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Addresses for further research

Admiralty Library

Naval Historical Branch or Admiralty Library
PP 20, Main Road
HM Naval Base
Portsmouth PO1 3LU
T +44 (0)2392 725297
E cns-nhbal@mod.uk

Information on all aspects of naval history, including merchant ships requisitioned/lost during both world wars. Enquiries about anything earlier than the Second World War, ships' badges, flags, etc., are usually dealt with by the Library, 1939 and later by the Historical Branch

Bartlett Library

National Maritime Museum Cornwall
Discovery Quay
Falmouth
Cornwall TR11 3QY
T +44 (0)1326 214579
E library@nmmc.co.uk
www.nmmc.co.uk

The collection includes merchant shipping and company histories; extensive run of *Lloyd's Register of Ships*; material on construction of small boats; Falmouth Harbourmaster's records 1880 to 1990 and other items relating to Cornwall's maritime history.

British Library

96 Euston Road
London NW1 2DB
T +44 (0)20 7412 7676
F +44 (0)20 7412 7609
www.bl.uk

A comprehensive collection of over 150 million separate items, which include books, journals, patents, manuscripts, maps, music and stamps.

The British Library also has an extensive picture library and is home to the British Library Sound Archive (formerly the National Sound Archive) and the India Office Library. Catalogues are available for view at the Euston Road site and on their website.

British Library Newspapers

Colindale Avenue
Colindale
London NW9 5HE
T +44 (0)20 7412 7353
F +44 (0)20 7412 7379
www.bl.uk

Collection of regional, national and foreign newspapers. Excludes London Press prior to 1801. Also hold a collection of magazines and journals.

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Information Services
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British Museum

Great Russell Street
London WC1B 3DG
T +44 (0)20 7323 8299
E information@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk
www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

The British Museum holds a collection of art and antiquities from ancient and living cultures. Housed in one of Britain's architectural landmarks, the collection is one of the finest in existence, spanning two million years of human history.

Chatham Dockyard Historical Society

The Museum
The Historic Dockyard
Chatham
Kent
T +44 (0)1634 823800
www.cdhs.org.uk

Artefacts, photographs, models and ships' badges collected by former Chatham Dockyard employees. Library holds records of naval dockyards, naval vessels and general naval history. Reference sources include *Navy Lists*, transactions of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects, *Lloyd's Register of Ships* and *Jane's Fighting Ships*.

Companies House

Companies Registration Office
Pembroke House
55 City Road
London EC1Y 1BB
T +44 (0)20 7253 9393
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

Company registration records dating from the mid-19th Century.

Corporation of Lloyd's

Lime Street
London EC3M 7HA
Attn: The Librarian
T +44 (0)20 7623 7100
E enquiries@lloyds.com
www.lloyds.com

For insurance records on ships insured on the London Market and records of Lloyd's history and development.

Family Records Centre (FRC)

The Family Records Centre (formerly in Farringdon) has now closed.

Births, deaths and marriages enquiries:
Services formerly offered by the General Register Office at the FRC.

The General Register Office holds details of birth, marriage and death certificates dating back to the start of civil registration in July 1837. This includes Births and deaths at sea.

Certificate Services Section

General Register Office
PO Box 2
Southport
PR8 2JD
T +44 (0) 845 603 7788
F +44 (0) 1704 550013

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Web site: www.lr.org

E certificate.services@ons.gsi.gov.uk
www.gro.gov.uk

Census & general enquiries:

For services formerly offered by the National Archives at the FRC. Census returns, wills and other sources, are now available at The National Archives in Kew.

T +44 (0)20 8876 3444
E enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Also covers the 1841-91 Census returns, which include crews of ships in harbour on Census night.

