Hull History Centre: Records relating to Hull’s whaling industry

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Arrangement:
L DMWH/1  Whaling Log Books  1812-1852
L DMWH/2  Miscellaneous records relating to Hull's whaling industry  1606-1938
L DMWH/3  Microfilm copies of whaling log books held elsewhere  1812-1906

Extent: 23 volumes, 4 items & 1 bundle

Related material: A log book of a whaling voyage of the ship 'Eagle' sailing from Hull to Greenland (1820-1823) is held at reference C DBX/5/1.

Hull Maritime Museum holds the original whaling log books for the vessels: Swan (1817); Neptune (1821); Royal George (1821); Duncombe (1822); Volunteer (1832, 1833 and 1834); Dordon (1831) and Truelove (1859, 1860 and 1861). A microfilm copy of these log books can be found at reference L DMWH/3/2-3. The museum also holds a large collection of scrimshaw objects. See <http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/museumcollections/> for further information.

Hull Trinity House holds the original whaling log books for the following vessels: Ariel (1828); Andrew Marvel (1828); Dordon (1828); Comet (1812-1814, 1814-1815 and 1815). With the exception of the ship Comet, microfilm copies of these log books can be found at reference L DMWH/3/1.

The Local Studies Library has a collection of books relating to the general history of whaling and the natural history of whales with the emphasis of the collection being on Hull's role and involvement, which can be found at reference L(WHA).

See also 'British Arctic whaling logbooks and journals: a provisional listing' in Polar Record' (2008), 44 pp.311-320 Cambridge University Press.

Access conditions: The majority of the items in this collection are available to view on microfilm only, please see individual catalogue entry for microfilm roll numbers.
Whaling Log Books

L DMWH/1 Whaling Log Books
The majority of the log books in this series were previously referenced L.639.281
The majority of the log books in this series are only available to view on microfilm, see individual catalogue entries for more details. Please book a microfilm reader before your visit.
21 volumes

L DMWH/1/1 Log book of the whaling ship Abram
Regarding a voyage to Baffin Bay. Photocopy of an original log book held at the Provincial Archives in Winnipeg, Canada
1 volume
11 Mar 1839-18 Oct 1839

L DMWH/1/2 Log book of the whaling ship Andrew Marvel
Regarding the voyage from Hull towards Davis Straits, with Matthew Wright as Master
Only available to view on microfilm, roll number 182. Please book a microfilm reader before your visit.
1 volume
14 Mar 1831-2 Nov 1831

L DMWH/1/3 Log book of the whaling ship Brunswick
The volume includes two voyages, both travelling from Hull towards Davis Straits and back to Hull again, with William Blythe as Captain, and the log was kept by M. Wright, Mate
Only available to view on microfilm, roll number 182. Please book a microfilm reader before your visit.
1 volume
7 Mar 1825-27 Jul 1826

L DMWH/1/4 Log book of the whaling ship Brunswick
Regarding a voyage from Hull towards Davis Straits and back to Hull again, with William Blythe as Captain, and the log was kept by M. Wright, Mate
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Regarding voyage from Hull towards Davis Straits and back, with William Manger as Captain. Also notes the death of James Fletcher at 4.30am on 17 April 1827.
Only available to view on microfilm, roll number 182. Please book a microfilm reader before your visit.
1 volume
31 Mar 1827-30 Oct 1827

L DMWH/1/12 Log book of the whaling ship Laurel
Regarding a voyage from Hull to Davis Straights, with William Manger as Commander
Only available to view on microfilm, roll number 182. Please book a microfilm reader before your visit.
1 volume
18 Mar 1828-12 Oct 1828

L DMWH/1/13 Log book of the whaling ship Margaret
The volume includes four voyages, all of which were from Hull towards Greenland and back, with James Hewitt as Commander on the first two voyages and Captain Robert Gascoin as Commander on the final two voyages
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1 volume
9 Mar 1812-7 Jul 1815

L DMWH/1/14 Log book of the whaling ship Margaret
The volume includes two voyages, both from Hull towards Greenland
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1 volume
15 Jul 1815-5 Aug 1816

L DMWH/1/15 Log book of the whaling ship Neptune
Regarding a voyage from Hull to the Greenland whale fishery and back
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Swan, 1817  
Neptune, 1821  
Royal George, 1821  
Duncombe, 1822  
Volunteer, 1832-1834  
Dordon, 1831  
Truelove, 1859-1861  
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Duncombe, 1822  
Volunteer, 1832-1834  
Dordon, 1831  
Truelove, 1859-1861  
S. S. Erik, 1870  
This microfilm includes the same log books as at L DMWH/3/2 with the addition of the log book of the whaling ship S. S. Erik.  
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L DMWH/3/4  
Microfilm copy of extracts from two magazines  
Includes copies of:  
An article titled "The Death-Ship: The Story of a Tragic Voyage" by Miss Mary Gravill, in The World Wide Magazine, vol. xvi, no.95, Feb 1906  
An article titled "Voyage of the 'Diana' whaler of Hull in the years 1866-1867", The Cornhill Magazine, pp.748-760, 1867  
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