

**L DIDA      Research notes of William J. Davies      1896- Mid 20th cent.**  
**of Hull, teacher and author**

**Biographical Background:** William (Bill) John Davies was born in South Wales in 1904. He attended Aberdare Grammar School and began reading economic history at Cardiff University in 1921. He obtained a BA degree in 1925 and started teaching in Hull elementary schools the same year. He moved to the Hull Boulevard Nautical School in 1928. Throughout his years at the Nautical School, Mr Davies taught English, Geography and History and, during World War II, took on additional subjects such as seamanship and navigation. Thousands of officers in many parts of the world, among them masters and marine superintendents, remember him with affection. In 1937 he obtained his MA degree for a thesis on Hull in the 17th century. In 1960 he was appointed acting deputy headmaster when the school merged with Trinity House School, before he retired a few years later.

Mr Davies was a keen footballer and all-round sportsman. He played for Aberdare FC in the Third Division and in 1924 was inside left in the Universities of Britain side which played the Universities of Italy in Rome. He also captained Hull Old Boys. He was interested in sport, local history and gardening.

**Custodial history:** Deposited with the Hull Local Studies Library

**Description:** Correspondence, invoices, essays, papers and reports, news cuttings and press reports and photographs

**Arrangement :**

L DIDA/1	Items collected by W.J. Davis	1896-1917
L DIDA/2	Bound volumes of historical notes	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3	Research notes on the history of the Humber Pilots	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/4	Drafts for a books by W.J. Davis	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/5	Secondary School papers of W.J. Davies	1949-1962

**Extent:** 4 boxes

**Related material:** The Hull Daily Mail from 13 March 1954, page 18, has an article on W.J. Davies. The History Centre has a number of records relating to the Nautical School. These can be located at reference C DEBN and within the Council's Education Committee minutes (C TCM) and Education Department's records (C TCE).

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

<b>L DIDA/1</b>	<b>Items collected by W.J. Davis</b> 4 items, 1 bundle, 1 volume	<b>1896-1917</b>
L DIDA/1/1	Indenture of Apprenticeship to the Sea Service between John Watson Cox and William Cockerill Thompson 1 item	4 Dec 1896
L DIDA/1/2	Indenture of Apprenticeship to the Sea Service between Harry Heels and George Wilkin 1 item	4 May 1900

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L DIDA/1/3	Photographs and typed material relating to Captain John Duncan, Master of the Humber Pilots' Steam Cutter, W. A. Massey Includes photo of the W. A. Massey 1 bundle	31 Oct 1917
L DIDA/1/4	Photograph of S.S. Commander Cawley 1 item	20th cent.
L DIDA/1/5	Bound volume entitled Hull as a fishing port Published work, produced for the visit of King George V on the opening of the new (King George) dock 1 volume	Jan 1915
<b>L DIDA/2</b>	<b>Bound volumes of historical notes by W.J. Davis</b> 12 volumes	<b>c.1970s</b>
L DIDA/2/1	Manuscript notes on Pilotage and the Humber Conservancy 1 volume	c.1970s
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L DIDA/2/5	Manuscript notes on Pilotage and the Humber Conservancy 1 volume	c.1970s
L DIDA/2/6	Manuscript notes on Pilotage and the Humber Conservancy 1 volume	c.1970s
L DIDA/2/7	Manuscript notes on maritime issues 1 volume	c.1970s
L DIDA/2/8	Manuscript notes apprentices and wages 1 volume	c.1970s
L DIDA/2/9	Manuscript notes on east coast ports and pilots 1 volume	c.1970s
L DIDA/2/10	Manuscript notes on parliament and fisheries 1 volume	c.1970s
L DIDA/2/11	Manuscript notes on apprentices, drunkardness and port dues 1 volume	c.1970s

L DIDA/2/12	Manuscript notes on state papers relating to maritime issues 1 volume	c.1970s
<b>L DIDA/3</b>	<b>Research notes of W.J. Davis on the history of the Humber Pilots</b> 26 bundles and 1 item	<b>Mid 20th cent.</b>
L DIDA/3/1	Research notes entitled Lower Humber Pilots, 1800-1910 Contains typed, photocopied and hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/2	Research entitled The Birth of a Pilot Service – Hull Pilots Contains typed and hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/3	Research notes entitled Grimsby Pilots Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/4	Research notes on the pilots service entitled Bridlington Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/5	Research notes entitled Humber Pilots, 1800-1832 Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/6	Research notes entitled Humber Pilots and New Holland Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/7	Research notes entitled Rates of Pilotage and Bye Laws Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/8	Research notes entitled Towing or Piloting Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/9	Research notes entitled Apprenticeship in the Humber Pilot Service, 1800-19071 Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/10	Research notes entitled Complaints against Pilots Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.

