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LIVERPOOL REGISTERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS

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Introduction and Summary of Records

"Of all the shipping records in the United Kingdom, those in Liverpool are the most perfect".
R.C. Jarvis, "Liverpool Statutory Registers of British Merchant Ships, Transactions of the
Historic Society of Lancashire & Cheshire, CV" (1953) 107-122.

Until recently the Collector of HM Customs & Excise also acted as Registrar of British Merchant Ships, on behalf of the Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, in all Customs Ports of the British Isles. The series of registers described below contains some that are unique to Liverpool and is complete except for one volume of Plantation Registers between 1773 and 1779. Originally kept in the Liverpool Customs House, they are often called "Customs Registers".

Due to the fragility of many of the registers it has been necessary to embargo many of the badly deteriorating volumes. Microfilms of the most important early volumes, the Plantation Registers, are available in the searchroom. As many of the later volumes, particularly those dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, are extremely fragile, it has been necessary to embargo them pending conservation treatment (see catalogue for details). Should you wish to obtain information from any embargoed volume please ask staff for assistance. A programme of conservation is on-going for the collection, but where microfilms are available, please use these rather than requesting the original volume.

Microfilms are available as follows:

The Liverpool Statutory Register of Merchant Ships, 1739-1855, are now available on microfilm as part of the Adam Matthews Emancipation, Part 2, Publication/Abolition and Slavery Collections from the Merseyside Maritime Museum, reels 21-53 (C/EX/L/2-6).

The Plantation Registers (C/EX/L/3/1-4) have also been microfilmed as No. 96481 of the British Records Relating to America series, by E.P. Microform Ltd.

Microfilms of the Board of Trade Transcripts of the Registers (1855-1890) are also available (C/EX/L/4/80-96).

All three sets of microfilms are available in the Maritime Archives & Library, microform collection.

Management Records

Appointments of officers for declarations of ownership.

C/EX/L/1/1 - 3 1899 - 1916, 1943 - 1965 3 Volumes

Wool Act Register

This contains the text of owner's declarations, made under the *Act*, twelve George II (1739) cap. 21. *It was particularly concerned to prevent export of wool from Ireland by non-British vessels. It recorded the vessel's name, home port, date and place of build (sometimes), whether home, foreign or plantation built, the name of the master, rig (or general type of vessel), tonnage, names of owner or part-owners, and if taken as a prize or otherwise of foreign build, together with a reference to the circumstances of her seizure or condemnation, and when and where "made free".

C/EX/L/2/1 1739 - 1792 1 Volume

* "An act for taking off the duties upon woollen and bay yarn imported from Ireland to England, and for the more effectual preventing the exportation of wool from Great Britain and of wool, and wool manufactured from Ireland to foreign parts".

Plantation Registers

These contain the text of owner's declarations, under the *Act* for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade, 7-8 William & Mary (1695) cap. 22, recording details as above. The early Liverpool slaving and privateering vessels are found in this series. ***On account of their fragility these four volumes may not be consulted by the public, but microfilms are available in the Reading Room.***

C/EX/L/3/1 - 4 1743 - 1784 4 Volumes

Volumes of Certificates of Registry

Official copies of the certificates of registry, granted under the *Registry Act*, of twenty-six George III (1786) cap. 60 sec. 3. These contain the details of ships registered under the above Act with additional details: the owner's residence and occupation, tonnage under the "old measurement" or builder's measurement rule and a more systematic description of the vessel, length, breadth and depth (in feet and inches) and number of decks and masts, with particulars of stern gallery and figurehead if any. **The first volume only is available on microfilm (C/EX/L/4/1).**

C/EX/L/4/1 - 38 1786 - 1823 38 Volumes

Register Books

These contain the details of ships registered under the *Registry Act*, four George IV (1823) cap. 41, including in addition to the above, a reference to the builder's certificate, bowsprit and *stem*(?) and the division of the property of the vessel into sixty-four shares, and the allocation and transfer of each share (e.g. sale, inheritance, mortgage, etc.). **All are available on microfilm.**

C/EX/L/4/39 - 51 1824 - 1855 27 Volumes

Register Books (cont)

These contain the details of ships registered under the *Registry Act*, five-six William IV (1836) cap. 56. This changed rates of tonnage and dimension measurement, and is referred to as "new measurement". **All are available on microfilm.**

C/EX/L/4/52 - 79 1836 - 1855 27 Volumes

Register Books (cont)

The *Merchant Shipping Act*, seventeen-eighteen Vic. (1854) cap., changed the measurement of a ship's tonnage, which introduced gross and net tonnage measurements. Length, breadth and depth of hold measurement rules also changed. Steam vessels' engine-room dimensions, number and nominal horse-power of engines are included.

This series of registers continues to the present day and the deposited registers are "closed", i.e. evidence is provided that all vessels in the particular volume have been re-registered, scrapped or lost at sea. As registers are "closed", they are deposited in the archives. However, certain registers have been retained by the Registry of Shipping & Seamen, Cardiff (see relevant section of catalogue).

Please use the microfilms of the Board of Trade Microfilms to preserve the original registers (1855 - 1890) from use.

