

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DCA

Title: Port of Cardiff Crew Agreements and Official Logbooks

Creation date(s): 1863-1913

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 6 cubic metres (600 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: From 1835 onwards under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1835, masters of any ships belonging to United Kingdom subjects undertaking a foreign voyage, and masters of any British registered ships of 80 tons or more employed in the coastal trade or fisheries were required to enter into an agreement with every member of the crew. The document had to be kept on board by the master, completed by him and handed to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen at the end of the voyage.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: The bulk of the collection is made up of crew agreements. The agreements contain the following information: Name of crew member, his/her age and town of birth Name of last ship and its port of registration Date of joining ship Occupation of crew member and wages Names of apprentices on board Particulars of discharge, date and place Signature of crew member Births, death and marriages (if any) on board The agreement also bears the dated stamps of consulates in the ports of call on the voyage, enabling the course and duration of the voyage to be plotted. The archive contains some official logbooks, also kept by the master. These are the official record of the voyage, giving details of any illnesses, deaths, desertions complaints or events of note.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Crew lists are arranged by the year that a ship completed its voyage, and by ship's registration number within each year.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions

Conditions governing reproduction: Crown Copyright Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Finding aids: Handlist available at the Glamorgan Record Office

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained

Accruals: Accruals are not expected

Archival history: The records were in the custody of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen until 1971, when they were offered to the Glamorgan Record Office by the Public Record Office acting on behalf of the Registrar General

Immediate source of acquisition:

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: The Glamorgan Record Office holds the complete surviving series of crew agreements for Cardiff-registered ships for 1863-1913, with the following exceptions: 10% random sample of each year and the agreements for famous ships, are held at The National Archives, Kew. All remaining agreements for the years 1861, 1862, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895 and 1905 are held at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. For crew agreements for the period 1914-1938 and 1951-1976 contact the Maritime History Group, St John's Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada A1C 5S7

Publication note: Shipping Records • Crew Agreements
Glamorgan Record Office Annual Report, 1983
A Guide to the Holdings of the Maritime History Archive (Newfoundland), ed. Roberta Thomas and Heather Wareham, Newfoundland, 1991

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Compiled by Annabel Wickham for the ANW Project; sources used include Glamorgan Record Office finding aids.

Rules or conventions: Description follows Archives Network Wales guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition; AACR2 and LCSH.

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