

## C DIHU Records of James Humphrey, trawlerman and skipper 1952-1993

**Accession number:** 15/54

**Biographical Background:** Records created by James William Humphrey (1930-2015) during the course of his career as a trawlerman and skipper. The period during which Humphrey worked in the fishing industry (1950s-1970s), was one of great change. Initially this saw an increasing industrialisation of the fishing process and the eventual decline of the industry. After this collapse, Humphrey became a skipper on dredgers for several years, working mainly in ports in the south of England. On leaving the shipping business, Humphrey would go on to work with organisations such as the Keep Britain Tidy group, at Everthorpe Borstal (teaching seamanship) and delivering components. Hugh Lafferty (1937-2000) was a colleague of Humphrey's during his days on the trawlers. Although originally from Fleetwood, Lafferty eventually moved to Hull.

**Custodial history:** Deposited by Karl Humphrey, son of James Humphrey. Karl also took the slides of the various fishing vessels.

**Description:** Includes:- Qualifications and certificates; settlement papers; fishing log book and sailing record; code books used by Hull trawlers; sightbook; photographs and slides of various trawlers served on by Humphrey and magazines and journals with relevant articles.

**Arrangement:**

C DIHU/1	Professional records of James Humphrey	1952-1993
C DIHU/2	Material compiled or used by James Humphrey	1952-1980
C DIHU/3	Articles mentioning James Humphrey	1967-1976
C DIHU/4	Photographs of trawlers and fishing trips	1960s-1970s
C DIHU/5	Records of Hugh Lafferty of Fleetwood	1962

**Extent:** ½ box

**Related material:** James Humphrey is quoted in an article in the Hull publication, 'Flashback' relating to the Trawlermen's strike in 1970. (*Saturday 29 January, 2000*, Issue 78, page 8). This is accessible on microfilm at the History Centre.

The centre holds a number of collections relating to the fishing industry in Hull during this period. These include, for example, the Registers of Hull Ships *1804-1994*, (C DPC) and the records of two local fishing companies, Thomas Hamling & Co, *1894-1982* (C DBTH) and Hellyer Brothers *1937-1970* (C DBHB). In addition there are various books and publications concerning the industry such as the 'Trawling Times', the newspaper for the industry, *1968-1979*, 'Trawling' by Robb Robinson, 'Turning the Tide' by Rupert Creed and 'What Price Cod' by Norman Storey (all at L.639.22).

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader, except for those items containing information on named individuals which may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act. To consult these records please see staff for details.

<b>C DIHU/1</b>	<b>Professional records of James Humphrey</b> 9 items	<b>1952-1993</b>
C DIHU/1/1	Fisherman's Service book 1 item	2 Apr 1952

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C DIHU/1/2	Full Certificate of Competency as a Skipper 1 item	24 Apr 1959
C DIHU/1/3	Proceeds of fishing voyage certificates issued by Thomas Hamling & Co. Ltd of Hull Includes a list of vessels on which Humphrey served 1 item	1 Feb 1969- 13 Mar 1979
C DIHU/1/4	Certificate of pay issued by the Hull Fishing Vessel Owners Association to Humphrey For the year ending 31 Dec 1977 1 item	c.1978
C DIHU/1/5	British Seaman's Card Issued by the Board of Trade This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2055 1 item	7 Nov 1979
C DIHU/1/6	Full Certificate of Radiotelephony and authority to operate 1 item	7 Mar 1980
C DIHU/1/7	Seamen's Discharge book for Humphrey as a skipper This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2058 1 item	14 Aug 1980- 20 Oct 1982
C DIHU/1/8	H.M. Customs & Excise Form no.19 Transcript of register for the M.V. St. Giles Covers the period 1946-1977 1 item	8 Feb 1993
C DIHU/1/9	Photocopy of the Fisherman's Service Covers the period 1946-1977 1 item	n.d.
<b>C DIHU/2</b>	<b>Material compiled or used by James Humphrey</b> 2 volumes, 2 items and 1 bundle	<b>1952-1980</b>
C DIHU/2/1	Log book With date of voyage, location, wind direction and speed, conditions and other vessels sighted 1 volume	Feb 1952- Jun 1962
C DIHU/2/2	Note book With vessel name, date of sailing and crew members. Most have addresses listed with some contact details. Some pages have an amount listed and most have a comment such as 'from Falmouth' or 'bus to Milford'. 1 volume	15 Apr 1978- 1 Dec 1980

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C DIHU/2/3	Fishing Code books, spelling table and instructions for Hull based vessels 1 bundle	c.1960
C DIHU/2/4	Sight book for use with computed altitude and azimuth tables Some sections have been completed. Issued by the Hull Steam Trawlers Mutual Insurance and Protection Co. 1 item	Jun 1965
C DIHU/2/5	Unused motor fuel ration books 1 item	c.1970s
<b>C DIHU/3</b>	<b>Articles mentioning James Humphrey, trawlerman and skipper</b> 5 items	<b>1967-1976</b>
C DIHU/3/1	Copy of The Marine Observer (Met.O. 786), Vol.XXXVII No.217 On page 101, James Humphrey is listed for an excellence award for his meteorological records, with a picture of the M.V. St. Giles opposite page 104. 1 item	Jul 1967
C DIHU/3/2	Copy of The Marine Observer (Met.O. 859) Vol.XLIII No.241 On page 143 is an obituary of Skipper Edward Arthur Wooldridge (1912-1973) of Hull 1 item	Jul 1973
C DIHU/3/3	Copy of Commercial Fishing Vol.4 No.3 On page 17, James Humphrey of Hull is mentioned for the St. Dominic 1 item	Apr 1973
C DIHU/3/4	Copy of Commercial Fishing Vol.4 No.8 On page 19 James Humphrey of Hull is listed in the top boats of month 1 item	Sep 1973
C DIHU/3/5	Press cutting from the Daily Express featuring James Humphrey on the problems facing the fishing industry 1 item	1 Dec 1976
<b>C DIHU/4</b>	<b>Photographs of trawlers and fishing trips served on by James Humphrey of Hull</b> 5 items and 1 bundle	<b>c.1960s-1970s</b>

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C DIHU/4/1	Photographs of Hull registered trawlers Vessels on which James Humphrey served 5 items	c.1960s- 1970s
C DIHU/4/1/1	Photograph of the trawler St. Giles (H220) 1 item	c.1960s- 1970s
C DIHU/4/1/2	Photograph of the trawler Joseph Conrad (H161) 1 item	c.1960s- 1970s
C DIHU/4/1/3	Photograph of the trawler Peter Scott (H103) 1 item	c.1960s- 1970s
C DIHU/4/1/4	Photograph of the trawler Victoria (H428) 1 item	c.1960s- 1970s
C DIHU/4/1/5	Photograph of the trawler James Barrie (H15) 1 item	c.1960s- 1970s
C DIHU/4/2	Photographic slides of the trawler St. Leger, skipper James Humphrey Taken by Karl Humphrey in Greenland 1967 and the White Sea in 1968 This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate conversion into a digital format 1 bundle	1967-1968
<b>C DIHU/5</b>	<b>Records of Hugh Lafferty of Fleetwood</b> 1 item	<b>1962</b>
C DIHU/5/1	Certificate of Hugh Lafferty of Fleetwood as a Radar Observer on Merchant Ships 1 item	6 Apr 1962