C/EX/L/4/80 - 121 1855 - 1942 55 Volumes

Subsidiary Register Books

Granted under the *Registry Act* of twenty-six George III (1786) cap. 60 sec. 3. These contain the details of ships registered under the above Act with additional details: the owner's residence and occupation, tonnage under the "old measurement" or builder's measurement rule and a more systematic description of the vessel, length, breadth and depth (in feet and inches) and number of decks and masts, with particulars of stern gallery and figurehead if any. After 1823 use C/EX/L/4/39 onwards. **All are available on microfilm.**

C/EX/L/5/1 - 12 1786 - 1823 12 Volumes

Subsidiary Register Books of non-Liverpool Registered Vessels

Contain the details in the form of L5/1 - 12 above, apparently for "calling ships" at Liverpool. It was not statutorily required to be kept and was discontinued in 1818. Some 10,000 vessels were recorded. **All are available on microfilm.**

C/EX/L/6/1 - 10 1788 - 1818 10 Volumes

Transaction Books

These contain details of transactions in the descent of ownership (subsequent to first registry) in respect of vessels first registered before 1 May 1855.

C/EX/L/7/1 - 2 c.1832 - 1987 18 Volumes

Curve Books

These contain cross sections of vessels to enable the calculation of gross and net tonnage, which was based on the internal volume of the vessel. They are a useful though limited substitute for a lines plan of a vessel where the latter has not survived. They were produced under the Act, seventeen-eighteen Vic. cap. 104, sec. 21. Liverpool appears to be the only port where these records survive.

C/EX/L/8/1 - 7 1855 - 1871 7 Volumes

Liverpool Fishing Vessels Register

Registers of fishing vessels and individual cancelled register papers of such vessels, including many from Southport and the Wirral.

C/EX/L/9/1 - 4 1892 - 1988 1 Box and 2 Volumes

Port of Garston

Pier Head Books, sailings and arrivals at Garston Dock.

C/EX/L/10/1 - 2 1962 - 1968 2 Volumes

Port of Runcorn Registry

Register Books 1862 - 1981 4 Volumes

Admeasurement Book 1833 - 1845 1 Volume

Transaction Books c.1870 - 1948 2 Volumes

Note: C/EX/L/4/79 in the Liverpool registry, is a register of vessels passing through Runcorn Dock, 1847 - 1850.

C/EX/R/1 - 2 1833 - 1981 7 Volumes

References

R. Craig and R. Jarvis, *Liverpool Registry of Merchant Ships* (Manchester, 1967).

D.R. MacGregor, *Fast Sailing Ships*, 2nd Edition (London, 1988), 23-25, 97-98, 151-152, 271-272, explains with great clarity the changes of measurement rules.

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How to Locate Ships' Certificates

The finding aids to this archive are in four formats, viz:

- i) **Catalogue**
- ii) **Combined Index to Wool Act and Plantation Registers** (C/EX/L/2 and L/3)
- iii) **Index to Registers, 1788-c.1890** (C/EX/L/5/1 - 12, L4/39 onwards)
(4 Vols. A - D, E - J, K - P and Q - Z)

(Note: These are *not in strict* alphabetical order)
- iv) For vessels registered **after 1899** you need to consult the microfiche of the indexes for the years 1860-1931. Please ask a member of staff for assistance.

How to Use (iii) Index to Registers, 1788-c.1890

The ship references have the following format:

(Ship name) ABBY 19 (Certificate No.)
 1786 (Year)

Each volume contains **many** certificate enrolments, often for 2 or 3 years, for example, C/EX/L/5/1 contains certificates:

1 - 107 (all) for 1786;
1 - 262 (all) for 1787;
1 - 6 and 7 - 82 of 1788 are mixed with **entries for other ports** at the end!

C/EX/L/5/2 contains:

87 - 98 for 1788, and all for 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792 and 1 - 183 for 1793.

So one must make sure one finds the right certificate, in the right year, in the right volume!

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Important Notice

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Due to the fragile condition of the original registers for the years 1739 - 1855 [C/EX/L/2 - 4] *we request searchers to use the above microfilms.*

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
LIVERPOOL C/EX/L/1/1 - 3	<u>MANAGEMENT RECORDS, LIVERPOOL</u>	<u>1899 - 1965</u>
1	General appointments of officers for Declaration of Ownership. [very fragile]	24 June 1899 - 6 Dec 1916
2	General appointments of officers for Declaration of Ownership, Volume 4. [very fragile]	30 Nov 1943 - 24 May 1957
3	General appointments of officers for Declaration of Ownership, Volume 5. [very fragile]	21 June 1957 - 15 Nov 1965

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
<p>C/EX/L/2/1</p> <p>1</p>	<p><u>THE WOOL ACT REGISTER</u> (class contains only 1 Volume)</p> <p>This register was known as W, and is so marked on the front cover.</p> <p>An act for taking off the duties upon Bay-Yarn imported from Ireland to England, and for the more effectual preventing the exportation of wool from Great Britain and of wool, and wool-manufactured, from Ireland to foreign ports.</p> <p>Containing the text of owners' declarations, made under the Act, twelve Geo. II (1739) cap. 21, recording the vessel's name, home port, date and place of build (sometimes), whether home, foreign or plantation built, name of master, rig (or general type of vessel), tonnage (often only approximate), names of owner or part-owners, and (if prize or otherwise of foreign build) a reference to the circumstances of her seizure or condemnation, and when and where "made free".</p> <p>Fragile - Not to be Produced</p> <p>[This register has been microfilmed as part of <i>Abolition and Emancipation</i>, Part 2.]</p>	<p><u>1739 - 1792</u></p>

