This User Guide lists the more important records relating to shipping, tugs and ferries, pilotage, navigation, river control, the coal trade, trade regulations and dues and insurance. It is seen to best effect when used in conjunction with User Guide 5.

Please enquire in advance about access to any unlisted collections.

1. Shipping

**Account** of gratuities, discounts, fittage and towage of ships, 1849 *Ref DF.HUG/169*


**Argosy Steamship Co Ltd, Sunderland:** journal 1882-1922 *Ref DX74*

**Bamburgh Steamship Co Ltd:** see also Souter, Hamlet and Co, Minutes 1968-1976, Register of directors holdings 1956—1961, List of ships and data about them, including other Souter companies 1914-1961, Album of photographs of MV Bamburgh Castle c1959 *Ref 4028 (unlisted)*

**Photograph album MV Longstone** *Ref 4030 (unlisted)*

**Commander Gladstone Blacklock, Tynemouth:** photographs of voyages 1917-1947 *Ref DX1233*

**Cambay and Carlton Steamship Companies:** ledgers 1892-1909; day book 1892-1924; voyage books 1893-1913; log books 1905-1917 *Ref 1475*

**SS Caspian:** registration certificate, muster rolls, photograph etc, 1828-41 *Ref DX669*

**Chapman and Willan (also Chapman and Miller, R Chapman and Son, and Chapman and Son), Newcastle:** letter books 1905-1906; ledgers 1889-1929; voyage ledgers 1889-1956; ships' logs 1830-1930; capacity and general arrangement plans of ships 1892-1968 etc *Refs 245, 1217 (unlisted), 1475, 1956*

**Common Bros, Newcastle:** fleet cost books 1922-1948; paint record books 1931-1938; balance sheets 1924-1929; launch particulars 1953-1975; bill book 1906-1964; steamer specifications, notes, plans etc 1913-1930 *Ref 1765*

Annual reports and accounts 1970-1987 *Ref 2867 (unlisted)*

Chief Engineer's logbooks for **SS Pearl** 1910 and **MV Border Keep** 1965 *Ref DX1593*
R S Dalgleish Ltd (Dalgleish Steam Ship Co), Newcastle: minutes, shareholders registers, accounts 1917-1980 Ref 2388 (unlisted)
Launch programmes, dinner menus etc., 1960s Ref DX1419

Free Trade Wharf Company Ltd, London: partnership papers 1900; correspondence and plans 1866-1901; agreements in use of wharves 1876-1886 etc Ref 882

Granta Steamship Co Ltd, Newcastle: ledgers 1927-1950; cash books 1926-1955; journals 1926-1958 etc Ref 915

Hall Bros, Newcastle: ledgers 1883-1947; cash books 1914-1938; charter books 1936-1971 etc Ref 1202

SS Hare: deeds 1831-1834 Ref DT.SC/232

Hebburn Steam Shipping Co Ltd: see also Souter, Hamlet & Co
Register of directors holdings 1939-1950, Directors minutes 1934-1965 and general meetings minutes 1936-1965, Register of members 1934-1970 Ref 4028 (unlisted)


Hindustan Steamship Co. Ltd: annual reports and accounts 1964-1968 Ref 2867 (unlisted)

Hunting and Son: ship photographs, Fleet Magazine 1956-1971 Ref 4027 (unlisted)

Henry Magee, shipowner, Sunderland: Notebooks, deeds re shipping interests, will and inventory 1791-1851 Ref DX1056

P H Matthiessen & Co Ltd, Newcastle: scrapbooks 1938-1984; photographs c1930-1978 Ref DX1064

L F McLachlan: records of service at sea, 1948-1956 Ref DX1025

Moor Line: Book of Remembrance 1939-1945 Ref DX1054

E R Newbigin Ltd, Newcastle: financial records, 1939-1975; Annual Statements of Accounts 1953-1974 Ref DX418


Newbigin Steam Shipping Co, Newcastle: Share ledger 1907-1970 Ref DX420

Norex plc: annual reports and accounts 1988-1993 Ref 2867 (unlisted)
Ormston, Dobson & Co, wharfinger: partnership agreement 1855 Ref DT.SC/195

Nicholas Piper, ship’s captain: memorandum book 1756 Ref DX1222

Prince Line (1895) Ltd, Newcastle and South Shields: ledger 1896-1897; correspondence 1898-1899; River Plate Agency, charter books, passenger lists, voyage accounts, crew lists 1895-1899; Ships Ledger 1896-1897; log of coded messages between Newcastle and Buenos Aires 1896-1898; copy accounts 1898-1899; cash book 1896-1899; letter books 1896-1898 Ref DT.PR

