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Introduction

The idea that seafarers should have special low cost accommodation separate from that available in boarding houses, was expressed publicly by the Reverend G.C. Smith of the Mariner's Club, London, in the early 1820s. Smith wished to found an establishment which would provide accommodation, banking and employment services for seafarers between voyages. The first Sailors' Home, in Well Street, London, opened in 1835.

It was at Liverpool that the first efforts to emulate the Sailors' Home in London were made. A number of shipowners, merchants and inhabitants held a meeting on the 25 February 1837, in the Underwriters committee room, but the provisional committee lapsed when the Corporation and Dock Trustees declined assistance. A reformed committee achieved subscriptions for £1,800 by the 14 April 1841, but it was not until 10 May 1844, when the Council allocated land, that the plan proceeded. Temporary premises were opened in Bath Street in 1845, and the Liverpool Sailors' Home in Canning Place, was opened in 1850.

The Home provided much needed relief to seafarers in Liverpool, especially during the depression years and the two World Wars. Unfortunately, by the 1960s, the Home was unable to cater for the modern sailor, its accommodation being too basic, and with dwindling numbers, it was closed in 1969 and the Canning Place premises were demolished. However, the residential work of the Home continued in premises at Aigburth until 1975. In 1976 the Trustees formed the Liverpool Sailors' Home Trust, which continues to support seafaring organisations on board ship and retired Liverpool seafarers in their own homes. Railings, other ironwork and a cabin from the Home are preserved in the collections of the Museum of Liverpool Life.

The collection includes records presented by the Charity Commissions (P/CC/LH).

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D/LH/1/1 - 2	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>1844 - 1933</u>
1	Constitution of the founding of Liverpool Sailors' Home. [copy]	1844 - 1933
2	Memorandum and Articles of Association of Liverpool Sailors' Home.	1933

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D/LH/2/1 - 5	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>1910 - 1954</u>
2/1 - 4	<u>Annual Meetings</u>	<u>1910 - 1954</u>
1/1 - 3	<u>Donors and Subscribers</u>	<u>1910 - 1912</u>
1	Sixty-ninth annual meeting (verbatim proceedings).	9 Feb 1910
2	Sixty-seventh annual meeting (as per report) (verbatim proceedings).	8 Feb 1911
3	Sixty-eighth annual meeting (verbatim proceedings).	31 Jan 1912
2/1 - 2	<u>Management Committee</u>	<u>1910 - 1911</u>
1	Monthly meeting.	31 Aug 1910
2	Monthly meeting.	27 Apr 1911
3/1 - 8	<u>General Committee</u>	<u>1935 - 1943</u>
1	Transact monthly business.	21 Mar 1935
2	Transact monthly business.	11 Mar 1936
3	Transact monthly business. [2 items]	9 Feb 1938
4	Transact monthly business.	9 Mar 1938
5	Transact monthly business.	8 Mar 1939
6	Transact monthly business.	10 Apr 1940
7	Transact monthly business.	13 May 1942
8	Transact monthly business.	12 May 1943
4/1 - 14	<u>Governors, Members, Friends</u>	<u>1934 - 1951</u>
1	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	21 Mar 1934
2	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	11 Mar 1936
3	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	15 Apr 1937

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2/1 - 4	<u>Annual Meetings</u> (cont)	<u>1910 - 1954</u>
4/1 - 14	<u>Governors, Members, Friends</u> (cont)	<u>1934 - 1951</u>
4	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	9 Mar 1938
5	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	8 Mar 1939
6	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	10 Apr 1940
7	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	9 Apr 1941
8	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	13 May 1942
9	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	12 May 1943
10	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	20 Sept 1944
11	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	11 Jul 1945
12	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	17 Jul 1946
13	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	2 June 1947
14	Receiving the report and transacting other business.	25 Jul 1951
5/1 - 6	<u>Annual Reports</u>	<u>1948 - 1954</u>
1	One hundred and fiftieth report.	1948
2	One hundred and sixth report.	1949
3	One hundred and eighth report.	1951
4	One hundred and ninth report.	1952
5	One hundred and tenth report.	1953
6	One hundred and eleventh report.	1954