Also try:
www.familyrecords.gov.uk

Office for National Statistics
www.ons.gov.uk

Hull Maritime Museum

Queen Victoria Square
Hull
HU1 3DX

T +44 (0)1482 613902
F +44 (0)1482 613710

www.hullcc.gov.uk/museumcollections

Three main sections:

- i) 19th Century whaling to the Arctic;
- ii) Development of Hull and East Coast fishing in the North Sea;
- iii) Merchant Shipping. Hull shipping companies, notably the Wilson Line. Ship models and figureheads, including the *Sirius*.

Imarest Library

www.imarest.org/mic
mic@imarest.org
+44 (0)20 7382 2648

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road
London SE1 6HZ
T +44 (0)20 7416 5320
E mail@iwm.org.uk
F +44 (0)20 7416 5374
www.iwm.org.uk

Naval history covering both world wars.

Lancaster Maritime Museum

Custom House
St George's Quay
Lancaster
LA1 1RB

T +44 (0)1524 64637
F +44 (0)1524 841692

www.lancaster.gov.uk

Holdings relating to the Lancaster district; local shipping and inshore fishing. Also information on shipbuilding and the 18th Century African slave trade.

Lloyd's Marine Collection

Guildhall Library
Aldermanbury
London EC2P 2EJ
T +44 (0)20 7606 3030
F +44 (0)20 7600 3384

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

**Please note that the Guildhall Library is currently undergoing extensive*

Collection of Corporation of Lloyd's marine records including:

- i) Information on marine casualties and shipping movements dating from circa 1740. Sources include *Lloyd's Shipping Index*, war loss records and *British mercantile Navy List*;
- ii) *Lloyd's Captains' Register* (British

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<i>refurbishment so you should contact them directly to check the availability of material.</i>	Masters and Mates), from 1868 to 1947.
London Metropolitan Archives 40 Northampton Road London EC1R 0HB T +44 (0)20 7332 3820 Minicom 020 7272 8703 www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/family-research/index.htm	Largest local authority archive in the UK with records covering most aspects of the history of London and Londoners, including parish records. See website for the free London Generations and London Signatures (for wills) databases.
Maritime and Coastguard Agency Spring Place 105 Commercial Road Southampton SO1 0ZD T +44 (0)23 80329100 F +44 (0)23 80329292 www.mcga.gov.uk	Historical collection includes material relating to the administration of the British Merchant Shipping Acts from 1856 to date, e.g. wreck returns (mid-19th Century onwards) and reports of official enquiries from 1876.
Merseyside Maritime Museum Albert Dock Liverpool L3 4AQ T +44 (0)1514 784499 www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk	Marine history of Liverpool. Specialist collection relating to the slave trade and emigration. Good collection of ship plans, including White Star ships; Cunard archive and Customs Registers.
Motor Boat Museum Wat Tyler Country Park Pitsea Hall Lane Basildon Essex SS16 4UH T +44 (0)1268 550077 F +44 (0)1268 584207 www.basildon.gov.uk	Over 35 motor boats on display dating from 1873. Collections include the Carstairs collection, Ailsa Craig archive and incomplete collection of the <i>Lloyd's Register of Ships</i> dating from 1911. Reference library is open to the public on an appointment only basis.
Museum in Docklands No 1 Warehouse West India Quay Hertsmere Road London E14 4AL T +44 (0)20 7001 9825 www.museumindocklands.org.uk	History of London Docklands.
The National Archives Ruskin Avenue Kew Surrey TW9 4DU T +44 (0)20 8876 3444 E enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk www.nationalarchives.gov.uk	Formed in 2003, the National Archives brings together the Public Record Office and the Historic Manuscripts Commission. Collections include early records of the Registry of Shipping & Seamen, plus Board of Trade, Ministry of Defense documents and other government papers. The National Register of Archives, which contains information on the nature and

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location of manuscripts and historical records that relate to British history, will also now operate from Kew.

National Maritime Museum

Park Row
Greenwich
London SE10 9NF
T +44 (0)20 8858 4422
F +44 (0)20 8312 6632
www.nmm.ac.uk

Caird Library

www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library

See also www.port.nmm.ac.uk for free services provided by the National Maritime Museum for access to quality maritime information and resources via the Internet.

