, and Associated British Ports.

Extract from Hull City Council Pilots Committee minutes, 6 Feb 1896 [C TCM/2/9/4]

Highlight...

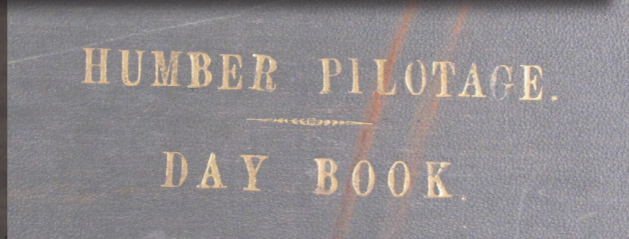
Reference: U DPI
Collection: Records of the Humber Pilots
Covering dates: 1898-1976
Extent: 59 volumes

Collection relates to the piloting of vessels on the River Humber by designated pilots as determined under The Humber Pilots Bill of 1800 and subsequent related legislation.

Records include pilotage day books, collection books, cash books, docking order fees and pilotage dues lists, journals, ledgers, victualling committee cash books.

Humber Pilots, pilotage day book, 1934-1940 [U DPI/1/2]

HUMBER PILOTAGE DAY BOOK													
OUTWARD.													
DATE	No. OF VESSELS	SHIP.	PILOT.	TOWAGE	TIDE	WIND	BRITISH VESSELS.				No. OF VESSELS	TOWAGE	TIDE
							RENT.	GROSS.	CARGO.	RAILWAY.			
1937	254	Rein	Stocks	Bye	13	619	116	77	48	11	16	7	
5	5	Abledal	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
6	6	Raduoc	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
7	7	Ellasborg	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
8	8	The Sultan	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
9	9	By. No. 11	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
10	10	By. No. 12	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
11	11	By. No. 13	Marshall	Shew	14	10							
12	12	By. No. 14	Marshall	Shew	14	10							



Ballast Lightermen be allowed to load Ballast from the mouth of the Old Harbour in future.

The Commodore (Captain Morgan), read a letter from Messrs. Castle & Co., presenting the Humber Pilots with a Naval Telescope as a small instalment of the nautical outfit for the new steam Pilot Cutter.

On February 7th Mr. W. A. Massey explained that

FACT

Hull Trinity House's jurisdiction over shipping on the Humber and maintenance of river safety was established by royal charter in 1581. These responsibilities ended with the Humber Conservancy Act in 1852, passing to the newly formed Humber Conservancy Commissioners.

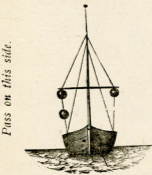
Useful Collections

- [C DIGP] Humber Conservancy, 1875-1898
- [C DIMA] Humber Conservancy Commissioners, 1852-1882
- [C DPD] Humber Conservancy and Humber Ports, 1772-1982
- [C TCFP] Hull Corporation River Humber Bank Footpaths Committee, 1863-1912
- [C TCHC] Hull Corporation Humber Conservancy Committees, 1851-1914
- [C TCHU] Humber Foreshore Committee of Hull Town Council, 1862-1964
- [C TCPI] Hull Corporation Pilots Committee, 1885-1891
- [C TGH] Hull Harbourmaster, 1950-1990
- [C TCNP] National Ports Council Inquiry: proposed increase in port charges, 1981-1983
- [C TCDN] Hull Town Council Driffield Navigation Committee, 1856
- [C TCPD] Hull Town Council Port Dues Committee, 1846-1853
- [C TCFI] Hull Town Council Fisheries Committee, 1888-1891
- [C TCPO] Hull Town Council Pontoon Committee, 1867
- [C TCSH] Hull Town Council Shipping Dues Committee, 1850-1861
- [C DSTR] Trinity House Muster Rolls, 1747-1851
- [C DBAW] Associated British Ports and Predecessors, 1810-1954
- [U DPW/3/113-116] Correspondence of Patrick Wall MP with Humber Pilots Society, 1980s
- [U DTR] Hull Trinity House, 1661-1907
- [L.387] Customs Bills of Entry (Port of Hull), 1832-1971



Photograph, Spurn lightship being towed, Feb 1974 [Lp.387.2 SPU2]

Notice issued by Hull Trinity House relating to wreckage markers, 19th cent. [C DPD/1/1/7/5]



Pass on this side.