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D/LH/3/1 - 4	<u>MINUTE BOOKS</u>	<u>1838 - 1964</u>
1/1	<u>Provisional Committee</u>	<u>1838 - 1911</u>
1	Rules for the establishment for a Sailors' Home. Appointment of a sub-committee. Rules for a reading room, library and savings bank. List of committee members. Newscuttings re annual meetings. [in poor condition]	10 Jan 1838 - 1911
2/1 - 4	<u>General Committee</u>	<u>1844 - 1964</u>
1	Annual list of members, visitors, donations; discussions of visit to Liverpool of Prince Albert (12 May 1846); site at Canning Place and move from Bath Street to Canning Place (16 December 1850); and newscuttings, re annual meetings.	24 Dec 1844 - 28 Jul 1896
2	Auditors reports, subscriptions, cash in bank and retiring members.	24 Nov 1896 - 16 Dec 1963
3	Committee members (with home addresses); loose letter from the secretary of the Charity Commission requesting copies of annual reports and statement of accounts for the last three years.	1912 - 1940
4	Monthly statements, special payments, repairs and Town & Country Act (Liverpool Development Plan).	21 Nov 1951 - 12 June 1964
3/1 - 6	<u>Management Committee</u>	<u>1852 - 1951</u>
1	Furnishing of the Home, accounts to be paid and members.	9 June 1852 - 8 Sept 1876
2	Incorporating minutes of the sub-committee (10 December 1874 - 4 October 1876); newscuttings re annual meetings; loose letters [3 items] and bills for repair work [2 items].	3 Oct 1876 - 31 Dec 1895
3	Incorporating minutes of the sub-committee (1896-1908); report of the relationship between the Home and the Mersey Mission to Seamen (17 November 1902); letter from the British Women's Temperance Association re the sale of intoxicating liqueur at the Home (24 September 1903) and supply of provisions.	25 Feb 1896 - 29 Jan 1908

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D/LH/3/1 - 4	<u>MINUTE BOOKS (cont)</u>	<u>1838 - 1964</u>
3/1 - 6	<u>Management Committee (cont)</u>	<u>1852 - 1951</u>
4	Samaritan Fund; investments; cash in the bank; accounts; loose printed leaflet, <i>Objects and Laws of The Institution</i> . Loose letter from the Liverpool Central Relief and Charity Organisation Society to the Home re subscriptions.	26 Feb 1908 - 9 May 1923
5	Discussions concerning Lascar seamen; daily average attendance; staff matters; death of Chairman, Gifford Nicholson; Order of Service for the funeral. Incorporation of the Home as a Company (14 June 1933).	13 June 1923 - 14 June 1933
6	Lease of room at the Home for the newly formed <i>Indefatigable</i> Old Boys' Association staff and staff retirements, investments and legacies.	12 Jul 1933 - 19 Oct 1951
4/1 - 2	<u>Miscellaneous Minutes</u>	<u>c.1852 - c.1951</u>
1	Index Book, re various topics, unknown source.	c.1852
2	Lists of retiring members of the management committee. [loose sheets]	c.1913 - c.1951

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/LH/4/1 - 3	<u>ACCOUNT BOOKS</u>	<u>1845 - 1969</u>
1	Board accounts, wages, provisions and sundries.	31 Dec 1845 - 31 Dec 1963
2	Outfitting department - names of seamen and articles required.	26 Feb 1951 - 27 May 1969
3	Outfitting department - index of seamen and shipping company, articles required.	7 Oct 1965 - 11 Oct 1968

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/LH/5/1	<u>PAYMENTS REGISTER</u>	<u>1967 - 1969</u>
1	Cost of board, seamen's names, ship and shipping company.	6 Nov 1967 - 10 Feb 1969

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/LH/6/1 - 2	<u>SEAMEN'S REGISTERS</u>	<u>1960 - 1968</u>
1	Date of entrance; room number; seaman's name; date of departure; black-listed names.	26 Sept 1960 - 29 Dec 1965
2	Date of entrance; room number; seaman's name.	3 Jan 1966 - 11 Nov 1968

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/LH/7/1	<u>VISITORS BOOK</u>	<u>1862 - 1938</u>
1	Signatures of overseas royalty and visitors; Royal Navy and religious personnel; other charity establishments including overseas sailor's homes and general visitors.	12 Apr 1862 - 11 Oct 1938