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/3/1 - 4	<u>PLANTATION REGISTERS</u>	<u>1743 - 1784</u>
	Contain text of owners' declarations, under the <i>Act</i> , of seven-eight W. & M. (1695) cap. 22, recording details as below.	
	A sworn oath of ship owners and master with description of ship and that no foreigner is a share owner, part share owner or holds interest therein.	
	These registers are not to be produced on account of their fragility. Microfilms are to be used whenever possible, see below.	
1	This register was known in the index as P, and is so marked on the cover.	1743 - 1756
2	This register was known as Q, and is so marked on the cover.	1756 - 1765 *
3	This register was known as R, and is so marked on the front cover.	14 May 1765 - 24 Dec 1773
	[The missing register was known as S.]	
4	This register was known as T, and is so marked on the front cover.	7 Aug 1779 - 20 Nov 1784
	* Error on cover and in date of first entry.	
	Note: These registers have been microfilmed in 2 reels as No. 96481 of the <i>British Records Relating to America Series</i> , by E.P. Microform Ltd., with introductory booklet by M.M. Schofield and D.J. Pope.	
	A set of these films is available in the Maritime Archives & Library.	

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Indexes to the Customs Registers (C/EX/L/4) 1786-1942

The index for **ships registered from 1786 - 1899**, are available in paper form on the finding aid shelves, arranged alphabetically A-D, E-JZ, K-PZ, Q-Z.

For vessels registered **after 1899**, you need to request a member of staff to consult the microfiche of the indexes for the years **1860 - 1931**. There is no index for the volumes using the date the vessel was registered.

Important Note:

Please first consult the catalogue of the registers to determine whether the registers for the year you are interested in have been transferred to the Maritime Archives & Library, as some volumes with details of vessels still in operation, have been retained. These are for the years 1913 (part) - 1914, 1920 (part), 1921 - 1931 (all) and 1932.

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C/EX/L/4/1 - 38	<u>CERTIFICATES OF BRITISH REGISTRY</u>	<u>1786 - 1823</u>
	N.B.: Those registers described as fragile, cannot be produced.	
	<u>Certificate Numbers</u>	
	Figures in brackets indicate the Certificate Numbers of individual years within each volume.	
1	(3 - 87)	31 Aug 1786 - 5 Oct 1786
2	(88 - 187)	6 Oct 1786 - 15 Dec 1786
3	(188 - 197) (1 - 73) [fragile]	19 Dec 1786 - 9 Mar 1787
4	(74 - 153) [fragile]	9 Mar 1787 - 26 June 1787
5	(154 - 253)	27 June 1787 - 3 Nov 1787
6	(254 - 262) (1 - 81)	8 Nov 1787 - 24 Oct 1788
7	(82 - 98) (1 - 178) (1 - 2)	27 Oct 1788 - 2 Jan 1790
8	(3 - 135) (1 - 57) [fragile]	4 Jan 1790 - 7 Jul 1791
9	(58 - 102) (1 - 140) [fragile]	9 Jul 1791 - 20 Nov 1792
10	(141 - 143) (1 - 100) (1 - 87)	28 Nov 1792 - 14 Oct 1794
11	(88 - 110) (1 - 77) [fragile]	16 Oct 1794 - 30 Sept 1795
12	(79 - 109) (1 - 147) (1 - 53) [fragile]	30 Sept 1795 - 19 Jul 1797

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13	(54 - 128) (1 - 51)	20 Jul 1797 - 31 Mar 1798
14	(52 - 205) (1 - 37)	31 Mar 1798 - 2 Mar 1799
15	(38 - 130) [error in date cover]	4 Mar 1799 - 10 Jul 1799
16	(131 - 200) (1 - 147)	13 Jul 1799 - 30 Aug 1800
17	(148 - 232) (1 - 113)	30 Aug 1800 - 27 Jul 1801
18	(114 - 174) (1 - 81)	27 Jul 1801 - 9 June 1802
19	(82 - 204) (1 - 39)	10 June 1802 - 12 Mar 1803
20	(40 - 196) (1 - 33)	14 Mar 1803 - 6 Mar 1804
21	(34 - 185) (1 - 34) [fragile]	8 Mar 1804 - 23 Feb 1805
22	(35 - 182) (1 - 54) [fragile]	25 Feb 1805 - 5 Apr 1806
23	(55 - 197) (1 - 57)	5 Apr 1806 - 17 Apr 1807
24	(58 - 170) (1 - 83)	17 Apr 1807 - 8 Jul 1808
25	(84 - 205) (1 - 71) [fragile]	8 Jul 1808 - 21 Mar 1809
26	(72 - 322) [fragile]	21 Mar 1809 - 21 Dec 1809
27	(323 - 329) (1 - 172)	22 Dec 1809 - 7 Aug 1810

