



LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES

**A GUIDE TO RESEARCHING
LOCAL/FAMILY HISTORY
ON THE MUSEUM'S COMPUTER**

**Explore our files on ships, mariners,
shipbuilders, shipwrecks, births,
marriages and deaths, census returns,
registers of electors and trade directories.**

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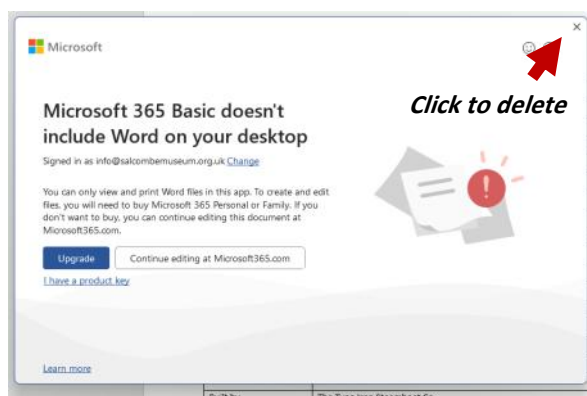
INTRODUCTION

Over the years the museum has built up a substantial archive of information about the history of Salcombe and the surrounding area. Particularly valuable is the collection of records relating to the many merchant sailing vessels, (including the famous fruit schooners) that were built, owned and manned in Salcombe in the nineteenth century. The records include details of the ships, the mariners who sailed in them and the men and women (Elizabeth Evans was a notable Salcombe shipbuilder) who built them. Also notable are the histories of the hundreds of ships that were wrecked along our coast.

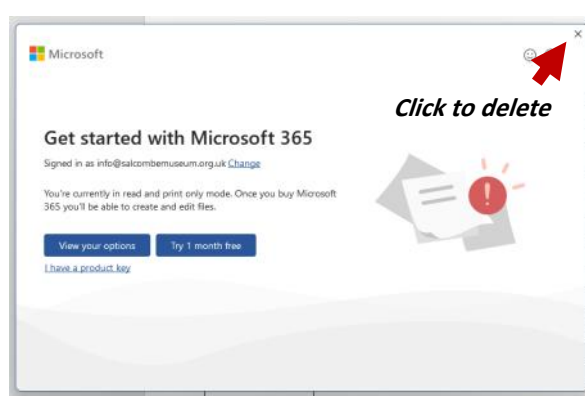
These and other local records such as birth, marriage and death registers, census returns and trade directories provide a valuable source of information for those researching local and family history and they can now all be accessed from the computer in the 'Local History Resources Corner ' in the museum.

NOTES ON USING THE FILES

1. The various files are 'read only'. If you would like to have copies of any of them please complete a request form and hand it to the steward, so that we can send them to you by email or by post. We do not send Excel or Access database files—only Word docs., pdf files and images. A charge is usually made of 50p for each page and £1 for each image sent by email and £1 a page and £2 for each image sent by post + the cost of posting.
2. Because we only have Microsoft 365 Basic on the computer, when you open a file in Ms Word, Excel or Access, the two messages below will appear in turn. Because the files are 'read only' they can be ignored, so

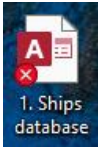


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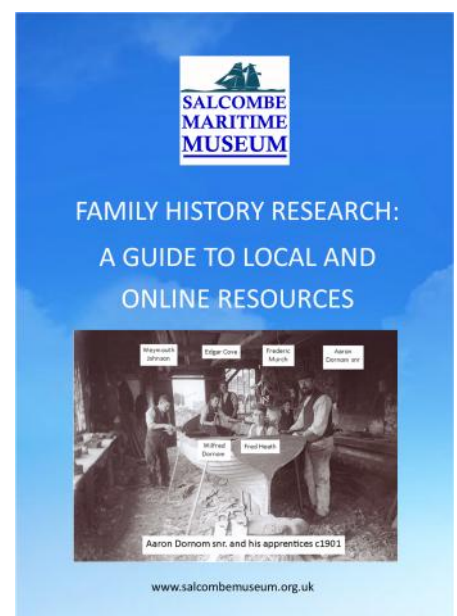
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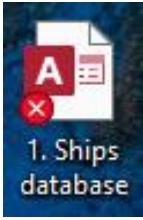
Note: This guide can be downloaded from the Maritime History Resources page of our website. Also available is our complementary publication 'Family History Research, A Guide to Local and Online Resources' →