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D/LH/8/1 - 10	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>1910 - 1948</u>
1	Correspondence to the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home, from the Home Office, Whitehall, in reply to requesting patronage of Edward VII. [2 items]	11 June 1910 - 26 Jul 1910
2	Correspondence from the Home Office, Whitehall, to the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home, thanking them for their expressions of sympathy on the death of Edward VII, and expressing congratulations on his "Majesty's Accession to the Throne" (George V). [2 items]	22 Jul 1910 - 26 Jul 1910
3	Correspondence between the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home, Weightman Pedder & Co. (Solicitors) and the Board of Trade re exemption from Income Tax. [6 items]	31 Jul 1925 - 10 Jan 1933
4	Correspondence between the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home and Weightman Pedder & Co. (Solicitors) re the appointment of new Trustees. [5 items]	19 Feb 1931 - 15 Mar 1932
5	Correspondence between the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home and Weightman, Pedder & Co. (Solicitors) re "Incorporation of the Home" (with envelope). [19 items]	11 Nov 1931 - 1 Feb 1933
6	Correspondence between the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home, J.G. Lees, General Contractors and Henshaw Brothers re building repairs. [4 items]	19 Sept 1940 - 13 Nov 1940
7	Correspondence between the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home, Quiggin & Gee, Chartered Architects and Surveyors and Brodrick, Leitch & Kendall Ltd., Insurance Brokers re the arrangement to house three hundred people each night over a three night period at Liverpool Sailors' Home for the Victory Celebrations. [7 items]	12 Sept 1945 - 25 Sept 1945
8	Correspondence from Quiggin & Gee, Chartered Architects and Surveyors to the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home re account to be paid to cover an examination of the first floor for a concert.	17 Oct 1945
9	Correspondence to Martins Bank Ltd., Liverpool from the Liverpool Sailors' Home re Defence Bonds. Receipt of Bond Book, notice re conversion of Defence Bond and request conversion form. [4 items]	14 Mar 1947

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10	Correspondence between Weightman, Pedder & Co. (Solicitors), the Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home and Kenneth William Hadley, seaman re the theft of his suit from the Home, and the return by Mr. Hadley of the key to his room. [8 items]	27 Jan 1948 - 23 Mar 1948

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D/LH/9/1 - 10	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>1844 - 1962</u>
1	Indenture of lease of premises between Canning Place, Hanover Street and Paradise Street, Liverpool, of the Liverpool Sailors' Home (with envelope postmarked 1948). [2 items]	23 Apr 1915
2	Typed list of officers and committee members, home addresses and occupations.	1932
3	Typed sheet re account of charges to seamen for board, refreshment stall, seamen for transmission board.	1933
4	Newscutting re how Liverpool is to celebrate victory.	29 Aug 1948
5	Magazine: <i>The Anchor Apostleship of The Sea</i> .	Jan/Mar 1962
6	Illustration of the Liverpool Sailors' Home.	c.1858
7	Memo re the establishment of a Sailors' Home Registry and Savings Bank for seamen.	25 Oct 1844
8	Ministry of Shipping notice to Masters, Officers and Seamen and members of the Pilotage and Light Vessels' Service re war damage to effects.	Mar 1940
9	Notice re King George's Fund for Sailors War Fund. [2 items]	n.d.
10	Blank envelope from the Sailors' Home, Liverpool, with a photograph of the home on the reverse.	n.d.

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P/CC/LH/1/1 - 2	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>1908 - 1938</u>
1/1 - 10	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>1908 - 1919</u>
1	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1908
2	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1909
3	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1910
4	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1911
5	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1912
6	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1913
7	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1914
8	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1915
9	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1916
10	Statement of Accounts.	31 Dec 1919
2/1 - 16	<u>Annual Reports</u>	<u>1911 - 1938</u>
1	Sixty-eighth Annual Report.	1911
2	Eightieth Annual Report.	1923
3	Eighty-first Annual Report. [2 items]	1924
4	Eighty-second Annual Report.	1925
5	Eighty-third Annual Report.	1926
6	Eighty-fourth Annual Report.	1927
7	Eighty-sixth Annual Report. [2 items]	1929
8	Eighty-seventh Annual Report.	1930
9	Eighty-eighth Annual Report.	1931
10	Eighty-ninth Annual Report.	1932

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2/1 - 16	<u>Annual Reports</u> (cont)	<u>1911 - 1938</u>
11	Ninetieth Annual Report.	1933
12	Ninety-first Annual Report. [2 items]	1934
13	Ninety-second Annual Report.	1935
14	Ninety-third Annual Report.	1936
15	Ninety-fourth Annual Report.	1937
16	Ninety-fifth Annual Report.	1938

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P/CC/LH/2/1 - 2	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>1925 - 1928</u>
1	Correspondence to the Secretary, Charity Commission, from T. Huntington, Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home re copy of the last Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.	21 Apr 1925
2	Correspondence to H.D.S. Leake, Secretary, Charity Commission, from T. Huntington, Secretary, Liverpool Sailors' Home re Annual Reports and instructions in reference to future Reports.	21 Aug 1928