

C WW**Hull Wool House accounts****1561-1765**

Historical Background: Among the ancient rights claimed by Hull Corporation in its capacity as owner of the port was that of weighing lead and collecting the dues arising as a result. The port was granted to the corporation by a charter of 1382 and in the first account roll thereafter, circa 1387-97, there is a credit for the profits of the weigh-house (C BRF/2/343). Between 1448 and 1450, (C BRF/2/363 and 364) the name was changed to Wool House reflecting the most important commodity weighed at the time. By the seventeenth century when lead seems to have been the only cargo subject to this procedure, the income was still known as Wool House dues.

The Wool House was finally closed at the Michaelmas of 1774. It is clear from the final accounts (C WW/232) that the first fixed dues were no longer sufficient to cover the expenses and the last act of the corporation in respect of the Wool House was to reimburse its last master for the losses he incurred after nearly ten years of uneconomic working.

Apart from the main record, the accounts audited annually by the corporation very few records have survived. Only for brief period 1672-1677 does the History Centre have anything like a complete set of records. This is sufficient to show how the Wool House operated and explains the significance of the sparser records of earlier and later periods.

Most of the lead reaching Hull was from the Derbyshire mines, although there was a negligible quantity from North Yorkshire, via York. In these records the first mention of the lead is on its arrival at Stockwith or Gainsborough on the Trent. There it was placed on river craft for conveyance to Hull, where on arrival it came under the control of the Hull merchants, acting partly on their own account and, to a greater extent, as agents on behalf of the Derbyshire merchants

Description: Records relating to the weighing of lead on transshipment or sale in the port of Hull: Accounts, 1647 (some gaps), 1672-1771; ticket books, 1672-77; ledgers, 1655-1711 (with gaps); warrant books, 1672-75; weigh books, 1672-75; day books, 1672-77; shipping books, 1672-77; porters' notes, 1744-1764; weigh house accounts, 1561-1563, 1631-1633. The Hull Wool House accounts for 1672-1740 (C WW/5-150) are missing as of 1/10/2011.

Arrangement:	C WW/1-232	Accounts for the Hull Wool House	1647-1775
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	C WW/235-239	Hull Wool House ledgers	1655-1711
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	C WW 242	Hull Wool House weigh book	1672-1677
	C WW/243-244	Hull Wool House day books	1672-1677
	C WW/246-295	Hull Wool House porters books	1744-1765
	C WW/296-298	Accounts for the Hull Weigh House	1561-1563

Extent: 11 boxes

Related material: At C BRL are letters relating to the Wool House, whilst C BRO contains records relating to Wool House officers. C BRV has some papers relating to litigation concerning the house and at C BRX are details of miscellaneous agreements with lead merchants

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Accounts for the Hull Wool House

1647-1775

These show the sums due from each of the vessels bringing lead from Derbyshire. They indicate the number of pigs, pieces or firkins and the number of fothers (a specific weight, about 19.5 cwt) they were converted to for the purposes of calculating the dues at so much per fother. Sometimes dues for striking were also levied but these seem to have been in addition to the main dues which alone indicate the quantity of lead handled.

In addition, the accounts show the expenditure on wages and salaries, maintenance of the Wool House and their incidental expenditure. They were made up quarterly in December, March, June and September but the four accounts were often bound in a single volume. An exception was the period 1647-1659 when the expenditure was accounted quarterly but the income for the whole period was covered by each account.

Accounts for 1672-1740 (C WW/5-150) are missing as of 1/10/2011.
232 items

C WW/1	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	1647-1648
C WW/2	Hull Wool House accounts March, June and September quarters 1 item	1653
C WW/3	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	1658-1659
C WW/4	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	1661-1662
C WW/5-150	Hull Wool House accounts Missing as of 1/10/2011	1672-1740
C WW/151	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1741
C WW/152	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1742
C WW/153	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1742

