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Ships, sailormen and their passengers

Such a richness of maritime material exists in the Hocken Library collections that—even without the inclusion of Exploration—this Bulletin can be no more than an introduction, with the emphasis placed on New Zealand and related Australian resources.

Some aspects have already been covered in earlier Bulletins, such as hydrographic charts (No.5); and relevant items are also to be found in missionaries’ papers (No.8), newspapers (No.3), political papers (No.6), surveying (No.9), and Americana (No.13).

Passenger Lists
The Library holds the two-volume listing of Otago/Southland Assisted Passengers 1872–1888, who arrived at Port Chalmers or Bluff. The lists give occupations, ages, countries of origin and the year of arrival. Other composite lists are Passenger Lists to Otago 1869–1875, from the Auckland Public Library Inventory of Holdings, 1839–1888, at the Auckland Public Library (1968). Also useful is the two-volume List of Immigrants, Debtors to the Provincial Government of Otago, 1848–1869.

Individual passenger lists held include: Achilles, 1870; Agnes Mair, 1872; Agra, 1858; Ajas, 1848–9; Avara, 1934; Aldegrove, 1875; Asia, 1874; Atrato, 1874; Berkshire, 1849; Bernicia, 1848; Black Swan, 1866; Blair Drummond, 1879; Blundell, 1848; Bolton, 1842; Bruce, 1860, 1861; Buckinghamshire, 1874; Cameo, 1859; Canterbury, 1864; Cape Clear, 1879; Carnatic, 1874, 1875; Caroline Coventry, 1869; Cashmere, 1859; Charlotte Gladstone, 1871; Christian McAusland, 1871, 1872, 1875; Chile, 1861; City of Dunedin, 1873; Clifford, 1842; Clontarf, 1859; Cockermouth, 1879; Cornwall, 1849; Corona, 1874; Cresswell, 1859; Crysolite, 1862; Dallam Tower, 1874; David G. Fleming, 1863; Duchess of Argyile, 1842; Dunedin, 1883; Dunfile, 1870; Dunfillan, 1874; Eden, 1850; Edward P. Bouverie, 1870; Electra, 1879; Euterpe, 1873; Eveline, 1865; George Canning, 1857; Harvest Home, 1870; Helen Denny, 1879; Henrietta, 1860; Hindostan, 1874; Hydaspe, 1869; Invercargill, 1874, 1876; Ivanhoe, 1864; James Nicoll Fleming, 1870, 1871, 1874, 1875; Jane Gifford, 1842; Janet Court, 1874; Jessie Readman, 1870; John Temperley, 1866; John Wickliffe, 1848; Jura, 1858; Katherine Stuart Forbes, 1841; Kelso, 1849; Lady Egidia, 1861; Lady Jocelyn, 1873; Lady Nugent, 1849–50; Lancashire Witch, 1863, 1865; Larkins, 1849; Leucadia, 1870; Light Brigade, 1868; London, 1842; Magnet, 1840; Mariner, 1849, 1850; Mary, 1849; Mary Shepherd, 1873; Mataura, 1863; Melbourne, 1861; Merope, 1871; Moollon, 1849; Nelson, 1888; Nourmahal, 1858; Oriental, 1840; Oruba, 1901; Palmerston, 1872; Parsee, 1874; Pekin, 1849; Peter Denny, 1873; Philip Laing, 1848; Pladda, 1861; Poitiers, 1850; Queen of the North, 1862; Rajah, 1853; Resolute, 1865; Robert Henderson, 1858, 1860, 1861, 1870; Royal Stuart, 1861; Schleswig Bride, 1868; Scimitar, 1874; Sevilla, 1859, 1862; Shun Lee, 1871; Silistra, 1860, 1862; Sir Charles Forbes, 1842; Sir Edward Paget, 1856; Sir William Eyre, 1863; Slains Castle, 1852; Storm Cloud, 1860; Strathallan, 1858; Strathfield, 1858; Strathmore, 1856; Sarat, 1874; Tasmania, 1853; Thomas Harrison, 1842; Thomas Stephens, 1879; Three Bells, 1858; Timaru, 1875, 1879, 1880; Titan, 1851; Tudor, 1865; Tweed, 1874; Ulcato, 1865; Victoria, 1862; Victory, 1848; Victory, 1884; Waikato, 1881; Wanganui, 1877, 1878; Warrior Queen, 1868; Wellington, 1879; Wild Deer, 1871, 1873, 1874; William Lindsay, 1870; William Watson, 1858; Zambia, 1862; Zealandia, 1858.