Mariners will thus know, on sighting a Wreck-marking craft, that she is so employed; and that they should pass on that side of her on which the two balls or two lights are shewn.

Humber Conservancy account, 1894 [C TCM/2/9/4]

Engineer	450	0	0	
Office Keeper	200	0	0	
	25	0	0	
Office Rent				1225 0 0
Reads Island :-				100 0 0
Allowance to Tenant for keeping up Banks, &c.	25	0	0	
Income Tax allowed Tenant	11	5	0	
Works done on Island	597	15	1	
				634 0 1
Bromfleet Island and Foreshores				95 7 10
Removal of Wrecks				471 16 1
Salvage Vessel "Auckland" (including Insurance)	200	1	3	
Wages to Crew	319	12	4	
				519 13 7
Expenses of Conservator and Assistant	15	8	1	
Expenses of Engineer	11	0	10	
Launch "F. B. Grotrian"	292	0	1	
Bills in Parliament	3	6	2	
Printing, Advertising, &c.	33	12	0	
Expenses attending Surveys	11	19	7	

MARINE ECOLOGY

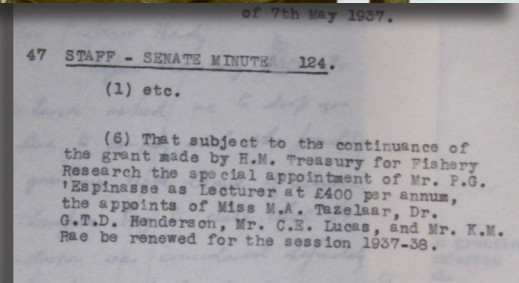
Photograph of the Fisheries lab at University College Hull, c.1930 [U PHO]



The study of water and ecology is significant to understanding the full history of the coastal region of Hull and the East Riding.

The ancient Holderness area was marshland, until it was drained in the Middle Ages. In the centuries since, it has experienced periods of severe flooding, with resulting impact on the local environment.

Minute relating to University College Hull Fisheries research staff, 1937 [U PHR/1/175]



Poster relating to the Sea Birds' Preservation Bill, 1869 [U DSB/184]

SEA BIRDS' PRESERVATION BILL, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that any Person killing, wounding, or taking, or attempting to kill, wound, or take, any Sea Bird, between the 1st day of April and the 1st day of August, is liable to a penalty of £1, recoverable before any Justice of the Peace, for each Sea Bird so killed, wounded, or taken. And one-half of such penalty is payable to the Informer.

The Act came into force on the 24th June, 1869.

ROBERT BOAG, WILLIAM H. PATTERSON, HON. SECS.
EDWARD PIM, HON. TREASURER,
Belfast Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Belfast, July, 1869.

W. & O. BAIRD Printers, Arthur Street, Belfast.

The coastline has been the subject of surveys into land erosion since the 17th century, revealing a history of lost towns and changing coastal environments.

The University of Hull has long been a leader in marine research. One of its earliest and most successful courses was Zoology, with a heavy focus on fisheries research.

Human impact on sea bird colonies of the East Yorkshire coast inspired historic conservation legislation, beginning in the 19th century.

FACT

The world famous Continuous Plankton Recorder Experiment, still in operation today, began in 1931 at Hull with the work of Sir Alister Hardy.

Highlight...

Reference: U DDB
Collection: George de Boer
Covering dates: 1231-2006
Extent: 5.5 linear metres

Born in Hull, George de Boer was a physical geographer and lecturer at the University of Hull. His research focused on the evolution of the Holderness coast and Spurn Head. He was also involved with the Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust's work at Spurn.

