

## 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

🌐 [Website](#)

- USA Naval History

#### Naval Historical Foundation

1306 Dahlgren Avenue  
SE Washington Navy Yard  
DC 20374-5055

🌐 [Website](#)

- Personal records of Naval Commanders

#### Central Reference Division (NNC) [🌐 Website](#)

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

🌐 [Website](#)

- Provide valuable advice on where to research.

#### Immigration & Naturalisation Service

25 E. Street  
Washington D.C. 20538

🌐 [Website](#)

#### National Archives & Records Administration

701 Constitution Avenue  
General Reference Section  
Washington D.C. 20408

🌐 [Website](#)

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

#### The Mariners' Museum

100 Museum Drive  
Newport News  
Virginia 23606-3759

🌐 [Website](#)

- Large maritime library



### Philadelphia Maritime Museum

321 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania 19106

 [Website](#)

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

### Hart Nautical Collection

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

 [Website](#)

- Technical development of shipping records.

### Peabody Essex Museum

East India Square  
Salem  
Massachusetts 01970-3783

 [Website](#)

- Large maritime library collection.

### The National Maritime Museum of San Francisco

Polk Street  
San Francisco  
California 94109

 [Website](#)

- Large maritime library.

### Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

213 N Talbot St  
St Michaels  
MD 21663  
United States

 [Website](#)

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

### The National Archives

8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park  
Maryland 20740-6001

 [Website](#)

### Smithsonian Institution

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

 [Website](#)

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

## CANADA

### New Brunswick Museum

277 Douglas Avenue  
St. John  
New Brunswick  
E2K 1E5

 [Website](#)

- Library and archives.

### 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

 [Website](#)

### Marine Museum of Upper Canada

Stanley Barracks  
Exhibition Place  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6K 3C3

### Vancouver Maritime Museum

1905 Ogden Avenue  
Vancouver BC  
V6J 1A3

 [Website](#)

### Canadian Nautical Research Society

P.O. Box 34029  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2J 5B1

 [Website](#)

### Memorial University of Newfoundland

Maritime History Archive  
St John's  
Newfoundland  
A1C 5S7

 [Website](#)

- 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 9412  
Stn. Prov. Govt.  
Victoria BC  
V8W 9V1

 [Website](#)

### Public Archives of Canada

395 Wellington Street  
Ottawa  
Ontario  
K1A 0N3

 [Website](#)



## **Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador**

Colonial Building  
Military Road  
St Johns  
Newfoundland  
A1C 5T7

 [Website](#)

## **Public Archives of Nova Scotia**

6016 University Avenue  
Halifax  
Nova Scotia  
B3H 1W4

## **Public Archives of Prince Edward Island**

PO Box 1000  
Charlottetown  
Prince Edward Island  
C1A 7M4

 [Website](#)

## **Provincial Archives of New Brunswick**

PO Box 6000  
Fredericton  
New Brunswick  
E3B 5H1

 [Website](#)

## **Archives Nationales du Quebec**

PO Box 10450  
Sainte-Foy  
Quebec  
G1V 4N1

 [Website](#)

## **Provincial Archives of Manitoba**

200 Vaughan Street  
Winnipeg  
Manitoba  
R3C 1T5

 [Website](#)

## **Saskatchewan Archives Board**

University of Saskatchewan  
3 Campus Drive  
Saskatoon  
S7N 0W0

 [Website](#)

## **Provincial Archives of British Columbia**

655 Belleville Street  
Victoria  
British Columbia  
V8V 1X4

 [Website](#)

## **Yukon Archives**

PO Box 2703  
Whitehorse  
YT  
Y1A 2C6

 [Website](#)

## **Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre**

Department of Natural and Cultural  
Affairs  
Government of the N.W. Territories  
Yellowknife  
N.W.T.  
X1A 2L9

 [Website](#)

## Online Resources

 [Website](#)

Library and Archives Canada preserves and makes accessible the documentary heritage of Canada.

 [Website](#)

Hosts several projects to index Canadian censuses.

 [Website](#)

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

 [Website](#)

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'

**Researchers should check availability, accessibility and opening times with the repositories listed before making a personal visit.**

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