

SELECT LIST OF MARITIME RESEARCH RESOURCES Available for study at Lowestoft Record Office

This list has been selected from the extensive archive collections held at Lowestoft Record Office that relate to the Waveney area in north Suffolk. Suffolk Record Office's other two branches, at Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds, also hold maritime material for other parts of the county. All branches contain a comprehensive library of local books, directories, journals, maps, photographs, illustrations and ephemera. There are free leaflets to help you make a start with your research. Come in and talk to a member of staff for advice or go to our website www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/RecordOffice/.

Vessels

Port of Lowestoft Research Society Collection - LRO 552

14,000 photographs, approximately, of vessels built, registered or based at Lowestoft from the late 19th century to the present day. Useful for history of Lowestoft-registered vessels such as trawlers, drifters and broads craft. The index cards list places where vessels were built and by whom, ownership, tonnage, official number, incidents and disposal of vessel.

Port of Lowestoft Shipping Registers - LRO 25

Registers of ships 1852-1874, 1879 -1897. Registers of transactions 1855-1897. Registers of sea fishing boats 1902-1946.

Transcripts are available on shelves (387.5) showing vessel owner's name, home port, occupation, date of ownership, ship's name & number.

Press cuttings (in Searchroom)

Press cuttings from the last 50 years under the headings: Drifters, Fishing industry, Fishermen, Fishergirls, Trawlers, Ships, Wrecks etc.

Photographs - LRO 1300

Photographs of many Lowestoft-registered vessels.

Jack Mitchley Collection - LRO715

Photographs, glass plate negatives and print negatives of ships and shipbuilding; RNLI papers and sea charts.

Drawings and Notes by William R. Finch, - LRO1226

1927-1998

Drawings related to the Lowestoft fishing industry, fishing boats, c1927-c1936, many of which appeared in his book, *The Sea in my Blood*.

Register of steamboat certificates - LRO 755/C/2

1857-1965

Fishermen and Crews

The following help to trace an ancestor's fishing career:

Ship's logs and crew lists for Lowestoft - LRO 23

1863-1914

Fishing boat agreements for Lowestoft - LRO 24

1880-1914

These have been indexed by ship's name, owner and crew. They provide information such as vessel name, position on board of crewmember, place of birth, age, address of masters and owners.

Register of crews

1909-1924

with register of apprentices - LRO 755/D1/1

1931-1972

Register of effects of deceased seamen - LRO 755/D2/2

1899-1971

Shipbuilders

John Chambers Ltd - LRO 18

1913-1925

Elliott & Garrod - LRO 40

1888-1967

F Miller & Co Ltd - LRO 78

1938-1940

Brooke Marine - LRO 53, 207 & 217

c1920-1988

Shipping companies

Register of companies - LRO 755/C/1

1928-1957

Fishing companies

Colby - LRO 04

1911-1978

Small & Co (Lowestoft) Ltd - LRO 691/1-7

1906-1965

Resolute Fishing Co Ltd - LRO 691/11

1919-1928

Vigilant Fishing Co Ltd - LRO 691/12

1921-1962

Insurance (including registers of vessels insured)

<i>Lowestoft Mutual Fishing Vessel Insurance Society Ltd</i> - LRO 62; 838/2	1876-1950
<i>Lowestoft Mutual Fishing Lugger Insurance Society</i> - LRO 691/8	1862-1951
<i>Lowestoft Trawlers United Insurance Association Ltd</i> - LRO 691/9; 838/3	1886-1950
<i>Lowestoft Drift Fishing Vessel Total Loss Mututal Insurance Co</i> - LRO 838/1	1885-1950

Fishing Interest Groups

<i>Lowestoft Fishing Vessel Owners' Association Ltd</i> - LRO 838/4	1963-1973
<i>English Herring Catcher's Association Ltd</i> - LRO 838/5	1932-1969

Port of Lowestoft

<i>Registers of boats arriving and departing</i> - LRO 275	1940-1975
<i>Port Joint Advisory Committee</i> - LRO 691/13	1930-1947

Southwold

<i>Handbook to the Port and Shipping of Southwold by James Maggs (includes list of vessels)</i> - LRO 903/1	c1750-1842
<i>Harbour dues (including names of vessels)</i> - LRO 491/20D	1829-1968
<i>Arrivals and sailings</i> - LRO 491/20F	1831-1931
<i>Numerous references in Southwold Borough archives to the Harbour from 1660</i> - LRO 491	

Oulton Broad Harbour Master

<i>Register of dues</i> - LRO 104	1946-1952
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Lifeboats

<i>RNLI Lowestoft</i> - LRO 315	1898-1958
<i>RNLI Pakefield</i> - LRO 399	1918-1922

Maritime Research notes

<i>Papers of E D Porter on Beach Yawls, Beach Companies, pilots, etc</i> - LRO 1090	
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Ships' Logs

<i>HM Sloop St Christopher</i> - LRO 08	1807-1812
<i>HMS Fox (England to Carolina)</i>	1729-1732
<i>Margrett (Yarmouth - Madeira - London etc.)</i> - LRO 15/1	1735-1737
<i>HMS Egmont, HMS Gibraltar, HMS Danae</i> - LRO 15/2	1779-1782
<i>Merope (India, China, Sandwich Islands, California etc.) Includes sketches of coast of China</i> - LRO 124/N1/8-10, 15	1823-1827