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C WW/154	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1742
C WW/155	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1742
C WW/156	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	May 1743
C WW/157	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1743
C WW/158	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1743
C WW/159	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1743
C WW/160	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1744
C WW/161	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1744
C WW/162	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1744
C WW/163-206	Hull Wool House accounts Missing as of 1/10/2011	Dec 1744- Jun 1760
C WW/207	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1760
C WW/208	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1760
C WW/209	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1761
C WW/210	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1761
C WW/211	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1762
C WW/212	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1762
C WW/213	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1762

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C WW/214	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1762
C WW/215	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1764
C WW/216	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1765
C WW/217	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1765
C WW/218	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1765
C WW/219	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1766
C WW/220	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1766
C WW/221	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1766
C WW/222	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1766
C WW/223	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1767
C WW/224	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1767
C WW/225	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1767
C WW/226	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Dec 1767
C WW/227	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Mar 1768
C WW/228	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Jun 1768
C WW/229	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	Sep 1768
C WW/230	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	1768-1769

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C WW/231	Hull Wool House accounts 1 item	1770-1771
C WW/232	Hull Wool House accounts Missing as of 1/10/2011 1 item	1771-1775
C WW/233-234	Ticket books for the Hull Wool House The ticket books show the quantities of lead placed on each vessel by the various lead merchants. They contain transcriptions of the tickets recording the cargoes loaded on the river craft bringing lead from the mining areas. Each entry has the following information:- i) The date of its receipt in Hull ii) The name of the place the cargo was loaded. Generally this was Stockwith but Gainsborough appears regularly as well as York iii) The name of the vessel iv) The name of the master v) Details of the consignment from each owner showing the owners name, the number of pigs (ordinary lead), pieces (small lead) and firkins (red lead) as well as the total number, the merchants mark on the lead, the page reference to the ledger and a serial number which began again each quarter 2 items	1672-1674
C WW/233	Hull Wool House ticket books This also includes an inventory of equipment and goods at the Wool House in October 1672 and notes relating to other goods (usually timber) taken in and removed from the premises 1 item	4 Oct 1672- Sep 1676
C WW/234	Hull Wool House ticket books 1 item	Oct 1676- Sep 1677
C WW/235-239	Hull Wool House ledgers Gives details of the vessels bringing the lead into Hull and those taking it away under agency agreements. They show how the lead sent by owners in the ticket books was dealt with. There is a double page for each and are arranged chronologically. The first page shows the lead sent according to the ticket book and gives the date, vessel and masters name and the number of pigs (ordinary lead), pieces (small lead) and firkins (red lead).	1655-1711

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The other page shows how the lead was dealt with and gives the date, the purchaser's name (in the case of sales) or the name of the vessel and master (if shipped) and the number of pigs, pieces and firkins bearing each mark.

At the end are chronological accounts of the lead of various owners shipped at Stockwith and by passing Hull. There is a separate page for each owner and gives the date, the name of the vessel and master and the number of pigs, pieces and firkins bearing each mark
4 items

C WW/235	Hull Wool House ledger Some pages missing 1 item	Jan 1655- Sep 1663
C WW/236	Hull Wool House ledger Indexed, generally indicates the destination of exports 1 item	Mar 1670- Sep 1672
C WW/237	Hull Wool House ledger Indexed 1 item	Oct 1672- Sep 1675
C WW/238	Hull Wool House ledger Indexed, and gives the occupations and residences of some purchasers 1 item	Sep 1675- Sep 1677
C WW/239	Hull Wool House ledger Indexed with some early pages missing 1 item	Mar 1696- Sep 1711
C WW/240-241	Hull Wool House warrant books	1672-1674

These show how the Hull merchants dealt with the lead. They are transcriptions of the instructions sent to the wool house for the removal of the lead. They were generally signed by the Hull merchants who made no distinction between lead recorded in the ledgers as sold to them and that recorded as shipped and with which they were presumably dealing with as agents.

The instructions are of three kinds; lead sold to a customer in town, lead removed by the merchant to be dealt with later or lead placed on a ship. With the first two kinds, the name of the recipient is given and in the third the name of the master and sometimes the destination.