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28	(173 - 258) (1 - 11)	7 Aug 1810 - 4 Feb 1811
29	(12 - 191) (1 - 20)	5 Feb 1811 - 27 Jan 1812
30	(21 - 162) (1 - 77) [fragile]	28 Jan 1812 - 26 June 1814
31	(78 - 166) (1 - 95)	29 June 1813 - 18 June 1814
32	(96 - 210) (1 - 99)	23 June 1814 - 12 Jul 1815
33	(100 - 156) (1 - 141)	19 Jul 1815 - 30 Oct 1816
34	(142 - 163) (1 - 140) (1 - 29)	1 Nov 1816 - 16 Mar 1818
35	(30 - 157) (1 - 71) [fragile]	18 Mar 1818 - 29 Jul 1819
36	(72 - 127) (1 - 130) (1 - 49)	31 Jul 1819 - 31 May 1821
37	(50 - 116) (1 - 104) (1 - 23) [fragile]	2 June 1821 - 5 Apr 1823
38	(24 - 113)	7 Apr 1823 - 29 Dec 1823

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C/EX/L/4/39-135	<u>REGISTER BOOKS</u>	<u>1824 - 1993</u>
	See L5/1 - 12, of which L/4/39 onwards are a continuation. Contain the details registered under the <i>Act</i> , four Geo. IV (1823) cap. 41, including in addition to the above, a reference to the builder's certificate, bowsprit and stem, and the division of each share (e.g. sale, inheritance, mortgage, etc.).	
39	(1 - 91)	5 Jan 1824 - 14 Oct 1824
40	(192 - 240) (1 - 141) [error in date on cover]	14 Oct 1824 - 16 June 1825
41	(142 - 332)	17 June 1825 - 16 Dec 1825
42	(333 - 367) (1 - 105)	17 Dec 1825 - 30 Mar 1826
43	(106 - 247)	30 Mar 1826 - 9 Oct 1826
44	(248 - 292) (1 - 146)	11 Oct 1826 - 14 Nov 1827
45	(147 - 170) (1 - 177) (1 - 32)	17 Nov 1827 - 14 Mar 1829
46	(33 - 163) (1 - 105)	17 Mar 1829 - 4 Aug 1830
47	(106 - 159) (1 - 154) (1 - 72)	6 Aug 1830 - 30 May 1832
48	(73 - 182) (1 - 173)	1 June 1832 - 30 Oct 1833
49	(174 - 204) (1 - 154)	30 Oct 1833 - 24 Sept 1834
50	(154 - 218) (1 - 122)	24 Sept 1834 - 13 Jul 1835
51	(123 - 229) (1 - 80)	13 Jul 1835 - 9 Apr 1836

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C/EX/L/4/39-135	<u>REGISTER BOOKS (cont)</u>	<u>1824 - 1993</u>
52 - 78	Contain the details registered under the <i>Act</i> , five-six Will. IV (1835) cap. 56, including added measurements for more exact calculation of tonnage.	
52	(81 - 319) (1 - 46)	9 Apr 1836 - 15 Mar 1837
53	(47 - 232) (1 - 98)	15 Mar 1837 - 26 June 1838
54	(99 - 209) (1 - 172)	29 June 1838 - 7 Sept 1839
55	(173 - 237) (1 - 218)	11 Sept 1839 - 4 Nov 1840
56	(219 - 265) (1 - 237)	7 Nov 1840 - 11 Nov 1841
57	(238 - 283) (1 - 193)	11 Nov 1841 - 29 Sept 1842
58	(194 - 235) (1 - 219) (1 - 14)	24 Sept 1842 - 23 Jan 1844
59	(15 - 283) (1 - 10) [fragile]	1 Feb 1844 - 21 Jan 1845
60	(11 - 289)	21 Jan 1845 - 21 Nov 1845
61	(290 - 315) (1 - 207)	21 Nov 1845 - 16 Oct 1846
62	(208 - 273) (1 - 119)	17 Oct 1846 - 8 Apr 1847
63	(120 - 309) (1 - 45)	9 Apr 1847 - 26 Feb 1848
64	(46 - 284)	26 Feb 1848 - 25 Nov 1848

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52 - 78 (cont) 65	(285 - 309) (1 - 214)	27 Nov 1848 - 31 Aug 1849
66	(215 - 312) (1 - 133)	31 Aug 1849 - 10 May 1850
67	(134 - 358)	13 May 1850 - 24 Dec 1850
68	(350 - 363) (1 - 220) [error in date on cover]	24 Dec 1850 - 18 Jul 1851
69	(221 - 367) (1 - 80)	22 Jul 1851 - 18 Mar 1852
70	(81 - 307)	18 Mar 1852 - 28 Sept 1852
71	(308 - 450) (1 - 84)	28 Sept 1852 - 2 Mar 1853
72	(85 - 311) [fragile]	2 Mar 1853 - 18 Jul 1853
73	(312 - 540) [error in date on cover]	18 Jul 1853 - 10 Nov 1853
74	(541 - 641) (1 - 126)	10 Nov 1853 - 27 Feb 1854
75	(127 - 347)	28 Feb 1854 - 17 May 1854
76	(348 - 566)	18 May 1854 - 5 Sept 1854
77	(567 - 729) (1 - 56)	5 Sept 1854 - 7 Feb 1855 *
78	(57 - 182)	7 Feb 1855 * - 30 Apr 1855 *

