

What does a Muster Roll entry look like?

Each Muster Roll entry records various pieces of information. This relates to the name and tonnage of the ship, the shipmaster's name and place of abode, and details of the voyage just completed.

The entry also record details relating to individual crew members. Such details include name, age, place of birth, place of abode, details of previous ships served on, place and time of entering the ship, and number of days and months onboard. If applicable, entries also record details of discharges, deaths, desertions, and injuries.

The 1747 Act also established the 'Seamen's Fund', a pension scheme funded by contributions of 6d a month per seaman. Contributions were collected by shipmasters and handed to Receivers with the Muster Rolls. The amounts received are recorded on the Muster Rolls by the Receivers.

106 Tonnage last p. to 24 Nov 1854

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A LIST and ACCOUNT of the CREW (including the Master and Apprentices) of the Ship *Exchange* of the Port of *Hull* in the United Kingdom, and on her whereof *John Lickman* is Master, at the period of her departure from the Port of *Hull* in the United Kingdom: and also of those who have joined the Ship at any time during the Voyage, & have returned to the Port of *Hull*.

Man's Name	Place of Birth	Place and time of Entry			Place and time of discharge or leaving the Ship			When and where received hurt or damaged	When or where killed or drowned, or died a natural death	Wages due at time of death			When Children or other effects are deceased Man has left	Amount of Monthly duty
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			£	s	d		
<i>John Lickman, Master</i>	<i>Hull</i>													
<i>Robt. Hetherington, Mate</i>	<i>Hull</i>													
<i>Robt. P. van der Meer, Surgeon</i>	<i>Hull</i>													
<i>John Hetherington, 1st Mate</i>	<i>Hull</i>													
<i>John Golding, 2nd Mate</i>	<i>Hull</i>													
<i>John Belland, 3rd Mate</i>	<i>Hull</i>													

John Lickman

24 Feb 1855

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Example of a complete Muster Roll entry

A Closer Look: The Left Side

Tonnage of Ship

106 Tons

Date of last payment made by shipmaster into the 'Seamen's Fund'

24 Nov^r 1834

Shipmaster's Name

A LIST and ACCOUNT of the CREW (including the Master and Apprentices) of the Ship

whereof John Lishman is Master, at the period of her departure from the Port

return to the Port of Hull in the United Kingdom: and also of those v

Men's Names.	Port of Arrival	Place of Birth.	Place and time of Entry.			Place and time of discharge or leaving the Ship.			rec
			Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.	
John Lishman, Master		Newcastle							
Rob ^t . Rocket, Mate		Barnby							
Rob ^t . Oman, Seaman		Shildon							
Jos ^{ph} . Warfield, do		Hull							
Tho ^s . Golding, do		Goolse							
Tho ^s . Holland, App ^{nt}		Hull							

A Closer Look: The Right Side

1834

Ship's Name *Exchange* of the Port of *Hull* in the United Kingdom, and on her

Port of Departure *Goole*

Kingdom: and also of those who have joined the Ship at any time during the Voyage. *d Hancock*

Place and time of discharge or leaving the Ship.			When and where received hurt or damaged.	When or where killed or drowned, or died a natural death.	Wages due at time of death.			What Clothes or other effects any deceased Man has left.	Amount of Monthly duty.
Day.	Month.	Year.			£.	s.	d.		
<i>2 Hamburg</i>	<i>31 Dec</i>	<i>1834</i>							<i>£ 0. 1. 7</i>
<i>Hull</i>	<i>21 Feb</i>	<i>1835</i>							<i>0. 12. 1</i>
					<i>No 103 Recd. 24 Feb 1835</i>			<i>£ 0. 13. 8</i>	

Amount paid into 'Seamen's Fund' by Shipmaster

Shipmaster's Signature *John. Fisher*

Date of receipt of payment made by Shipmaster into the 'Seamen's Fund' *24 Feb 1835*

Initials of Receiving Officer *W.B.*