U DTR Records of Hull Trinity House 1661-1907

Historical background:

The Trinity House began life in about 1369 as a religious guild of fifty five men and women who paid an annual subscription for the provision of candles and masses at Holy Trinity church. Elections were held in the church and members attended one another's funerals and supported one another in sickness. By the end of the fourteenth century the guild had over 250 members and they included shipmen, priests and other skilled tradesmen such as goldsmiths (Pevsner & Neave, York and the East Riding, p. 529; Allison, Victoria county history of Yorkshire, pp. 398-9; Brooks, The first order book, p. iii).

In the 1450s the guild changed shape when twenty four shipmasters decided to fund a perpetual chantry in Holy Trinity church, deploying their 'lowage and stowage' (cargohandling) fees for the purpose (by the late sixteenth century this was called primage). They then went one step further, agreeing to found an almshouse for mariners brought to poverty by 'infortune of the seas' and this was accompanied by the decision to build a chapel. By this means the religious guild turned into a craft guild with a location separate from its original church and accounts have continuously been kept since 1461. By 1472 a timber-framed and tiled guildhall, almshouses and chapel were built on land leased from the Carmelites between Whitefriargate and Posterngate in Hull and by the late sixteenth century all guild members were shipmen (Pevsner & Neave, York and the East Riding, p. 529; Allison, Victoria county history of Yorkshire, p. 398; Brooks, The first order book, p. iv).

The guild was not one of seamen, but of master mariners who could navigate a ship. In 1541 Henry VIII confirmed the guild by charter, with a named twelve elder brethren, all other members being younger brethren. The guild also officially maintained a quasi-religious function with some catholic ceremonial. This was swept away by an Elizabethan charter of 1581, which formalised the protestantism of the brethren and Hull Trinity House's jurisdiction over the coast from the Tees in the north to Winterton Ness in the south. Separately-incorporated Trinity House guilds in London, Bristol and Newcastle made this imperative (Allison, Victoria county history of Yorkshire, pp. 398-8; Brooks, The first order book, pp. v, x).

The 1581 charter remained the basis of the organisation until the nineteenth century and led to an increase of the records of the house, kept by two wardens and six assistants. During the seventeenth century the house increased its control over Humber shipping, with a house officer being harbour master and with the laying and maintenance of buoys and lights becoming a regular area of house activity. A yacht was acquired in 1783 to facilitate such maintenance. It exerted control over seaman's wages and disputes between ship owners and masters (sometimes in conflict with the admiralty courts and the council of the north). In the early nineteenth century the house played a part in setting up the lifeboat at Spurn Point and had considerable control over the docking of boats at Hull (Allison, Victoria county history of Yorkshire, pp. 400-2; Brooks, The first order book, pp. vi, x).

The jurisdiction and privileges of Trinity House over navigation and pilotage loosened in the nineteenth century in the face of local criticism and parliamentary repeal of navigation acts. The Humber Conservancy Act of 1852 removed its control over Humber Shipping. However, the guild had started as a religious guild with charitable

activities attached and it has maintained a place for itself as a charitable organisation with religious overtones. It is still a major landowner and maintains almshouses and a school set up in 1785. The latter originally catered to 36 boys, who wore distinctive blue dress coats with brass buttons, and who went on to be apprenticed to a shipmaster. An adult school in the evening taught navigation. The almshouses originally catered to guild members and their widows, and hospitals tended to their medical needs. However, in 1742 the Merchant Seaman's Act authorised a levy of 6 pence on all seamen's wages to establish a fund to support widows and dependant children and Trinity House was given the responsibility of keeping the muster rolls and administering the accommodation, medical welfare and pensions. The archive held at the Brynmor Jones Library throws most light on this charitable activity (Allison, Victoria county history of Yorkshire, pp. 400 ff; Brooks, The first order book, pp. xx ff).

Custodial History:

Deposited by the Wardens of Hull Trinity House, c.1974

Description:

This collection of documents largely comprises contemporary copies of the accounts and muster rolls for the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Most of the records of Trinity House Hull are held by the house itself.