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C/EX/L/4/39-135	<u>REGISTER BOOKS (cont)</u>	<u>1824 - 1993</u>
79	<p>Register of Ships, Vol. No. 79, re those vessels passing through Runcorn Dock. However, the provenance of this volume is in fact Liverpool.</p> <p>(1 - 22) (1 - 15) (1 - 17) (1 - 10)</p> <p>Important Notice:</p> <p>For the years 1855 - 1889 Microfilms have been purchased from the Public Record Office of the transcripts sent to the Board of Trade, London (BT/108).</p> <p>These have been purchased explicitly to save wear and tear on the originals. Please use these in place of the originals, whenever possible. All volumes marked [*] have corresponding microfilms available.</p>	<p>15 Apr 1847 - 22 Mar 1850</p>
80 Onwards	<p>Contain the details registered under the <i>Act</i>, seventeen-eighteen Vic. (1854) cap. 104, including additional details for steam vessels, engine-room dimensions, number and horse-power of engines</p>	
80 *	(183 - 428) (1 - 255)	8 May 1855 * - 18 Sept 1856
81 *	(256 - 352) (1 - 344) (1 - 62) [1 sheet loose in separate box, see 91]	19 Sept 1856 - 9 Apr 1858
82 *	(63 - 273) (1 - 90)	23 Feb 1858 - 9 Apr 1859
83 * }	(91 - 267) (1 - 268) (1 - 80) }	11 Apr 1859 - 11 Apr 1861
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	}	
84 * }	(81 - 331) (1 - 286) }	11 Apr 1861 - 21 Oct 1862
	}	
85 *	(287 - 374) (1 - 511)	22 Oct 1862 - 21 Dec 1863
86 *	(512 - 532) (1 - 543) (1 - 31)	21 Dec 1863 - 30 Jan 1865

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87 *	(32 - 367) (1 - 203)	1 Feb 1865 - 18 Aug 1866
88 *	(204 - 320) (1 - 275)	21 Aug 1866 - 10 Oct 1867
89 *	(276 - 335) (1 - 270) (1 - 188)	11 Oct 1867 - 6 Sept 1869
90 *	(189 - 270) (1 - 230) (1 - 224)	7 Sept 1869 - 23 Dec 1871
91 *	(225 - 228) (1 - 218) (1 - 212) (1 - 57) [1 sheet loose in separate box, see 81]	26 Dec 1871 - 20 Apr 1874
92 *	(58 - 209) (1 - 214) (1 - 190)	21 Apr 1874 - 30 Dec 1876
93 *	(1 - 248) (1 - 151) (1 - 111)	4 Jan 1877 - 13 Oct 1879
94 *	(112 - 132) (1 - 146) (1 - 169) (1 - 175)	15 Oct 1879 - 27 Oct 1882
95 *	(176 - 208) (1 - 206) (1 - 157) (1 - 120)	27 Oct 1882 - 12 Nov 1885
96 *	(121 - 129) (1 - 105) (1 - 83) (1 - 116) (1 - 68) (1 - 77)	13 Nov 1885 - 16 May 1890
	N.B.: End of microfilms (BT/108). Use originals as below.	
97	(78 - 155) (1 - 131) (1 - 133) (1 - 77)	22 May 1890 - 16 Dec 1893
98	(78 - 80) (1 - 90) (1 - 115) (1 - 101) (1 - 83) (1 - 26)	18 Dec 1893 - 18 Mar 1898
99	(27 - 161) (1 - 121)	21 Mar 1898 - 26 Oct 1899
100	(122 - 137) (1 - 169) (1 - 70)	30 Oct 1899 - 2 Sept 1901

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C/EX/L/4/39-135	<u>REGISTER BOOKS (cont)</u>	<u>1824 - 1993</u>
101	(71 - 114) (1 - 143) (1 - 69)	5 Sept 1901 - 11 Jul 1903
102	(70 - 117) (1 - 121) (1 - 87)	18 Jul 1903 - 3 Nov 1905
103	(88 - 105) (1 - 123) (1 - 94) (1 - 21)	7 Nov 1905 - 25 Feb 1908
104	(22 - 84) (1 - 76) (1 - 101) (1 - 16)	4 Mar 1908 - 20 Mar 1911
105	(17 - 115) (1 - 29)	22 Mar 1911 - 20 Apr 1912
106	(30 - 89) (1 - 68)	22 Apr 1912 - 8 Aug 1913
107	(69 - 125) (1 - 71)	13 Aug 1913 - 17 June 1914
108	(72 - 122) (1 - 77)	25 June 1914 - 27 Sept 1915
109	(78 - 99) (1 - 72) (1 - 34)	27 Sept 1915 - 27 June 1917
110	(35 - 87) (1 - 67) (1 - 8)	30 June 1917 - 4 Dec 1919
111	(9 - 111) (1 - 25)	6 Feb 1919 - 17 Mar 1920
112	(26 - 153)	17 Mar 1920 - 13 Dec 1920
113	(154 - 162) (1 - 119)	13 Dec 1920 - 6 Oct 1921
114	(120 - 154) (1 - 93)	7 Oct 1921 - 21 Sept 1922

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LIVERPOOL REGISTERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS

Important Note

The Liverpool Ships Registers, Vols. 107, 109, 112 - 118, covering part of 1913 and 1914, 1920 (part), 1921 - 1931 (all) and 1932 (part), have not yet been transferred to our custody. These are held at the Registry of Shipping & Seamen, Llanishen, Cardiff.