Voyage Accounts

More specialised works are: Cumpston, J.S. Shipping Arrivals at Sydney, 1788–1825, and Nicholson, Ian Shipping Arrivals at Sydney, 1826–1840; Shipping Arrivals and Departures, Tasmania, Vol.2, 1834–1842 (1985); Syme, M.A. Shipping Arrivals and Departures, Victorian Ports,

Hocken Archives hold 98 identifiable accounts of various individual voyages, and further voyage accounts will be found among the 74 sets of personal papers which have been identified as having maritime interest. Inventories are available for both these groups. More specific references to the early migrant ships are contained in the Shipping section of W.H. Trimble’s Catalogue of the Hocken Library.

Sailing Ships

Registers of Ships
Information on individual ships can be found in Lloyds Register of Shipping series, of which the Library holds the years 1764, 1768, 1776, 1778–84, 1786–87, 1789–1816, and 1818 to the present. Most of the Register Books from 1764 to 1900 are Gregg Press reprints, and as such are fully posted, with the supplements to each register bound in. In addition, from 1890 most Vol.1 series (Register Book) are enhanced with Vol.2 (Appendices). These are supplemented by Blake, G. Lloyds Register of Shipping 1760–1960 (1960), Lloyds Annual Reports (from 1966), Lloyds Register of Yachts (1920, 1948, 1952–66) and Lloyds Book of House Flags and Funnels of the Principal Steamship Lines of the World etc. (1904).

For New Zealand ships, the most useful source is Watt, M.N. Index to the New Zealand Section of the Register of All British Ships, 1840–1950 (1963); [the actual Customs Register of Ships for Otago-Southland is in National Archives, Dunedin]. Other registers are the New Zealand Shipping Directory (Christchurch, 1962); Ships in the Australian, New Zealand and Islands Registers (Sydney, 1952, 1959); and Jarrett, F.C. The Mercantile Navy List of Australia and New Zealand (Sydney, 1871).

Shipping Companies

Alfred Holt — Hyde, F.E. Blue Funnel (1957).
Anchor Shipping Co. — Kirk, A.A. Anchor Ships and Anchor Men (1967).


The Archives contain 41 metres of Union Steam Ship Co. records for the period 1873–1913, for which a two-volume inventory has been compiled. The papers, arranged in 15 series, cover Dunedin and Port Chalmers, New Zealand and overseas branches, and correspondence with political figures (including James Mills’s correspondence as an MP). At least 15 other shipping companies are referred to as well as maritime unions and individual company ships.

Other papers relating to the U.S.S. Co. are those of Angus Cameron (Marine Superintendent); a list of company plans held in the Alexander Turnbull Library; and papers relating to the vessels Beautiful Star, Maheno, Mokoia, Rotomahana and Wairarapa. Researchers into the Union Company would find it helpful first to consult Gavin McLean’s The Southern Octopus, with its extensive bibliography.

Also held are National Mortgage & Agency Co. of N.Z., head office archives, 1877–1975 (restricted); Dunedin and Invercargill records — for their maritime content, see Parry, G. N.M.A. Its First Hundred Years, 1864–1964; also some papers of John Mill and Co. (Oamaru branch), Keith Ramsay Ltd (1865–1977), and the Southern S.S. Co. The Hocken also has handbooks of several shipping companies, eg the Adelaide S.S. Co.; Panama, N.Z. and Australian Royal Mail Co.; P. and O.; Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.

Public Sector

Marine Dept — Martin, E.R. Marine Department Centennial History, 1866–1966, (1970); also the Department’s annual reports in Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives (AJHR)


Shipwrecks


Dundonald — Eyre, C. The Castaways of Disappointment Island (1933).

Elingamite — Doak, W. The Elingamite and Its Treasure (1969)

Endeavour — Hocken, T.M. Notes on the Derelict Ship in Facile Harbour, Dusky Bay (1887)


Grafton — Musgrave, T. Castaways on the Auckland Islands (1866); Raynal, F.E. Wrecked on a Reef (1875).

London — Ballantyne, J.; Munro, J. (1866)

Orpheus — Hetherington, R. The Wreck of HMS Orpheus (1975)

Osprey — Moon, H. An Account of the Wreck of H.M.Sloop Osprey (1858); Reed, A.W. The Wreck of the Osprey (1937); Foster, Jane. Ship on Shore (1982)


Tahuna — Macintosh, Joan. The Wreck of the Tahuna (1970)

Triumph — Johnson, D. The Ship that Hit the Lighthouse (1981)