Records include research notes, correspondence, draft and printed publications, newsletters, photographs, slides, maps, and minutes of Spurn Management Committee and the Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust.

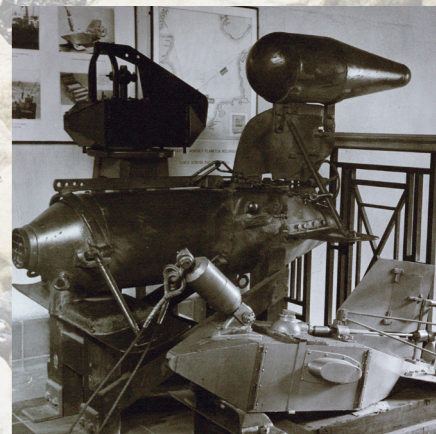
Photograph of George de Boer delivering a lecture at Hull, 1950s [U DDB/3/1]



Useful Collections

- [U ADU/1/573] Scarborough Y.P.I. Weekend, Courses on marine Biology and Local History, Dec 1949-May 1950
- [U DBV/22/23] File. Marine Action Centre: Marine Mammals, 1976-1979
- [U DGEF/11/6] Report: Draft Operational Program No.2 Coastal, Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems, 20th cent.
- [U PHO] University Photographic Collection, showing Oceanography students, labs and research materials, 1920s-1940s
- [U PHR/1/23, 43, 94, 105, 119, 136, 144, 175, 183, 228, 230] University of Hull personnel files relating to fellows, researchers, and assistants working within the department of Oceanography, 1930s-1970s
- [U DSB] Association for the Protection of Sea-Birds, 1834-2000
- [U DX175] Papers of Sir Alister Clavering Hardy, including reference to the Continuous Plankton Recorder Survey, 1927-1984
- [C TLP/350] Hull Municipal Corporation Papers: Humber Conservancy Dredging Scheme, 1905-1906
- [C TMM/1/14] Correspondence files about flooding in Hull, 1954-1955
- [C TMK/1/2/15] Report of the Great Flood in Hull, 1921
- [C DBHT/5/379] Press cuttings: Flooding in Holderness, 19th-20th cent.
- [C DPD/4/10/1] Coastal erosion in Holderness, 1898-1907
- [C DPD/1/2/14/6] The Humber Banks and Foreshores, c.1905

Photograph of the Continuous Plankton Recorder, c.1931 [U PHO]



WAR & THE WATER

Instructions for arming merchant ships to defend against Napoleonic forces, 1798 [U DDSY/104/116]

In times of war, port towns such as Hull were often caught up in the conflict.

Ships were targeted by opposing navies trying to disrupt supply lines and trade routes. Merchant vessels might be commandeered for military use by the Ministry of Defence.

Crews of these vessels risked attack, wreckage and capture as prisoners of war.

Additionally, coastal areas had to be monitored for weaknesses and fortified to prevent enemy incursions from the water.

To those who may not have had any opportunity of carrying the Plan of Arming their Launches or Long Boats into Execution, it may be necessary to explain that the only thing to be done is,

To make two Carlings to reach from the Stem to the Stern of the Launch or Boat, in such a manner as to ship and unship at pleasure.

To have a Gun Carriage made as described in the Drawing, for as to rest on the Carlings or Slides (of a proper size to receive one of the Guns belonging to the Ship) the Gun to be taken off its proper Carriage and to be hoisted into the Launch or Boat whenever it may be wanted.

for this See

A portable
always be
Cartridges
and when
usual Store
whole open
Boats of
manner.

War Losses - 1939 to			
Name	Date	How Lost	Remarks
<i>1939</i> Furio	15. 9. 39	Torpedoed.	By Submarine North Sea. 33 knots.
Carlo	16. 9. 39	Sold H.M.	Transferred to H. M. L. on previous page.
Mourino	16. 9. 39	" " "	
Borodino	16. 9. 39	" " "	
<i>1940</i> Gairke	21. 5. 40	" " "	
Albano	2. 3. 40	Mined.	North Sea.
Valerio	2. 5. 40	Captured	at Landa Norway.
Salmo	3. 7. 40	Captured	at Casa Blanca North Africa.
Leo	25. 7. 40	Bombed from air.	off Dover.