Walter Runciman & Co, Newcastle: Book of Remembrance 1939-1945 Ref DX1054

Scholefield Steam Shipping Co Ltd, Newcastle: annual reports 1911-1912; balance sheets 1912-1913 etc Ref 936

Sharp Steamship Co, Newcastle: ledgers 1912-1947; cash books 1918-1949 etc Ref 166

Sheaf Steam Shipping Co Ltd: see also Souter, Hamlet & Co

Shipping Federation: District committee minutes (Wear and Seaham) 1907-1934 Ref EM.SF

SS Snowdon Range of Sunderland and Captain E J Dickenson papers: photographs 1913-1925; press cuttings 1913-1914 etc Ref DX284

W A Souter & Co. Ltd: see Souter, Hamlet and Co.

Souter, Hamlet and Co, Newcastle: ledgers 1920-1946; journals 1940-1968; Chief Engineers’ and Officers’ log books 1959-1973 etc Refs 889, 1452


Stephenson Clarke Shipping Ltd, Newcastle: ship launch photographs 1943-1958; disbursements 1904-5; details of vessels 1876-1975; plans nd Refs 991 (unlisted), 1008, MF712
Ship repairs log 1932-3, Two albums of cuttings, photographs, SCAN magazines etc 1970s-80s, Directory of offices and ships c1980s, Company brochure c1995 Ref 4092 (unlisted)

Stott Mann and Co, Newcastle: minutes 1941-1961; ledgers 1921-1976 etc Ref 1460

Sunderland Shipowners Society: minutes 1926-1973 Ref AS.SUN

Sunniside Steamship Co, Newcastle: registers of members and share ledgers 1895-1907 etc Ref DX73 Memorandum and articles of association, 1900, balance sheets, 1896 - 1908, minutes, 1895 - 1908, certificate of incorporation, 1905, SS Dovedale and SS Sunniside balance sheet, bills of sale etc c1905, papers, receipts etc in connection with the winding up of the company, 1907 – 1908 Ref 5152 (unlisted)

Tanner and Beckwith, Newcastle: ledgers 1819-1825 Ref 1811/287

Thomas and Dorothy of Sunderland: bill of sale 1714 Ref DF.HUG/168

Thyatira (brig): papers 1851-1859 Ref DT.SC/294-297

Turret Steam Shipping Co, Sunderland: list of shareholders 1901; balance sheets 1892-1903; register of turret-deck type vessels 1892-c1904; photographs c1892-1908; freeboard papers 1892-1898; correspondence 1897-1904 Ref 1811/182-195

Tyne and Blyth Steamship Owning Co Ltd, Newcastle: annual reports 1912-1913; balance sheets 1914-1915 etc Ref 936

Tyne Tees Steam Shipping Co, Newcastle: (formerly Tyne Steam Shipping Company Ltd) Shareholders General Meetings minutes 1865-1919; Directors' Board Meetings minutes 1902-1922; Newcastle Committee minutes 1903-1918; salaries books 1867-1900, 1936-1944; purchase agreements 1924-1952; steamers insurance papers 1882-1917; reports 1877-1902; secretarial papers 1919-1943; scrapbooks 1864-1955 etc Ref DT.TT

J Westoll and J Westoll Ltd, Sunderland: ledgers 1880-1940; cash books 1879-1940; crew lists 1890-1937 etc Ref 1016

Westwick Steamship Co, Sunderland: cash books 1916-950; journals 1916-1951; voyage accounts 1929-1941 etc Ref 1016

Andrew and John White, Sunderland: notebooks 1813-1850 etc Ref 730

North of England Shipowners' Association: minutes 1871-1965; annual reports 1893-1962; newspaper cuttings 1860-1944 etc Ref 1070

2. Tugs and Ferries

Joseph Crosthwaite (Tugs) Ltd, North Shields: agreements 1933-1934; notices of assessments 1928-1933 etc Ref 1126

France Fenwick Tyne and Wear Co Ltd, Newcastle: minutes 1901-1971; accounts 1974-1979; towage journals 1956-1957 etc Refs 1126, 1563, 3354 (unlisted – 30 year embargo)

Irwing Steam Tug Co Ltd, Sunderland: agreements 1926-1934; Bills of Sale 1926-1927 etc Ref 1126