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115	(94 - 140) (1 - 81)	21 Sept 1922 - 30 Nov 1923
116	(82 - 83) (1 - 68) (1 - 57)	21 Dec 1923 - 20 Oct 1925
117	(58 - 72) (1 - 60) (1 - 53) (1 - 42)	24 Oct 1925 - 27 Sept 1928
118	(43 - 63) (1 - 70) (1 - 43) (1 - 29) (1 - 7)	9 Oct 1928 - 1 Apr 1932
119	(8 - 24) (1 - 45) (1 - 27) (1 - 38)	12 Apr 1932 - 30 Aug 1935
120	(39 - 51) (1 - 39) (1 - 50) (1 - 41) (1 - 24)	9 Sept 1935 - 8 June 1939
121	(25 - 57) (1 - 38) (1 - 35) (1 - 13)	13 June 1939 - 4 June 1942
122	(14 - 41) (1 - 31) (1 - 18) (1 - 21) (1 - 27)	11 June 1942 - 4 June 1946
123	(28 - 29) (1 - 94) (1 - 16)	11 June 1946 - 12 Feb 1948
124	(17 - 97) (1 - 77) (1 - 11)	20 Feb 1948 - 30 Mar 1950
125	(12 - 67) (1 - 50) (1 - 50) (1 - 12)	31 Mar 1950 - 24 Mar 1953
126	(13 - 35) (1 - 37) (1 - 39) (1 - 40) (1 - 26)	2 Apr 1953 - 9 Oct 1957
127	(27 - 37) (1 - 45) (1 - 43) (1 - 47) (1 - 23)	11 Oct 1957 - 21 June 1961
128	(24 - 42) (1 - 32) (1 - 30) (1 - 36) (1 - 37) (1 - 5)	29 June 1961 - 1 Feb 1966

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129 *	(6 - 42) (1 - 19, 21 - 22) (5, 10 - 12, 15, 20, 29 - 30) *N.B. Register 129 includes: (a) vessels registered prior to 6/1966; (b) vessels re-measured under the rules operative from 1 March 1967 under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1965; (c) subsequent transfers to the Liverpool Registry of Vessels measured under the rules in force prior to the 1 March 1967.	26 Feb 1966 - 30 Sept 1968
130 *	(20, 23 - 28) (1 - 4, 6 - 9, 13 - 14, 16 - 19, 21 - 28, 31 - 42) (1 - 27) *N.B. Register 130 includes vessels registered prior to 20/1967 and vessels re-measured under the rules in force from 1 March 1967 under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1965.	25 Sept 1967 - 19 Aug 1969
131 *	(28 - 33) (1 - 58) (1 - 28, 30 - 58) (1 - 19) *N.B. Register 131 includes vessels registered prior to 28/1969 and vessels re-measured under the rules operative from 1 March 1967 under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1965.	29 Aug 1969 - 28 Feb 1972
132	(20 - 76) (1 - 60) (1 - 39)	28 Feb 1972 - 22 Jul 1974
133	(41 - 61) (1 - 32) (1 - 20) (1 - 40) (1 - 33) (1 - 28)	14 Aug 1974 - 15 Aug 1979
134	(29 - 33) (1 - 27) (1 - 31) (1 - 20) (1 - 22) (1 - 22) (1 - 16) (1 - 11) (1 - 7)	28 Aug 1979 - 18 Sept 1987
135	(8) (1 - 7) (1 - 7) (1 - 25) (1 - 19) (1 - 14) (1 - 10)	12 Oct 1987 - 16 Nov 1993

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/5/1 - 12	<u>SUBSIDIARY REGISTERS, LIVERPOOL</u>	<u>1786 - 1823</u>
	Contain the details registered under the <i>Act</i> , twenty-six Geo. III (1786) cap. 60, including in addition to the above, owners' residence and occupation, measured tonnage, and a more systematic description of the vessel, e.g. length, breadth and depth (in feet and inches) and number of decks and masts, with particulars of gallery and figurehead if any.	
1	(1 - 107) (1 - 262) (1 - 6) (7 - 82)* are mixed with other ports.	12 Aug 1786 - 9 July 1788
2	(83 - 98)* (1 - 78) (1 - 135) (1 - 102) (1 - 143) (1 - 87)	10 Jul 1788 - 24 Oct 1793
3	(88 - 99) (1 - 110) (1 - 109) (1 - 147) (1 - 128) (1 - 183)	2 Nov 1793 - 19 Nov 1798
4	(184 - 205) (1 - 200) (1 - 232) (1 - 174) (1 - 72)	23 Nov 1798 - 21 May 1802
5	(73 - 204) (1 - 196) (1 - 185) (1 - 48)	22 May 1802 - 18 Mar 1805
6	(49 - 182) (1 - 197) (1 - 170) (1 - 69) [date error on cover]	19 Mar 1805 - 8 June 1808
7	(70 - 205) (1 - 329) (1 - 108)	9 June 1808 - 28 Aug 1810
8	(109 - 258) (1 - 191) (1 - 162) (1 - 66)	2 May 1810 - 21 May 1813
	* Parts of Subsidiary Registers 1 and 2 are printed in <i>Liverpool Registry of Merchant Ships</i> , by R. Craig and R. Jarvis (Chetham Soc. Series, Vol. XV, 3 rd series, 1967).	
9	(67 - 166) (1 - 210) (1 - 156) (1 - 76)	21 May 1813 - 7 June 1816
10	(77 - 163) (1 - 140) (1 - 157) (1 - 127) (1 - 57)	18 June 1816 - 24 May 1820