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The list of lead to be removed includes the names of the original owners, the mark and number of pigs, pieces and firkins. Each warrant is dated, given a serial number and signed by the merchant or his clerk on his behalf

2 volumes

C WW/240	Hull Wool House warrant book 1 volume	1 Oct 1672- 24 Sep 1674
C WW/241	Hull Wool House warrant book 1 volume	30 Sep 1674- 21 Mar 1675
C WW/242	Hull Wool House weigh book Detailed accounts of the weighing process out of the lead in accordance with the instructions in the warrant books 1 volume	1 Oct 1672- 28 Sep 1677
C WW/243-244	Hull Wool House day books The day books give the loading details for the export vessels. Arranged chronologically for each day there is the following:- i) Name of the ship ii) The name of the master iii) Its intended destination iv) An account of the lead showing the mark, the name of the original owner, the immediate source of the lead (whether it is a named merchant, the wool house or a river vessel whose master is named (see the ticket books at C WW/233-234) and the total number of pigs, pieces and firkins v) The total lead loaded. A vessel may appear under two or more days as loading proceeded 2 volumes	1672-1677
C WW/243	Hull Wool House day book 1 volume	1 Oct 1672- 28 Sep 1674
C WW/244	Hull Wool House day book 1 volume	30 Sep 1674- 27 Sep 1677
C WW/245	Hull Wool House shipping book This summarises the loading details of the exporting vessel and it's destination. It gives the following:- i) The date ii) Name of the vessel ii) The name of the master	1 Oct 1672- 28 Sep 1677

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iii) An account for the lead from various owners being shipped giving the name of the original owner and the persons to whom it had been sold, immediate source the number of pigs, pieces and firkins and the ledger reference

v) The total lead exported
1 volume

C WW/246-295 **Hull Wool House porters books** **1744-1765**

A weekly account of the lead taken into the wool house, and shows the quantity and name of the master of the delivery vessel, and of the lead leaving the house, both weighed and unweighed. If it went by water they indicate the quantities and names of the master of the receiving vessel, except in the case of sloops, which are simply described as 'sloop boats'. In both sections the dues payable for each consignment are indicated. If it was old into Hull, ('to fore door') then the name of the recipient is given. From December 1748 there is also an account for 'lighterage' relating to some, but not to all the consignments taken from the wool house
50 items

C WW/246	Hull Wool House porters book Incomplete 1 item	Dec 1744
C WW/247	Hull Wool House porters book Incomplete 1 item	Dec 1745
C WW/248	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1745
C WW/249	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1745
C WW/250	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1745
C WW/251	Hull Wool House porters book Incomplete 1 item	Mar 1746
C WW/252	Hull Wool House porters book Incomplete 1 item	Jun 1746
C WW/253	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1748

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C WW/254	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1749
C WW/255	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1749
C WW/256	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1749
C WW/257	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1749
C WW/258	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1750
C WW/259	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1750
C WW/260	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1750
C WW/261	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1750
C WW/262	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1750- 1751
C WW/263	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1751
C WW/264	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1751
C WW/265	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1752
C WW/266	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1752
C WW/267	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1752
C WW/268	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1752
C WW/269	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1753
C WW/270	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1753

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C WW/271	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1753
C WW/272	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1753
C WW/273	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1754
C WW/274	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1754
C WW/275	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1754
C WW/276	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1755
C WW/277	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1755
C WW/278	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1755
C WW/279	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1756
C WW/280	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1757
C WW/281	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1758
C WW/282	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1758
C WW/283	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1758
C WW/284	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1758
C WW/285	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1759
C WW/286	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1759
C WW/287	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1759

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C WW/288	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1759
C WW/289	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1760
C WW/290	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1760
C WW/291	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Sep 1760
C WW/292	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Dec 1760
C WW/293	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1761
C WW/294	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Jun 1761
C WW/295	Hull Wool House porters book 1 item	Mar 1764
C WW/296-298	Accounts for the Hull Weigh House 2 items 1 volume	1561-1633
C WW/296	Hull Weigh House accounts 1 volume	1561-1563
C WW/297	Hull Weigh House accounts 1 item	1631-1632
C WW/298	Hull Weigh House accounts 1 item	1632-1633