Tyne Steam Tug Towing Association, North Shields: minutes 1875-1904 etc Ref 1506

3. Pilotage, Navigation and River Control

The Tyne

Papers of Ralph Gardner concerning the trade of the River Tyne: proceedings and orders of the Council of Trade 1651-1653; examinations, informations, depositions and answers concerning trade grievances 1650-1651 etc Ref 563

Newcastle Admiralty Court: grants of jurisdiction 1528-1605; court book 1664-1748; commissions to take bail 1791-1792 etc (see User Guide 14) Ref BC.AD

Records relating to Newcastle Corporation shipping dues and dumping ballast: ledgers arranged by owners 1762-1828; ledgers arranged by port 1715-1730; ledgers arranged by ship 1811-1859; dues books 1801-1834; ballast and tonnage books 1771-1829 etc Refs 541, 593


Newcastle River Committee: minutes 1836-1843; subcommittee minutes 1838-1841 etc Ref MD.NC/238-9

Newcastle River Court: court books 1645-1834 etc (see User Guide 14) Ref BC.RV
Papers submitted to the Treasury opposing the establishment of a branch customs house at North Shields: correspondence, reports and memorials 1815-1816 Ref 374

Master, Pilots and Seamen of the Trinity House of Newcastle upon Tyne. The jurisdiction of Trinity House was not restricted to that port but extended to Sunderland, Stockton and Hartlepool: order books 1580-1884; guild book 1826-1909; deeds 1524-1947; cash day books 1866-1878; cash account books 1832-1969; journals 1722-1762; primage account books 1721-1843; pilotage account books 1636-1860; lightage and buoyage account books 1717-1781 etc Ref GU.TH

Port of Tyne Authority (Tyne Improvement Commission): minutes, proceedings and reports 1875-1968; out-letter books 1850-1905; Tyne Consolidated Fund ledgers 1872-1956; cash books 1872-1954 and journals 1872-1954; Tyne Improvement Fund ledgers 1851-1952; cash books 1851-1890 and journals 1850-1890; North and South Shields Steam Ferries ledgers 1863-1900; journals 1863-1900 and traffic returns 1882-1932; Harbour Lights, Buoys and Beacons Fund ledgers 1883-1899; cash books 1883-1899 and journals 1883-1899; River Moorings Fund ledgers 1852-1952; cash books 1852-1890 and journals 1852-1890; Tyne Piers account ledgers 1852-1952; cash books 1852-1890 and journals 1852-1890; Northumberland Dock Fund ledgers 1877-1952; cash books 1882-1890 and journals 1882-1954; Dock Masters' log books 1924-1962; Bridge Masters' returns 1883-1927; plans of North and South Piers 1870s-1930s; records of the Harbourmaster, logbooks 1940-1964; occurrence book 1931-1967; Newcastle arrivals book 1936-1966; mooring plans 1901; plans of the navigable Tyne from Newburn to Shields etc Refs IC.T, 148, 886, 894, 207, 430, 563, 689 (unlisted), 1074, 1213, 1353, 1356, 1442, 1456, 1659 (unlisted), 2006, 2043 (unlisted), 2084, 3138 (unlisted), 3380 (unlisted), 3392 (unlisted), 3465 (unlisted), T114

Papers concerning the Tyne Foreshore: legal dispute 1463-1916 etc Refs 591 (unlisted), 604, 612

Tyne Pilotage Commission and Tyne Pilotage Authority: minutes 1865-1956; War Relief Fund minutes 1918-1926; life boat services register 1861-1910; pilots' report books 1895-1949; pilots' day books 1885-1950; pilotage cash books 1866-1949 etc Ref 1060


Tyne Port Sanitary Authority: annual reports 1883-1896, 1907-1917; order constituting Authority 1897 etc Refs 543, 604

See also Newcastle Chamberlains' account books (5)
The Wear

Papers of Thomas Milton, engineer to the RWC: correspondence 1812-1830; reports 1820-1825 etc Ref 1046

Railways on Rivers Tyne, Wear and Tees, map c 1840s Ref DF.HUG/170/2

River Wear Watch: minutes 1907-1966; letter books 1924-1946; occurrence books 1846-1961; pay books 1949-1961 etc Ref 746

Sunderland Dock Co: letter books 1845-1861; cash books 1849-1859; journals 1845-1860; register of shareholders 1853-1859 etc Ref 740


Wear Dock and Railway: map showing connection with railways in County Durham 1845 Ref DF.HUG/170/1