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C/EX/L/5/1 - 12	<u>SUBSIDIARY REGISTERS, LIVERPOOL (cont)</u>	<u>1786 - 1823</u>
11	(58 - 130) (1 - 116) (1 - 104) (1 - 82)	25 May 1820 - 9 Sept 1823
12	(83 - 113) From this point on, use C/EX/L/4/39 onwards.	24 Sept 1823 - 29 Dec 1823

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/6/1 - 10	<u>SUBSIDIARY REGISTERS, OTHER PORTS</u>	<u>1788 - 1818</u>
	For reference to certificates from other ports prior to Vol. 1, see Subsidiary Registers for Liverpool, Vols. 1 and 2. [These details were not legally required to be kept.]	
1		30 Oct 1788 - 6 Aug 1791
2		8 Aug 1791 - 6 Oct 1796
3		15 Oct 1796 - 29 Aug 1800
4		3 Sept 1800 - 16 Sept 1803
	A volume was presumed lost in 1953. For the missing years no volume was received in 1981 from the Customs House in Liverpool.	
5	[error in date on cover]	2 Jan 1804 - 7 Jul 1807
6		5 Aug 1807 - 12 Mar 1810
7		12 Mar 1810 - 21 Jul 1812
8		21 Jul 1812 - 30 Aug 1814
9		30 Aug 1814 - 30 Apr 1817
10		7 May 1817 - 31 Oct 1818

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/7/1 - 2	<u>TRANSACTION and TRANSFER BOOKS</u>	<u>c.1832 - 1987</u>
1/1 - 13	<p><u>Transaction Books</u></p> <p>Dates of entries are in no order, however, it seems that the volumes run from c.1832 - 1870.</p> <p>TB 1 (1 - 500)</p> <p>TB 2 (1 - 500)</p> <p>TB 3 (1 - 501)</p> <p>TB 4 (1 - 569)</p> <p>TB 5 (1 - 555)</p> <p>TB 6 (1 - 201)</p> <p>TB 7 (1 - 201)</p> <p>TB 8 (1 - 181)</p> <p>TB 9 (1 - 547)</p> <p>TB 10 (1 - 365)</p> <p>TB 11 (1 - 373)</p> <p>TB 12 (1 - 135)</p> <p>TB 13 * (1 - 301)</p> <p>* N.B. Transaction Book TB 13 is often referred to as the "Small Transaction Book".</p>	<u>c.1832 - 1870</u>

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C/EX/L/7/1 - 2	<u>TRANSACTION and TRANSFER BOOKS (cont)</u>	<u>c.1832 - 1987</u>
2/1 - 5	<u>Liverpool Transfer Books</u>	<u>c.1907 - 1987</u>
1	Liverpool Transfer Book: contains transactions for vessels originally registered in the following volumes: C/EX/L/4/105, 106, 108, 111, 119-121, 123, and 128-134.	c.1907 - 1986
2	Liverpool Transfer Book: contains transactions for vessels originally registered in the following volumes: C/EX/L/4/127-134.	c.1959 - 1978
3	Liverpool Transfer Book: contains transactions for vessels originally registered in the following volumes: C/EX/L/4/130-131.	c.1968 - 1970
4	Liverpool Transfer Book: contains transactions for vessels originally registered in the following volumes: C/EX/L/4/131-132.	c.1961 - 1983
5	Liverpool Transfer Book: contains transactions for vessels originally registered in: C/EX/L/4/134.	c.1981 - 1987

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/8/1 - 7	<u>CURVE BOOKS</u>	<u>1855 - 1871</u>
	<p>An index of ships measured and their curves of sectional areas drawn. The number of curves drawn related to the number of dimensional changes on the keel; curve books were introduced after the 1854 Merchant Shipping Act, and facilitated the measurement of tonnage.</p>	
1		28 Sept 1855 - 8 Dec 1856
2		9 Dec 1856 - 8 Mar 1859
3		9 Mar 1859 - 26 Dec 1861
4		24 Dec 1861 - 16 Sept 1863
5		17 Sept 1863 - Feb 1865
6		1 Mar 1865 - 8 Sept 1868
7		24 Apr 1869 - 17 Oct 1871