The archive in greater detail is as follows: accounts and vouchers (1714-1907) including disbursements of the seaman's fund (1748-1774), some buoyage and building accounts, warden's vouchers (1714-1843) and primages (1730-1835); the minutes books (1820-1860), account book (1845-1872) and letter books (1837-1872) of the garrison ground committee; muster rolls (1746-1834).

The volumes in the archive contain material from committees, largely of the nineteenth century, formed to deal with legislation on pilotage, lighthouses, foreign trade, merchant shipping and other matters of direct relevance to the continuing privileges and responsibilities of the house and further volumes of bills and acts of parliament accompany the committee volumes. Included are the 1836 Bill for Regulating Hull Trinity House and the 1869 Merchant Shipping and Navigation Bill. Bills and acts for Hull cover a wide range of things from public health and lighting to several Hull Corporation Acts and enclosure acts. However, bills and acts collected for other places such as London and Boston represent types of waterway legislation. Volumes of miscellaneous material include all kinds of material from the late seventeenth century onwards related to the Humber foreshore and there is an 1881 volume of material on lights and the prevention of collisions. There is also an 1842 catalogue of books for Kingston College and meteorological logbooks of the late nineteenth century for the Killingholme High lighthouse and the Salt End lighthouses.

Miscellanous material in the archive includes the 1661 charter of confirmation of Charles II and the 1836 charter of confirmation of William IV. There is also an 1862 plan of the River Humber and the Hull daily shipping lists for 1826-30.

Arrangement:

DTR/1 Accounts and Vouchers, 1714-1907 DTR/2 Garrison Ground Committee, 1820-1872 DTR/3 Rough Muster Rolls, 1746-1834 DTR/4 Volumes, 1697-1906 DTR/5 Miscellaneous, 1661-1900

Extent: 44 linear metres

Related Material:

Main archive still held at Hull Trinity House Fair copies of Trinity House Muster Rolls, 1747 - 1851, C DSTR

Other repositories:

Main Trinity House archive still held at Hull Trinity House

Access Conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader.

The rough copies of the muster rolls U DTR/3 are in poor condition and in many cases are closed until conservation can be carried out. Please see C DSTR for details of the fair copies of the muster rolls, which can be consulted.

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U DTR/1/2	Buoyage Accounts 73 items	1748-1827
U DTR/1/3	Index to payments 1 item	c.1783-1803
U DTR/1/4	Bundles of Building Account vouchers. 12 items	1794-1797

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U DTR/2	Garrison Ground Committee	1820-1872
U DTR/2/1	Minute Book 1 volume	1820-1835
U DTR/2/2	Minute Book Also Letter Book, 1837-1859 2 volumes	1835-1860
U DTR/2/3	Minute Book 1 volume	1860-1872
U DTR/2/4	Account Book 1 volume	1845-1872

U DTR/3 Rough Muster Rolls

1746-1834

Muster Rolls taken by shipmasters and providing details of a ship's crew and voyages, were required to be kept under the Act for the Relief of Disabled Seamen passed in 1747. This Act established the Seamen's Fund to provide for the welfare of seamen. Under the terms of the Seamen's Fund shipmasters were responsible for collecting monthly contributions of 6 pence from each crew member. These contributions were collected at the end of each voyage and given to appointed Collectors or Receivers by shipmasters at the port of arrival, at which time the individual ship's muster roll was submitted for filing. Trinity House Hull was responsible for providing Collectors at the ports of Hull, Gainsborough, Goole, Grimsby, and Bridlington, and it is to these ports that the Trinity House Muster Rolls relate.

The following information was required to be entered into the muster roll: Ship name; Ship master's name and place of abode; Ship's tonnage; Port sailed from; Port arrived into. The following information relating to individual crewmen was also required: Name; Age; Place of birth; Place of abode; First ship and master served with; When and where entered current ship; When and where discharged, run, or killed; When and where injured or wounded; Number of months and days on board ship. Muster Rolls also record the amount of money received by the Collector and the date on which this was received. Please note that the information actually provided is not always complete in each instance.