List of Ellerman's Wilson Line vessels lost in WWII, 1939-1940 [U DEW/10/11]



Postcard, damage done to a Hull trawler mistaken as a warship, 1904 [L RH.220]

Spanish Seamen, Wives, and Officers, landed in Hull March 1939.			
Unfortunated in Hull, May. 3rd 1940.			
Name	Address	Departure	Destination
Juan Ugarte & Ugarte	4 Park Grove,	Hull,	Capt.
Juana	do.	..	Wife.
Fortunato Luno Bilbao	29 Wilby Rd,	..	Sailor.
Dolores	"	..	Wife.
Josequin Gopelana	121 Park Grove,	..	Officer,
Angel Lopez	46 Marlboro Avenue,	..	Sailor.
Modesto Castanera	59 Morrill St,	..	Engineer,
Eduardo Estanaga	218 Beverley Rd	..	Engineer, Died Nov. 22nd ditto. 1940
Eduardo Estanaga Junior	218	Son of above,
Loves, Estanaga	218	Wife

J.D.L. Nicholson, Secretary, Hull Trades Council

List of Spanish seamen and wives stranded in Hull during the Spanish Civil War, 1940 [U DSTC/2/16]

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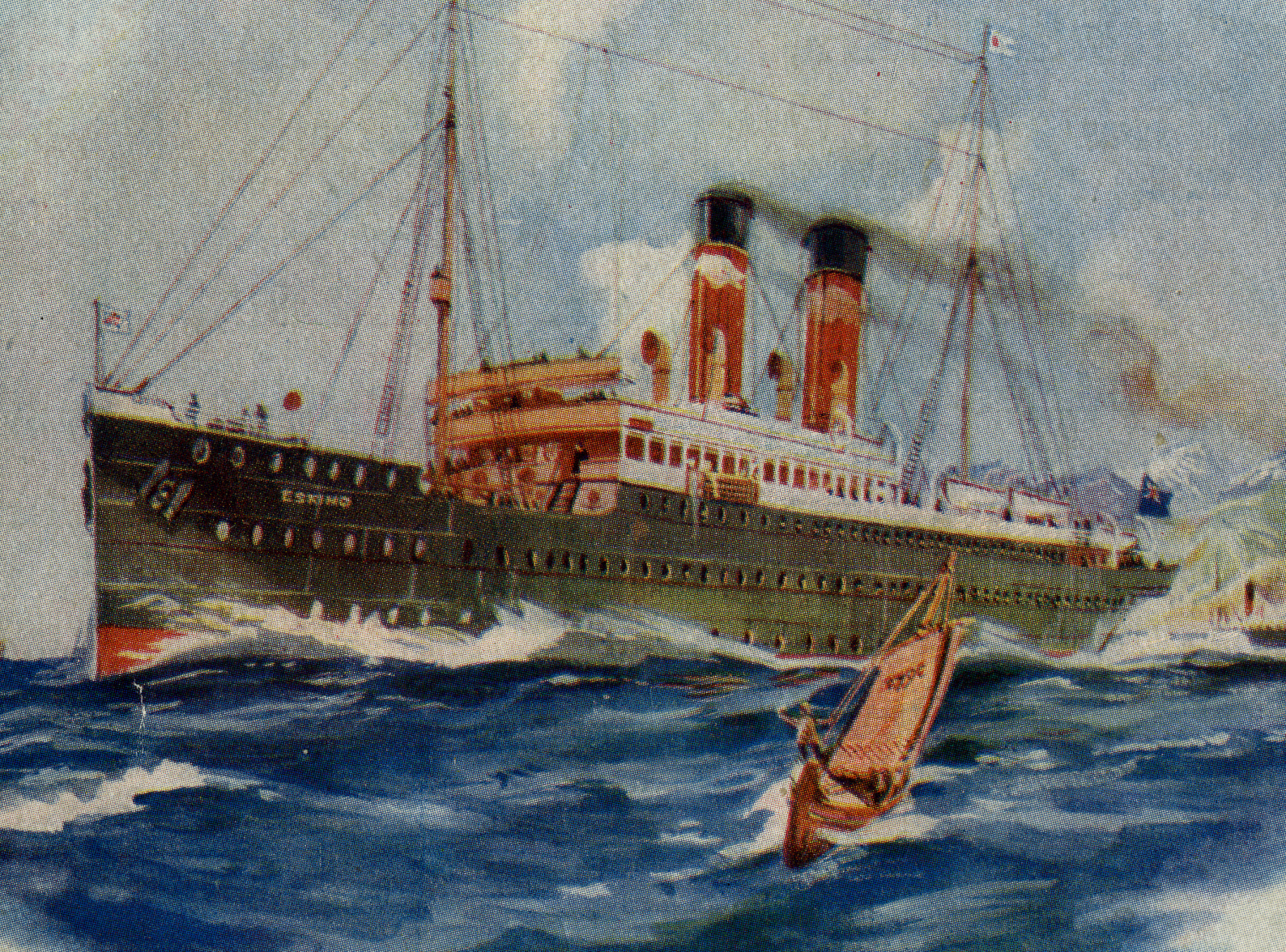
Reference: U DSTC (2/7-9, 12-23, 25-26, 32, 36-39, 41, 43, 46, 51-52, 60 and 3/2-3)
Collection: Hull and District Trades Council
Covering dates: 1935-1941
Extent: 32 files

