

Infosheet No. 4 Useful addresses for historical research in North America and Canada

USA

The Naval Historical Centre
Washington Navy Yard
901 M Street S.E.
Washington D.C.
20374-5060
www.history.navy.mil

- USA Naval History

Naval Historical Foundation
Building 220
Washington Navy Yard
8+M Street N.W.
Washington D.C. 20390
www.navyhistory.org

- Personal records of Naval Commanders

Central Reference Division (NNC)
General Services
Administration
Washington D.C. 20408

- Genealogical records - births, marriages and deaths, population censuses, naturalisation records, land ownership details.
- Naval, marine and army service records.
- Passenger lists and coast guard records etc.

National Genealogists Society
1921 Sunderland Place
Washington D.C. 20036

www.ngsgenealogy.org

- Provide valuable advice on where to research.

Immigration & Naturalisation Service
25 E. Street
Washington D.C. 20538

www.uscis.gov

National Archives & Records Administration
Constitution Avenue
General Reference Section
Washington D.C. 20408

<http://archives.gov>

- Passenger lists from 1820 of individuals arriving in the US between 1800-1952

The Mariners' Museum
100 Museum Drive
Newport News
Virginia 23606-3759

www.mariner.org

- Large maritime library

Philadelphia Maritime Museum
321 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania 19106

www.phillyseaport.org

- Local shipping history records. Collection of various Registers between 1764 and 1986.

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Hart Nautical Collection
The MIT Museum
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
265 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge
Mass. 02139-4307

web.mit.edu/museum/collections/nautical.html

- Technical development of shipping records.

Peabody Essex Museum
East India Square
Salem
Massachusetts 01970-3783

<http://pem.org>

- Large maritime library collection.

The National Maritime Museum of San Francisco
Polk Street
San Francisco
California 94109

www.nps.gov/safr/

- Large maritime library.

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
PO Box 636
Mill Street, St Michael's
Maryland 21663-0636

www.cbmm.org/

- Research Library open to the public. History of whaling ships.

The National Archives
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park
Maryland 20740-6001
www.nara.gov.80

Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C.

www.si.edu

- Shipbuilding, technical history, Lloyd's Register books from 1834 onwards.

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Canada

New Brunswick Museum
277 Douglas Avenue
St. John
New Brunswick
E2K 1E5

www.nbm-mnb.ca

- Library and archives.

The Stewart Museum at the Fort
Ile Sainte-Hélène
PO Box 1200
Station A
Montreal
Quebec
H3C 2Y9

www.stewart-museum.org/

Trade and Communications Records
Federal Archives Division
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa
Ontario
K1A 0N3

- Passenger lists, ships registers.

**Nova Scotia Museum Library
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**
1675 Lower Water Street
Halifax
Nova Scotia
B3J 1S3

www.library.ns.ca/node/145

Marine Museum of Upper Canada
Stanley Barracks
Exhibition Place
Toronto, Ontario
M6K 3C3

Vancouver Maritime Museum
1905 Ogden Avenue
Vancouver BC
V6J 1A3
www.vancouvermaritimemuseum.com/

Canadian Nautical Research Society
163 Churchill Crescent
Kingston, Ontario
K7L 4W5
www.marmus.ca/cnrs/cnrse000.htm

**Memorial University of
Newfoundland**
Maritime History Archive
St John's
Newfoundland
A1C 5S7

www.mun.ca/mha

- Holds crew agreements of British registered vessels for a specific period.

Canadian Pacific Line
Windsor Station
PO Box 6042
Station A
Montreal
Quebec
H3C 3E4

**British Columbia Information
Management Services**
PO Box 9419
Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria BC
V8W 9V1

www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca

Public Archives of Canada
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa
Ontario
K1A 0N3

www.archivescanada.ca/

**Provincial Archives of Newfoundland
and Labrador**
Colonial Building
Military Road
St Johns
Newfoundland A1C 5T7

www.therooms.ca/archives

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6016 University Avenue
Halifax
Nova Scotia
B3H 1W4

Public Archives of Prince Edward Island
PO Box 1000
Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island
C1A 7M4
www.gov.pe.ca/educ

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
PO Box 6000
Fredericton
New Brunswick
E3B 5H1
<http://archives.gnb.ca/Archives/>

Archives Nationales du Quebec
PO Box 10450
Sainte-Foy
Quebec
G1V 4N1
www.banq.qc.ca

Provincial Archives of Manitoba
200 Vaughan Street
Winnipeg
Manitoba
R3C 1T5
www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/index.html

Saskatchewan Archives Board
University of Saskatchewan
3 Campus Drive
Saskatoon
S7N 0W0
www.saskarchives.com/

Provincial Archives of Alberta
12845-102 Avenue
Edmonton
Alberta
T5N 0M6
culture.alberta.ca/archives/

Provincial Archives of British Columbia
655 Belleville Street
Victoria
British Columbia
V8V 1X4
www.bcarchives.bc.ca

Yukon Archives
PO Box 2703
Whitehorse
YT
Y1A 2C6
www.tc.gov.yk.ca

Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs
Government of the N.W. Territories
Yellowknife
N.W.T.
X1A 2L9
<http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/>

Online resources

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca
Library and Archives Canada preserves and makes accessible the documentary heritage of Canada.

<http://automatedgenealogy.com>
Hosts several projects to index Canadian censuses.

www.afhs.ab.ca
Alberta Family Histories Society, the genealogical resources section contains useful data organised by geographical starting points.

www.mun.ca/mha
Maritime History Archive - the crew lists (also called crew agreements) and logbooks for voyages terminating in the years 1863-1938 are indexed and can be searched online. The crew agreements for the years 1951-1976 have not been indexed.

See also: Infosheet no.24 'Sources for genealogy'

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