4. Coal Trade

William Mathwin and Son, coal exporters, Newcastle: W Mathwin indenture, 1867 (photocopy); indentures, 1903 - 1904; circular re establishing new company of William Mathwin and Son, 1875; copy of letter sent by William Mathwin to Hans Brun in 1880 and a letter from Hans Brun celebrating 50 years of working as William Mathwin's Norwegian agent, 1939; notice of death of William Mathwin, 1911; details of staff, 1950s -60s; correspondence, 1875 - 1910s; letter from Whitehall re interest free war loan of £20,000, 1940; annual reports, c 1912 - 1938; lease for Exchange Buildings, 1911; minutes, 1976, 1979; financial statement, 1989; financial papers, 1910s, 1970s; papers re take-over by Pascoes, 1979; papers re coal orders and prices; correspondence re Cardiff office, 1910s; details of coals imported, 1930s?; shipments 1910s; coal book, 1910s; newspaper
cuttings and papers concerning the history of the company, 1900s - 1985; history of company; photographs, employers and employees etc, 1880s - 1970s
Straughan's Coal, Whitley Bay, photograph showing offices and van nd 1950/60 Ref 4784 (unlisted)

Pyman Bell and Co, Newcastle: correspondence 1892-1929; partnership agreements 1873-1890; private ledgers 1901-1919; private journals 1877-1945 etc Ref 145


5. Trade Regulations and Dues

Newcastle Chamberlains’ Account books: receipts of shipping dues and fees 1508-1511, 1561-1860 Ref 543

Company of Hostmen of Newcastle upon Tyne: minute books 1600-1975; admissions 1969-1911; apprenticeship indentures 1709-1822 etc Refs GU.HO, 298

Keelmen of Newcastle: petitions, indictments and correspondence 1659-1866; material relating to the seamen’s strikes 1792-1815 etc; Keelmen’s Hospital – minutes 1739-1842, cash books 1733-1797 etc Ref 394 (part MF), 1160

Company of Master Mariners of Newcastle upon Tyne: apprenticeship indentures 1694-1847 etc Refs GU.TH, 298

Company of Merchant Adventurers of Newcastle upon Tyne (incorporating Boothmen, Drapers andMercers): order book 1480-1627, 1639-1690; charter 1554; account books 1668-1845; apprenticeship indentures 1692-1823 etc Refs GU.MA, 298

National Dock Labour Board, Tyne & Wear Local Board: minutes 1947-1989 Ref G.DLB

National Dock Labour Corporation Ltd: Tyne, Wear, Blyth and Seaham Harbour Area Board minutes 1946-1947 Ref G.DLC

6. Ships Brokers

Antonaropulo Bros, Newcastle: ledgers 1954-1963 Ref 1460

Bertram & Parkinson, ship and insurance brokers: partnership agreement 1841 Ref DT.SC/25


C Lochen and Co, Newcastle: minutes 1932-1961; annual statements 1949-1958; register of members and share ledger 1932-1957 Ref 1460

7. Insurance

British Shipowners' Association (previously the British Steamship Owners' Association and the British Steamships Short Trade Association): Records 1898-1999 Ref AS.BSA

James A Brown, Newcastle: see section 6

Johnson, Brown and Co, Sunderland: see section 6

Lloyds Register of Shipping: freeboard periodical surveys of ships 1945-46 Ref DX1011/1


Newcastle Steam Ship Small Damages Indemnity Association, Newcastle: statement of claim by owner of SS Salisbury 1889 Ref DX552


North of England Steam Ship Insurance Association: minutes 1856-1868 Ref 1841

Steam Ship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association: minutes 1886-1892 Ref 1841

Sunderland Steamship P & I Association: records 1892-1966 Ref 2812 (unlisted)

Tyne Steam Tug (and Trawler) Insurance Association, North Shields: minutes and receipts 1876-1933 Ref 1506
United Kingdom Steam Tug and Trawler Insurance and Indemnity Association: Memorandum and Articles of Association 1912 Ref 1923

8 Other

British Maritime League: minutes and files 1984-1988 etc (Access requires depositors' consent) Ref S.BM1

Thomas Coxon, shipowner of Tynemouth: will 1865 Ref DT.SC/67

Crew lists, North Shields: 1863-1913 Ref 2599

Crew lists, other ports: 1864-1905 Refs 159, 502, 1005, 1496

Mortgages of ships: 1848-1856 Ref DT.SC/189

Ships photographs: Collected by Trinity Maritime Centre Ref 4031 (unlisted)

South Shields Marine School & Technical College: minutes 1891-1951; admission registers 1861-1954; photographs 1869, 1954 etc Ref E.SS3

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