

## L DBFI      **Log books of merchant vessels sailing out of Hull 1798-1835**

**Historical Background:** For centuries Hull has been heavily involved in trade with the Baltic and Northern Europe. Vessels from Hull would sail back and forth, carrying goods, products, and people. Manufactured goods from Britain's industrial north and Midlands would make their way via the Humber and its tributaries to Hull. From here they were loaded on to vessels at the port before being sent to the Baltic, Northern Europe and beyond. The return journey would see raw materials such as flax, hemp, timber and linseed come from the Baltic and other Northern European ports.

These merchant log books record this trade, and sailings from the port of Hull. Details include weather conditions, goods carried together with quantities, incidents onboard such as illness and failure to carry out duties. Also recorded is time in port, including the loading and unloading of goods and ship maintenance.

It appears from these log books, some which cover the Napoleonic Wars, that vessels sailed as part of a larger convoy, under the command of a Commadore, possibly with an armed escort.

**Custodial history:** Deposited with Hull Local Studies Library prior to its relocation to the Hull History Centre in 2010.

**Description:** These log books were deposited with Hull's Local Studies Library in Central Library on Albion Street where they were kept in safes before transferring across to the Hull History Centre when the Local Studies Library relocated in 2010.

**Extent:** 5 volumes/ 0.24 linear metres

**Related material:** The Hull History Centre holds a large amount of archival material relating to Hull's maritime past. We therefore recommend using the Hull History Centre online catalogue at [www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk](http://www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk) to start your search. Some notable collections include:

- Fishing crew lists (C DPF) of vessels sailing from Hull for the years 1884-1914
- Log books of whaling ships (L DMWH) sailing from Hull for the years 1812-1852
- Trinity House Muster Rolls (C DSTR) of vessels sailing from and entering the ports of Hull, Gainsborough, Goole, Grimsby, and Bridlington, 1747-1851
- Bills of Entry for Hull (L.387) for the years 1832-1971

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader.

L DBFI/1	Log book of the merchant vessel 'Bridget' sailing out of Hull Recording voyages from Hull to Riga, with T.F. Bell, master and Thomas Bell, mate 1 volume	18 Apr 1798- 20 May 1800
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L DBFI/2	Log book of the merchant vessels 'John and Sarah' and 'Retrieve' sailing out of Hull Recording voyages from Hull to Riga by the ship 'John and Sarah', and a voyage by the ship 'Retrieve' from Hull to St. Petersburg, with Thomas Bell as Master on both voyages 1 volume	13 Aug 1801- 6 Feb 1805
L DBFI/3	Log book of the merchant vessel 'Resource' sailing out of Hull Recording voyages from Hull to Riga, with John Bull as Captain 1 volume	29 Jun 1800- 8 Sep 1802
L DBFI/4	Log book of the merchant vessel 'Resource' sailing out of Hull Recording voyages from Hull to Riga and back, with John Irvin as Master; a voyage from Hull towards Lisbon and back to London, with William Drabwell as Captain, and a voyage from London to Oporto, with William Drabwell as Captain 1 volume	17 Jun 1806- 16 Aug 1810
L DBFI/5	Log book of the merchant vessel 'Samuel Spyvee' sailing out of Hull Recording voyages from Hull to Cronstadt and a voyage from Hull to Riga, with John Meggitt as Commander 1 volume	19 Sep 1833- 8 Sep 1835