

MARITIME ARCHIVES & LIBRARY

INFORMATION SHEET 6

CUSTOMS BILLS OF ENTRY

These official publications are one of the most useful sources of information about British and Irish trade. The Maritime Archives & Library now holds the master set from H.M. Customs & Excise Library, originally at King's Beam House, London. For further details on their scope for research, see separate information sheet by Graham Milne, part of the Source Guides for Researchers Series. See also the introductory essay by Professor Kenneth Morgan, which accompanies the microfilmed series of the Liverpool Bills of Entry.

Other major reference libraries hold runs of the Bills of Entry. The following is a very summary outline (i.e. there may be gaps of several years in any given datespan). **Certain volumes are also in need of conservation and therefore may not be available.**

MERSEYSIDE MARITIME MUSEUM

Maritime Archives & Library

LIVERPOOL 1820 - 1939 (not complete)

ELSEWHERE

Liverpool Central Library

1841 - 1879; 1917 - 1939

(From 1895 includes Manchester, Barrow; from 1897 Goole, Grimsby; from 1912 Fleetwood, Preston, Ellesmere Port and North Wales ports.)

A complete run of extant Liverpool Bills of Entry on microfilm is now available, published by Microform Academic Publishers in conjunction with the British Association for American Studies, as part of the BRRAM series. The Bills of Entry microfilm series encompasses the collections of Merseyside Maritime Museum and Liverpool Record Office. See over for full details.

Bristol Central Library

BRISTOL 1832 - 1917 (not complete)

1770 - 1917

Published on microfilm by Microform Academic Publishers, as part of the BRRAM series, and entitled *Bristol Presentments* (Southampton is included in the 1847 volume).

Glasgow Central Library

CLYDE 1841 - 1939 (not complete)

1841 - 1887 (microfilms from master set)

CLYDE & FORTH 1919 - 1939 (not complete)

1887 - 1939

Colindale (London) British Newspaper Library

DUBLIN 1850 - 1923 (not complete)

1853 - 1926

Hull Central Library

HULL 1831 - 1837, 1863, 1884 - 1939

1832 - 1898; 1933 - 1939

Newcastle Central Library

TYNE 1875 - 1927 (not complete)

1861 - 1880

British Newspaper Library Colindale (London)

LONDON 1660 (copy)
1779 - 1783
1817 - 1939

1827 - 1939

(Note: The London Bills also include **overseas trade only** for Bristol, Hull and Liverpool. At various dates other ports were included: 17 June 1854 Southampton; 28 January 1889 Harwich, Newhaven, Folkestone and Dover; 10 January 1984 Manchester; 28 June 1894 Runcorn; 25 August 1894 Fleetwood and Preston; 15 October 1894 Barrow; 23 May 1896 Goole; 26 May 1896 Grimsby. A considerable number have been microfilmed by and are held at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. From 1891, a very large number of English ports are covered, at least, for foreign imports.)

Please note that microfilms for Liverpool (1820 - 1939) are now available:

1820	1923 A (1 January - 10 July)	1931A (1 January - 13 September)
1825 - 1832	1923A (11 July - 18 December)	1931A (14 September - 31 December)
1834 - 1835	1923B (1 January - 31 December)	1931B (1 January - 31 December)
1837	1924A (1 January - 19 August)	1932A (1 January - 15 July)
1841 - 1897	1924A (20 August - 31 December)	1932A (16 July - 31 December)
1898 (1 January - 4 July)	1924B (1 January - 31 December)	1932B (1 January - 31 December)
1898 (5 July - 31 December)	1925A (1 January - 4 August)	1933A (2 January - 30 December)
1899 - 1915	1925A (5 August - 31 December)	1933B (2 January - 30 December)
1916 (1 January - 30 December)	1925B (1 January - 31 December)	1934A (1 January - 31 December)
1917A (1 January - 31 December)	1926A (1 January - 10 August)	1934B (1 January - 31 December)
1917B (2 July - 31 December)	1926A (11 August - 31 December)	1935A (1 January - 4 May)
1918A (1 January - 30 September)	1926B (1 January - 31 December)	1935A (7 May - 31 December)
1918A (1 October - 31 December)	1927A (1 January - 5 August)	1935B (1 January - 31 July)
1918B (1 January - 31 December)	1927A (6 August - 31 December)	1935B (1 August - 31 December)
1919 (1 January - 4 August)	1927B (1 January - 31 December)	1936A (1 January - 19 August)
1919A (5 August - 31 December)	1928A (2 January - 6 September)	1936A (20 August - 31 December)
1919B (1 January - 31 December)	1928A (7 September - 31 December)	1936B (1 January - 30 December)
1920A (1 January - 8 July)	1928B (2 January - 31 December)	1937A (1 January - 31 December)
1920A (9 July - 31 December)	1929A (1 January - 2 September)	1937B (1 January - 31 December)
1920B (1 January - 31 December)	1929A (3 September - 31 December)	1938A (1 January - 21 April)
1921A (1 January - 19 July)	1929B (1 January - 31 December)	1938A (22 April - 31 December)
1921A (20 July - 31 December)	1930A (1 January - 8 September)	1938B (1 January - 31 December)
1921B (1 January - 29 December)	1930A (9 September - 31 December)	1939A (2 January - 12 May)
1922A (2 January - 1 August)	1930B (1 January - 31 December)	1939A (13 May - 2 September)
1922A (2 August - 30 December)		1939B (2 January - 2 September)
1922B (2 January - 30 December)		