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**Ownership documents
relating to Hull vessels**

1859-1878

Historical Background:

From the 1660s onwards a series of Navigation Acts required all ships to be registered in an attempt to encourage them to use British ships and British crews. The 1786 Merchant Shipping Act required the owners of any ship over 15 tons to be registered with customs officials at its home port and a copy of each certificate was sent to Customs House in London.

In 1825 a further Act required that ownership of each vessel be divided into 64 shares and any change in ownership of these shares or of the Master of the vessel had to be recorded and sent down to Customs House in London.

Both the Certificate of Survey and the Declaration of Ownership record details relating to the ship including its name, vessel number, where and when it was built and registered, the number of decks, masts and its rigging, with length of vessel and its tonnage.

The Certificate of Survey also includes details of the surveyor, whilst the Declaration of Ownership includes details of the owner, the number of shares they hold and confirmation that they are loyal to the Crown.

Custodial history: Donated anonymously in 1968

Description: A small collection of material relating to the ownership of vessels including certificates of survey and declarations of ownership.

Extent: 25 items

Related material:

Shipping Registers for vessels registered in Hull (1804-1970) [Ref C DPC] there is an index to these registers in the searchroom

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Laurel

Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership documents for the *Laurel* (vessel number 12518) built in Hull in 1841.

Includes:

- 1) Survey (23 Sep 1861) and declaration (14 Jan 1862) by Samuel Hull, mariner of Hull.
- 2) Declaration of Executors relating to the death (Oct 1858) of owner and subsequent purchase (5 Apr 1859) by William Lawson Morley, auctioneer of Barton upon Humber.
- 3) Declaration (26 Apr 1859) by John Stow, butcher of Hull
- 4) Declaration (17 Sep 1861) by Sam Hull, mariner of Hull.

4 items

Apr 1859 -
Jan 1862

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U DX65/2	<p><i>Venus</i> Declaration of ownership of the <i>Venus</i> (vessel number 7688) built in Rye in 1846. Includes: 1) Transfer of registration (12 Nov 1861) from Ramsgate to Hull with a certificate of survey (15 Nov 1861) and declaration by Richard Pullen, smackowner of Hull (13 Jan 1861) 2) Declaration (13 Oct 1862) by Henry Harvey, ships builder, Newhaven in Sussex 2 items</p>	Nov 1861- Oct 1862
U DX65/3	<p><i>Ceres</i> Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership of the <i>Ceres</i> (vessel number 7690) built in Sandwich, Kent in 1861. Includes: 1) Survey (23 Oct 1861) and declaration (13 Jan 1862) by Richard Pullen, smackowner of Hull with a note regarding the registration in Hull (13 Jan 1862) 2) Declaration (5 Jul 1865) by John Grimes Rivett, merchant of Suffolk 2 items</p>	Oct 1861- Jul 1865
U DX65/4	<p><i>Juno</i> Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership of the <i>Juno</i> a British vessel (vessel number 43792). Includes: Certificate of survey (11 Feb 1862) and declarations of ownership (14 Feb 1862) for 48 shares for Thomas Wilson, shipowner, Hull and 8 shares each for Joseph Armitage Wade, and John Edward Wade, both merchants from Hull 1 item</p>	Feb 1862
U DX65/5	<p><i>Lima</i> Declaration of ownership of the <i>Lima</i> (vessel number 37840) built in Windsor, Nova Scotia in 1855. Includes: 1) Declaration (6 Jun 1862) by Charles Wells, Hull 2) Copy register (May 1862) transferring registration from Liverpool to Hull by Henry Briggs, shipowner. 2 items</p>	May-Jun 1862
U DX65/6	<p><i>Lodona</i> Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership of the <i>Lodona</i> (vessel number 43822) built in Hull in 1862. Includes: Certificate (14 May 1862) and declaration (17 May 1862) by Zachariah Charles Pearson, shipowner and merchant from London. With a builder's certificate (15 May 1862) 1 item</p>	May 1862

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U DX65/7	<p><i>Lowestoft Merchant</i> Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership of the <i>Lowestoft Merchant</i> (vesel number 629) built in Southtown, Yarmouth in 1832. Includes: Certificate (9 May 1862) and declaration (21 Nov 1863) by John Jackson, manufacturer from Kings Lynn, Norfolk. With a note (24 Nov 1863) requesting the transfer to Lynn. 2 items</p>	<p>May 1862- Nov 1863</p>
U DX65/8	<p><i>Sarah</i> Two declarations of ownership of the <i>Sarah</i> (vessel number 15732) built in Burton Slather, Lincolnshire in 1830. Includes: 1) William Nichols, master mariner from Goole (25 Jun 1862) 2) James Alfred Travers, carpenter and joiner from Middlesex (1 Apr 1863) and a note about transferring registration to London. 2 items</p>	<p>Jun 1862- Apr 1863</p>
U DX65/9	<p><i>British Hero</i> Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership of the <i>British Hero</i> (vessel number 43817) built in Hull in 1862. 1) Certificate (4 Apr 1862) and declaration (15 Apr 1862) of David Palmer, smackowner of Hull 2) Declaration (13 Sep 1867) by Joseph Kemp Firth, butcher of Hull 3) Declaration (19 Sep 1867) by Thomas Richardson Halfyard, smackowner of Hull 4) Declaration (24 Sep 1867) by William Putt, fisherman of Hull 5) Declaration (1 Oct 1867) by Thomas Cowham, Skeffling, East Riding and Sarah Hill, widow following the death of George Henry Hill 5 items</p>	<p>Apr 1862- Oct 1867</p>
U DX65/10	<p><i>Fanny</i> Certificate of survey and declaration of ownership of the <i>Fanny</i> (vessel number 43816) also called the <i>Anna Charlotte</i>, built in Leer, Hanover. Includes: 1) Certificate (21 Mar 1862) and declaration (18 Mar 1862) by Charles Lowery, master mariner of Hull for 32 shares. With a note (6 Feb 1862) from the Admiralty Court regarding the selling of the <i>Anna Charlotte</i> for £80 to Charles Lowery 2) Declaration (18 Mar 1862) by Joseph Waugh, draper of Hull for 32 shares and (17 Jun 1865) by Charles Lowery, shipowner for 32 shares 3) Declaration (5 Jul 1878) by Robert Smith, licensed victualler from Hull for 64 shares 3 items</p>	<p>Mar 1862- Jul 1878</p>
U DX65/11	<p><i>John and Harriet</i> The <i>John and Harriet</i> (vessel number 45092) Declaration of John Owen, pawnbroker of Hull 1 item</p>	<p>6 Dec 1870</p>