During the Spanish Civil War, the crew of a Spanish ship were stranded in Hull after making known their opposition to the Franco Regime.

These files document the support provided to individuals by Hull and District Trades Council. Additionally, they record efforts to generate financial support and to send a Hull 'foodship' to frontline fighters in Spain.

Useful Collections

- [U DDHO/7] Admiral Sir Henry Hotham, 1788-1841
- [U DEW/4/11 and 10/11, U DEW2/4/5, 4/131, 5/65, 5/67, 6/707, 8/7, 8/9-10, 8/12-13, 9/26-27, 14/15, 18/44] Records relating to Ellerman's Wilson Line operations during the First and Second World Wars, c.1914-1946
- [U DBN/15/1] British Shipping and the Spanish Civil War, 1938-1948
- [U DSTC/2/7, 11, 16, 18, 23, 26] Trades Council support for a foodship for Spain and Spanish crew stranded in Hull during the Spanish Civil War, 1935-1939
- [C DIFH] F.J. Houlthby, 1944-1946
- [C TCNM] Hull Corporation Special Committee regarding the Naval and War Military Pensions, 1916-1920
- [C DIHO/2/1] Diary of Voyage by Jack Holmes, 1940s
- [L DBFI/1-4] Logbooks of merchant vessels sailing with a naval escort during the Napoleonic Wars, 1798-1810
- [C DIBO] Postcards of the crew of Ellerman's Wilson Line vessel S.S. Aaro, held as POWs at Brandenburg, c.1914-1918
- [L RH/1/203-224] Renton Heathcote postcards showing vessels and crew involved in the Russian Outrage, 1904
- [U DDSY/104/116] Circular relating to defence of the coast by merchant ships, 1798
- [C TCCD] Hull Town Council Citadel and Foreshore Committee, 1858-1860
- [C BRL/1386/139] Coastal defences, 1782
- [C DITP] Yorkshire Dale Steamship Company Ltd of Hull, War Damage Claim, 1939-1955
- [C TSWD/46] Air Raid Precaution War Damage: River Hull, 1941-1953
- [C TSY/2/2] Bomb maps, showing damage done to Hull's docklands, Jun 1940-Jul 1943



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