National Museum & Gallery Cardiff

Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NP
029 2039 7951
www.nmgw.ac.uk

Registry of Shipping and Seamen

MCA Cardiff
Anchor Court
Ocean Way
Cardiff
CF24 5JW
T +44 (0)29 20 448800
F +44 (0)29 20 448820
www.mcga.gov.uk

National repository for books, models, plans, photographs, paintings, etc, covering maritime history from the earliest times. Collections include *Lloyd's Register of Ships* 1764 to date, Lloyd's Register Survey Reports 1840-1968 (incomplete collection), atlases, shipping company records, historical journals covering merchant marine and naval history. For ship plans, which are held offsite, please mark your envelope "Ship Plans" and send to the Greenwich address on the left.

Records of ships registered in the UK and Commonwealth and the careers of British seafarers. Records of births, marriages and deaths at sea.

Early records, dating back to 1800s, are held at the National Archives (above).

RSS and ship registration in the UK is included on the MCA's website (left)

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Royal Engineers Museum of Military Engineering

Prince Arthur Road
Gillingham
Kent
ME4 4UG
T +44 (0)1634 406397 (museum)
T +44 (0)1634 822416 (library)
www.re-museum.co.uk

The museum is complemented by the Corps library, an extensive archive begun in 1813. The collection includes books, manuals, manuscripts, maps, plans and photographs. The library is open by appointment from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Scottish Business Archive at the University of Glasgow

13 Thurso Street
Glasgow G11 6PE
T + 44 (0)141 330 5515
F +44 (0)141 330 2640
E enquiries@archives.gla.ac.uk
www.glasgow.ac.uk/archives

www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/collections/scottishbusinessarchive/

Records of many of the major shipbuilders, shipowners, ship repairers and engineers based primarily in the west of Scotland: William Denny & Brothers; A Stephen & Sons; William Simons & Co; Barclay Curle; Lithgows Ltd; Yarrow & Co Ltd; Upper Clyde Shipbuilders; Scott Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd; Ferguson Brothers; Scott & Sons; Ailsa Shipbuilding Co Ltd; Napiers; Anchor Line Ltd; Clyde Shipping Co Ltd; and Ellerman Lines. Photographic and plan collections are well represented, as are various ship publications. Hold *Lloyd's Register of Ships* 1834 to date.

Scottish General Record Office

New Register House
West Register Street
Edinburgh
EH1 3YT
T +44 (0)131 334 0380
www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

Scottish equivalent to the Public Record Office.

Society of Genealogists

14 Charterhouse Buildings
Goswell Road
London EC1 7BA
T +44 (0)20 7251 8799
www.sog.org.uk

The Society of Genealogists' library is open to non-members on payment of a fee. Collection includes parish register copies and card indexes of family names, marriages and wills.

Tyne & Wear Archives Service

Blandford House
Blandford Square
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
NE1 4JA
www.thenortheast.com/archives

Lloyd's Register of Ships and other publications concerning maritime history. Very good collection of plans and reports from yards in the Newcastle region.

The Waterways Trust

Gloucester Docks

The waterways archive holds the largest collection of inland

Gloucester GL1 2EJ
T +44 (0)1452 318 220
F +44 (0)1452 318 202

www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk

waterways-related material
anywhere in the UK, consisting of
approx. 78,000 records.

Wrecks Office
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
Admiralty Way
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2DN
T +44 (0)1823 337900
F +44 (0)1823 284077
E wrecks@ukho.gov.uk

Information on wrecks in UK and
overseas coastal waters, mainly post
1913.

Suggested reading:

Maritime Information Association *Maritime Information: A guide to libraries and sources* (4th ed., 2004)

Byron, R V & Byron, T N *Maritime Information: A guide to libraries and sources of information in the United Kingdom* (3rd ed., 1983)

Please also take a look at the other information sheets we publish.

Researchers should check availability, accessibility and opening times with the repositories listed before making a personal visit.

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