

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 DRBS

**Title:** Port of Cardiff registers of shipping

**Dates:** 1824-1994

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.74 cubic metres (36 volumes and 7 boxes)

**Name of creator(s):** H. M. Commissioners of Customs and Excise,  
Registry of Shipping and Seamen and Maritime and  
Coastguard Agency

### **Administrative/biographical history**

General Registration of shipping over 15 tons was introduced by an Act of 1786, although records for the Port of Cardiff date only from 1824.

### **Archival history**

The registers were compiled locally by Customs officers. They are deposited Public Records under S4(1) of the Public Records Act, 1958.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

Deposited at Glamorgan Record Office by H. M. Customs and Excise, the Registry of Shipping and Seamen and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on a variety of dates between 1980 and 2005

### **Scope and content**

Shipping registers give the official number, name and port of registry of each vessel and also details of its construction and ownership.

Ship registration papers for the Port of Cardiff give registration details for ships recorded in the shipping registers. Each file contains correspondence and forms relating to registration of the ships.

Transaction registers record changes in ownership.

### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

### **Accruals**

Accruals are possible

### **System of arrangement**

Chronological by year, then alphabetical by ship name.

### **Conditions governing access**

No restrictions

**Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

**Language/scripts of material**

English

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Good condition

**Finding aids**

Card index of ships' names available.

**Existence and location of originals**

**Existence and location of copies**

**Related units of description**

DPROCAC Cardiff crew agreements

**Publication note**

**Note**

**Archivist's note**

Compiled by Joanne Jones for the Glamorgan Record Office.

**Rules or conventions**

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

**Date of description**

January 2004, modified January 2005

**COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE****PORT OF CARDIFF****Shipping Registers**

These volumes contain full details of the dimensions, ownerships and transactions of ownership, history and ultimate fate of each ship registered in the port, arranged in chronological order of registration. They do not record the movement of ships, but constitute a document of title to property.

DRBS/1/1	[1 volume]	1824 - 1837
DRBS/1/2	[1 volume]	1838 - 1855
DRBS/1/3	[1 volume]	1855 - 1865
DRBS/1/4	[1 volume]	1866 - 1881
DRBS/1/5	[1 volume]	1881 - 1885
DRBS/1/6	[1 volume]	1885 - 1895
DRBS/1/7	[1 volume]	1895 - 1901
DRBS/1/8	[1 volume]	1901 - 1906
DRBS/1/9	[1 volume]	1906 - 1912
DRBS/1/10	[1 volume]	1912 - 1916
DRBS/1/11	[1 volume]	1916 - 1920
DRBS/1/12	[1 volume]	1920 - 1924
DRBS/1/13	[1 volume]	1924 - 1937
DRBS/1/14	[1 volume]	1937 - 1953
DRBS/1/15	[1 volume]	1953 - 1971
DRBS/1/16	[1 volume]	1971 - 1982
DRBS/1/17	[1 volume]	1982 - 1987
DRBS/1/18	[1 volume]	1988 - 1994

**Transaction Registers**

These volumes record transfers of ownership and mortgages.

The covering dates in the list are the dates of the first entries on the first and last pages respectively in each volume. As subsequent transactions relating to each ship are entered on the same page as the first transaction (until the page is completed, after which further entries relating to the ship are continued on another page or in another volume), each volume may contain details or transactions which are of later date than the given covering dates.

DRBS/2/1	[1 volume]	1855 – 1878
DRBS/2/2	[1 volume]	1871 – 1875
DRBS/2/3	[1 volume]	1875 – 1878
DRBS/2/4	[1 volume]	1878 – 1879
DRBS/2/5	[1 volume]	1879 – 1880
DRBS/2/6	[1 volume]	1880 – 1883
DRBS/2/7	[1 volume] [Register “7”]	1880 – 1883
DRBS/2/8	[1 volume]	1883 – 1885
DRBS/2/9	[1 volume] [Register “10”]	1883 – 1886
DRBS/2/10	[1 volume]	1885 – 1888
DRBS/2/11	[1 volume] [Register “14”]	1886 – 1889
DRBS/2/12	[1 volume]	1888 – 1890
DRBS/2/13	[1 volume] [Register “16”]	1889 – 1891
DRBS/2/14	[1 volume]	1890 – 1942
DRBS/2/15	[1 volume] [Register “18”]	1891 – 1932
DRBS/2/16	[1 volume]	1870 - 1928
DRBS/3/1	Volume of manuscript orders from the Board of Customs, pasted into a blank shipping register  [1 volume]	1897 – 1907
DRBS/4	Index to ships begun c. 1981 with later additions  [1 volume]	circa 1924 – 1994
DRBS/5	Port of Cardiff ship registration papers  [7 boxes]	1911-1993
DRBS/6	Register of Fishing Boats  The register contains name of vessel, details of owner and skipper with addresses, type of vessel and	1970-1989

description, port or place to which it belongs, and mode of fishing. The register was compiled over the period 1983 to 1989 but includes several entries dating over the period 1970 to 1983.

[1 volume]