U DTR/3 are the rough muster rolls, pre-printed forms which were completed on board ship from information provided by ships' masters. The information was then copied into the fair copies, which are also held at Hull

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U DTR/4/2		Select Committee on Foreign Trade. (Lights, ues and Pilotage).	23 Jul 1822
U DTR/4/3	•	Select Committee on Foreign Trade. (Lights, ues and Pilotage).	23 Jul 1822
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U DTR/4/9	Report of Commissioners on Harbours of Refuge. 1 volume	7 Aug 1844
U DTR/4/10	First Report of Commissioners on Tidal Harbours. 1 volume	8 Jul 1845
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U DTR/4/12	Report of Select Committee on Lighthouses. 1 volume	1 Aug 1845
U DTR/4/13	Report of Commissioners on Local Charges upon Shipping. Scotland, the Channel Isles, etc. 1 volume	1855
U DTR/4/14	Report of Commissioners on Local Charges upon Shipping. Ireland. 1 volume	1855
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U DTR/4/18	Report of Select Committee on Merchant Shipping. 1 volume	7 Aug 1860
U DTR/4/19	Report of Select Committee on Railway Companies Amalgamation. 1 volume	2 Aug 1872
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U DTR/4/23	Report of Humber Conservancy Commission of Inquiry. Vol. I. 1 volume	1906
U DTR/4/24	Report of Humber Conservancy Commission of Inquiry. Vol. II. 1 volume	1906
U DTR/4/25	Report of Humber Conservancy Commission of Inquiry. Vol. III. 1 volume	1906
U DTR/4/26	Report of Humber Conservancy Commission of Inquiry. Vol. IV. 1 volume	1906
U DTR/4/27	Report as U DTR/4/23. Vol. I. 1 volume	1906
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U DTR/4/31	Act for better Regulation and Government of the Pilots conducting Ships and Vessels into and out of the Port of Boston. 1 volume	1776
U DTR/4/32	Volume of Acts (a) Act for the Improvement of Liverpool, 10 Jun 1811 (b) Act to authorise the Advancement of a certain Sum of Money for carrying into effect the several Acts for the Improvement of Liverpool, 1813 1 volume	1811-1813
U DTR/4/33	Volume of Acts (a) Act for further continuing, altering and amending several Acts for the better Regulation of Lastage and Ballastage in the River Thames (and relating to dues payable to Trinity House of Deptford Strond), 29 Jul 1822 (b) Act for vesting Lighthouses (in the) Trinity House of Deptford Strond, 13 August 1836 1 volume	1822-1836

U DTR/4/34	General Pilot Act. 1 volume	5 Jul 1825
U DTR/4/35	Volume of Acts (a) Act for making a Railway from Kingston upon Hull to Selby, 21 June 1836 (b) Act to Amend U DTR/4/35(a), 11 April 1843 (c) North Eastern Railway Company Act, 31 July 1854 (d) Act for Inclosing Lands in Ferriby, Swanland, Kirk Ella, West Ella and Willerby, 3 June 1824 1 volume	1824-1854
U DTR/4/36	Volume, 'Bill for Regulating Hull Trinity House' (1836), containing 3 copies of the Bill (2 loose) and relative papers (1800-1836). 1 volume	c.1836
U DTR/4/37	Minutes of Evidence on Kingston upon Hull Docks Bill (1840). 1 volume	1841
U DTR/4/38	Minutes of Evidence on Kingston upon Hull Docks Bill (1840). Also (a) 'A View of Hull Dock Company's Financial position', 1840 (b) Case of Trinity House, petitioners against the Bill, 11 May 1840 (c) Fourth Report of Proceedings of the Committee of Owners of Property on both banks of the River Hull, 1841 (d) Report of James M. Rendel on Hull Docks. With 4 plans, 20 April 1840 1 volume	1841
U DTR/4/39	Report of Proceedings in the Committee of the House of Commons, on the Hull Dock Bill. 1 volume	1844
U DTR/4/40	Volume of Acts (a) Kingston upon Hull Water Act, 12 July 1843 (b) Public Health Act, 31 August 1848 (c) Kingston upon Hull Improvement Act, 3 July 1854 1 volume	1843-1854
U DTR/4/41	Kingston upon Hull Docks Act. 1 volume	6 Aug 1844
U DTR/4/42	Act for enabling the York and North Midland Railway Company to make a Station at Hull. 1 volume	22 Jul 1847

U DTR/4/43	Opinion on the Harbour Conservancy Bill. 1 volume	1847
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