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/9/1 - 4	<u>PORT OF LIVERPOOL FISHING VESSELS (INCLUDING WIRRAL AND SOUTHPORT)</u>	<u>1892 - 1988</u>
1	Papers, re fishing boats, whose Registers were cancelled during the years 1921-1925. [51 items]	1892 - 1925
2	Fishing vessels registered in the Port of Liverpool under the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868..	31 Jan 1933 - 22 Jan 1954
3	Registry of sea fishing boats, Liverpool.	31 Jan 1933 - 22 Jan 1954
4	Registry of sea fishing boats, Liverpool.	22 Jan 1954 - 16 Nov 1988

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/L/10/1 - 2	<u>PORT OF GARSTON, PIER HEAD BOOKS</u>	<u>1962 - 1968</u>
1	Pier Head Book, Vol. 1, contains details of sailings and arrivals at Garston Dock.	17 Mar 1962 - 28 Sept 1965
2	Pier Head Book, Vol. 2, contains details of sailings and arrivals at Garston Dock.	28 Sept 1965- 30 Nov 1968

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/M/1	<u>MANCHESTER CERTIFICATES OF BRITISH REGISTRY</u>	<u>1894 - 1915</u>
1	Register of British Shipping, Vol. No. 1.	1 Jan 1894 - 13 Jan 1915

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/R/1/1 - 4	<u>RUNCORN CERTIFICATES OF BRITISH REGISTRY</u>	<u>1862 - 1981</u>
1	Register of British ships at Runcorn, Vol. I.	3 Feb 1862 - 29 Jul 1881
2	Register of British ships at Runcorn, Vol. II.	28 Aug 1882 - 10 June 1937
3	Register of British ships at Runcorn, Vol. III.	10 June 1937 - 22 May 1975
4	Register of British ships at Runcorn, Vol. IV. * Contains only one vessel.	31 Mar 1981 *
C/EX/R/1/5	<u>SURVEYORS ADMEASUREMENT BOOK</u>	<u>1833 - 1845</u>
5	<p>Surveyors Admeasurement book for Runcorn. A certificate book of registry detailing ship's dimensions, date of admeasurement, ship's master, owners and by whom admeasured. Also contains the Tide Surveyor's special visits.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p><i>Register of Ships</i>, Vol. No. 79, has been re-listed under C/EX/L/4, as its provenance is Liverpool, although this volume relates to vessels passing through the Runcorn Dock.</p>	1833 - 1845

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/R/2/1 - 2	<u>RUNCORN TRANSACTION BOOKS</u>	<u>c.1870 - 1948</u>
	[Not in strict chronological order]	
1	Register of British Ships Transaction Register, Book No. 1.	c.1870 - 1900
2	Register of British Ships Transaction Register, Book No. 2.	c.1899 - 1948

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/AB/1 - 2	<u>PORT APPROPRIATION BOOKS</u>	<u>1855 - 1994</u>
	Port Appropriation Books contain lists of official numbers of vessels which have been drawn up by various governing bodies (such as the General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen) and then allocated to various U.K. ports.	
1/1 - 3	<u>Appropriation Books - Port of Liverpool</u>	<u>1886 - 1994</u>
1	Appropriation Book - Liverpool.	1886 - 1945
2	Appropriation Book - Liverpool.	1945 - 1991
3	Appropriation Book - Liverpool and Other Ports.	1990 - 1994
2/1 - 10	<u>Appropriation Books - Other Ports</u>	<u>1855 - 1990</u>
1	Appropriation Book - Barrow.	1868 - 1990
2	Appropriation Book - Beaumaris.	1855 - 1989
3	Appropriation Book - Beaumaris.	1967 - 1969
4	Appropriation Book - Caernarvon.	1855 - 1974
5	Appropriation Book - Caernarvon.	1974 - 1990
6	Appropriation Book - Chester.	1855 - 1990
7	Appropriation Book - Fleetwood.	1855 - 1990
8	Appropriation Book - Lancaster.	1855 - 1990
9	Appropriation Book - Manchester.	1895 - 1990
10	Appropriation Book - Preston.	1855 - 1989

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
C/EX/MV/1 - 2	<u>MISCELLANEOUS VOLUMES</u>	<u>1824 - 1987</u>
1/1 - 6	<u>Miscellaneous Books</u>	<u>1824 - 1987</u>
1	Deeds Book, contains details of vessels, transactions, owners, mortgages and dates of registry.	1824 - 1861
2	Fees Book, records the fees levied on the regulation, transfer and mortgage of vessels.	1894 - 1898
3	Records of Deeds Book, records the fees levied and collected on bills of sale and various transactions.	1903 - 1987
4	Port of Liverpool Registry of Shipping Order Book No. 8, contains instructions to registrars of British ships from the Chief Registrar of British Shipping.	1923 - 1974
5	Probate Book, contains records of probates of wills, letters of administration, naturalisation, resolutions, companies in liquidation, certificates of incorporation produced in connection with the Registry of Shipping.	1946 - 1985
6	Minutes of the Liverpool Classification Committee, contains details of surveys, inspections and re-classification surveys.	1973 - 1975
2/1 - 2	<u>Surveys of Registered Ships</u>	<u>1824 - 1960</u>
1	Annual Count of Ships Registered, records the number of ships registered and the total tonnage up to the 1 January for a given year.	1824 - 1872
2	Quinquennial Register, giving an account of the number and tonnage of vessels appearing on the 31 December at five-yearly intervals.	1935 - 1960