Ports

In addition to the massive general literature on shipping and annual reports of the various harbour boards, many books and pamphlets have been issued on the various ports around New Zealand. The two main books on the Port of Otago are A.H. McLintock’s The Port of Otago (1951), and Gavin McLean’s Otago Harbour: Currents of Controversy (1975); while H.O. Bowman’s centennial publication, Port Chalmers—Gateway to Otago (1948) and Ian Church’s Port Chalmers and Its People (1994) focus on Port Chalmers. John Hall-Jones wrote a good historical account of Bluff Harbour (1976); and Gavin McLean did the same for Oamaru in Oamaru Harbour: Port in a Storm (1982). A few of the smaller southern coastal ports feature in J.O.C. Ross’s Pride in Their Ports (1977) while innumerable local histories on such places as Moeraki, Waikouaiti, Taieri Mouth, Balclutha, Waikawa, Stewart Island, Riverton, Port Preservation and Martins Bay contain chapters on anchorages and shipping. As far as inland shipping goes, R.J. Meyer’s All Aboard (1963, greatly revised in 1980) gives excellent coverage of commercial shipping on Lake Wakatipu.

Informative books are available on all New Zealand’s main northern ports, while Ian Church’s
Little Ships of Patea (1977) is representative of histories dealing with many of the smaller shipping centres.

Photographs
Several thousand shipping photographs are held in the Hocken collections, and the Gordon Black Shipping Index provides a substantial card index to most of these holdings, including illustrations in the Otago Witness and shipping items in general albums.

Of specialist ship photographers, D.A. De Maus was one of the best-known, and the collection of his work is one of the largest. But also notable for various reasons are the J.L. Harraway, M.E.D. Downes and Rosshavet Whaling Co. collections, and many photographers are represented overall.

Paintings
Researchers should not overlook the Hocken Pictures Collection, which holds quite a number of paintings associated with shipping and maritime subjects — and some fine works by such artists as Louis le Breton and W.M. Hodgkins.

Shipbuilding and Repair
Archives hold some records of William Isbister, John McGregor and Co. and Knewstubb Bros. An inventory has been prepared of the plans by the naval architect G.W. Gough: they include the small steamers Tawera, Rose Casey, Peninsula, and Plucky.

Harbour Recreation
Also in Archives are the records of the Macandrew Bay Boating Club, Otago Yacht Club, Port Chalmers Naval Volunteer Rifle Shoots, Port Chalmers United Rowing Club, Ravensbourne Boating Club, South Island Rowing Inc. and clipping books relating to Otago-Southland rowing and yachting.

Pilots
The Library holds the New Zealand Pilot from 1930 to the present, and also the earlier editions for 1856, 1875, 1901 and 1908; as well as Pilot Guides for the Antarctic, for Australia (from 1855), the East Indies (from 1870), ‘Oceanica’, the Pacific Coast and the Pacific Ocean.

One of the Hocken’s most treasured items is the 1827 edition of the Compleat East India Pilot, believed to be the only copy still in existence. It has just undergone extensive restoration and repair.

For harbour piloting, see Keyse, G.J. Pilots, Otago Harbour, 1830–1888 (1989).

Harbour Board Records
Following the establishment of Port Otago Ltd in 1989, Hocken Archives received considerable quantities of Otago Harbour Board records to add to its previous holdings. Researchers who consult the bibliography in Gavin McLean’s Currents of Controversy should note that most if not all the Board records listed there have since been transferred to the Hocken. [Port Otago retains its photographic collection, some plans, and recent berthage records].

Also held are the ‘Records of the Invercargill Jetty, 1884–1915’, and also the Clutha County Council’s papers, which include records of the Clutha River Board and its steamers.

Theses
Surprisingly few university theses have been devoted to shipping subjects. Four of particular Otago interest in the Hocken are:

- Taylor, M.A. ‘Otago’s Seaborne Trade from the Pioneering Days to 1879’, O.U., 1943.

Further relevant theses are held in the main University Library.

Seamen’s Papers
Discharges, certificates etc. are held of Alexander Bain (1857–61), James Marks (1854–80), Fred Shackleton (1902–12) and Michael Wycherley (1851, 1855)

Whaling
Hocken Archives hold the papers of Dr Joseph Croome, Octavius Harwood and Lucy Ann Harwood, James Kelly, Edward Shortland, the Rev. James Watkin, and G. E. Weller, all of which contain useful material on shore-based whalers. See also Coulls, P. (re archaeology on Taieri Island) and King, A.P. (re whaling and Eber Bunker).


Further Afield
Other public sources of maritime information in Otago are: National Archives (Dunedin) — Lighthouse records, Customs records, Registers, and files from a number of defunct shipping lines; North Otago Museum (Oamaru) — Oamaru Harbour Board records (extensive); Otago Museum (Dunedin) — Ship models and other equipment; Otago Settlers Museum (Dunedin) — Passenger lists, ship models; Port Chalmers Museum — Otago-Southland ships, Port Otago, Union Steam Ship Co., general.

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