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L DIDA/3/11	Research notes entitled Grievances of Humber Pilots and Pilots' Representation on the Two Pilotage Authorities in Hull 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/12	Research notes entitled An Act for better regulating the Pilotage of port of Kingston upon Hull and River Humber and the Humber Conservancy Board Dated 1832-1849 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/13	Research notes entitled Pilotage on Humber Contains hand written notes and typed text 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/14	Research W.J. Davis entitled Humber Conservancy Act and Bill, 1907 Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/15	Research notes entitled Pilots: Passenger Ships Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/16	Research notes entitled 1849-1872, Certificate of Competency Contains handwritten notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/17	Research notes entitled transfer or renewal of Pilots' Certificates Contains handwritten notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/18	Research notes entitled Quarantine Contains handwritten notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/19	Research notes of W.J. Davis entitled Pilotage Certificate Contains handwritten notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/20	Research notes on aliens and acts of Parliament and local bye-laws Contains handwritten notes on an examination as to of these acts and local bye-laws affected the Humber Pilots and the consequences 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.

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L DIDA/3/21	Research notes entitled Humber Pilots, 1800-1832 Contains typed and hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/22	Research notes on Gainsborough, Trent and Goole pilots Contains hand written notes on Gainsborough and the Trent Pilotage, 1841-1907 and Goole Pilots, the first 100 years 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/23	Research notes entitled pilotage in Grimsby, 1805-1910 Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/24	Research notes entitled Upper Humber and Goole Pilots, 1828-1910 Contains typed, photocopied and hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/25	Research notes entitled Lower Humber Pilots Contains two articles. 1) Lower Humber Pilots, 1800-1910 [photocopied typed article] and 2) Pilot Cutters in the Lower Humber Pilot Services, May 1883 photocopied handwritten text 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/26	Research notes entitled Humber Pilots in the 19th Century Contains handwritten notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/3/27	Newspaper article entitled Humber Pilot Service discovers a Strong room Secret 1 item	Mid 20th cent.
<b>L DIDA/4</b>	<b>Drafts for a book by W.J. Davis</b> 6 bundles	<b>Mid 20th cent.</b>
L DIDA/4/1	Drafts for a book on the Humber Pilots: 1800-1832, 1832- 1849 – Chapter 1 and 2 Original 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/4/2	Drafts for a book on the Humber Pilots, Chapter 6-Chapter 14 Version A, 200-417. Contains hand written notes 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/4/3	Drafts for a book on Lower Humber Pilots, 1800-1907 Version B, 1-156, 156-200. Contains typescript and handwritten notes. 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.

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L DIDA/4/4	Drafts for a book the Lower Humber Pilots Version B, 200-417. Contains typescript and handwritten notes. 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/4/5	Drafts for a book on Hull Sailors in the 17th century and Lower Humber Pilots, 1800-1907 Version A, Chapter 1, 2 & 3, 1-199, 200-417. Contains handwritten and typed scripts. 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
L DIDA/4/6	Miscellaneous text relating to "Humber Pilots" Book 1 bundle	Mid 20th cent.
<b>L DIDA/5</b>	<b>Secondary school papers of W.J. Davies</b> 1 item, 1 volume and 1 bundle	<b>1949-1962</b>
L DIDA/5/1	Kingston upon Hull Education Committee English examination papers for admission to Hull secondary schools Eight papers relating to English exam, A and B papers 1 bundle	1949-1962
L DIDA/5/2	English examination paper for admission to Hull High School for Nautical Training Examiner: W J Davies 1 item	Jun 1962
L DIDA/5/3	Manuscript notes of W.J. Davis on meteorology examination scores 1 volume	Mid 20th cent.