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

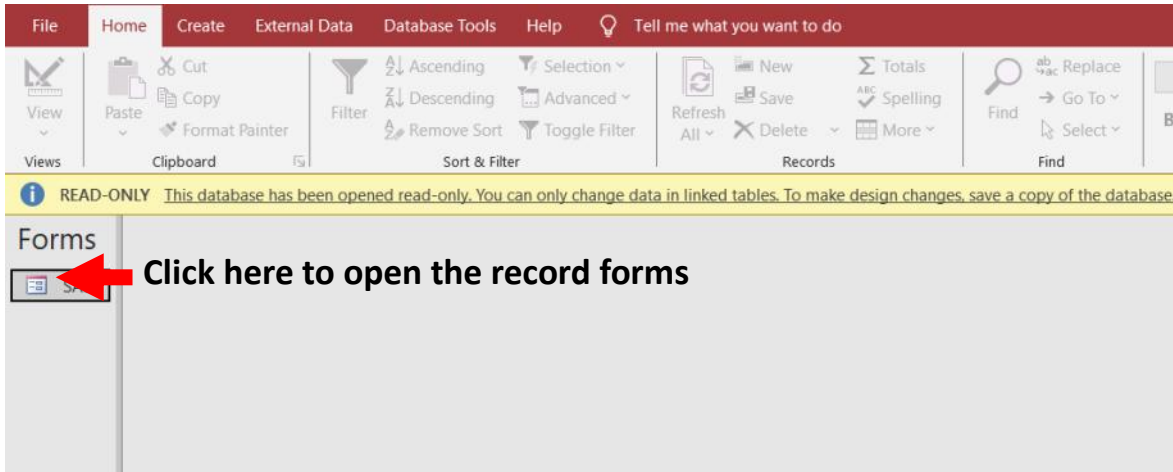


Local History Resource Files: 1. Ship's Database

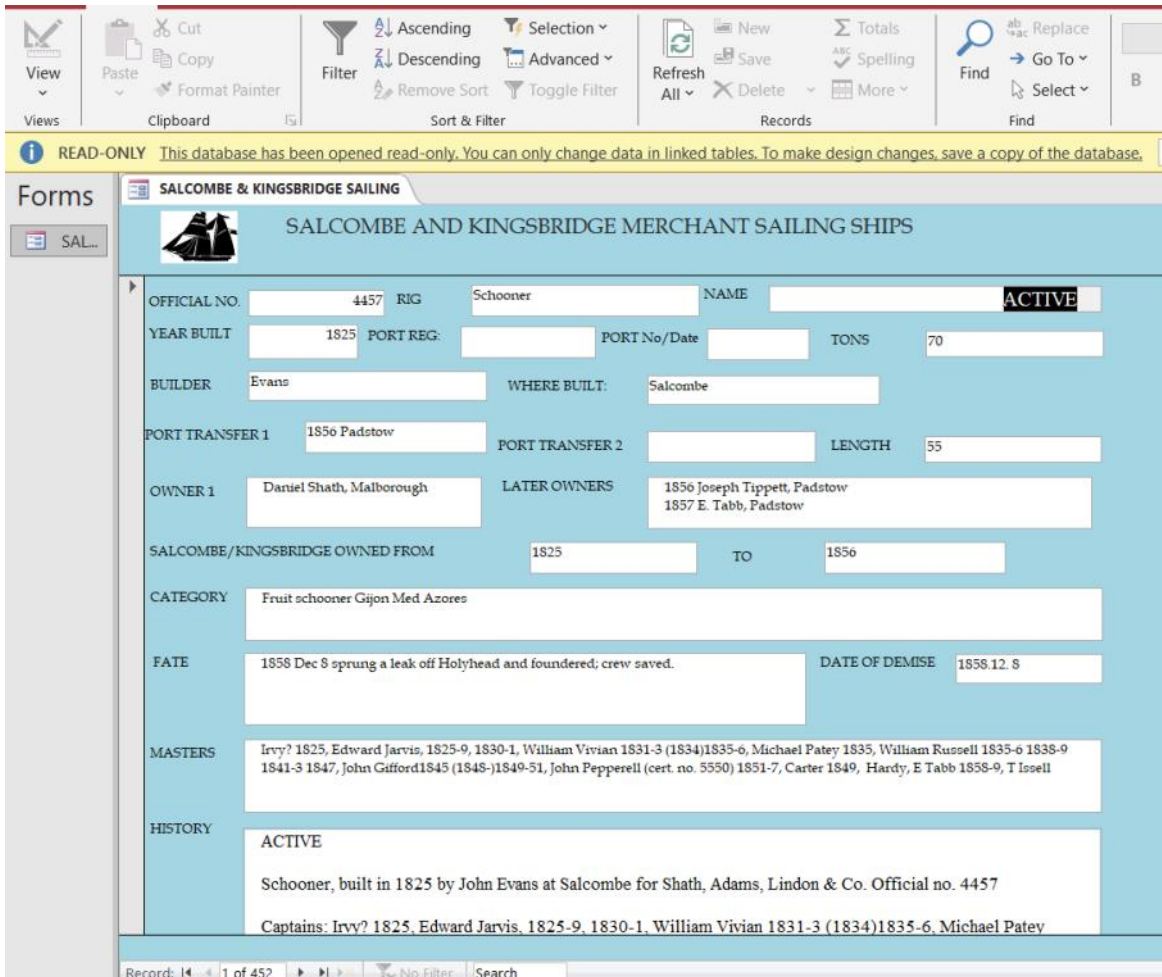
Salcombe & Kingsbridge Merchant Sailing Vessels



This searchable database provides detailed information on the over 450 locally owned or built merchant vessels that were built between 1780 and 1914. There is an individual record form for each ship. Use the search box at the bottom of the form to search for an individual ship, mariner etc.



A form giving the full details and history of the first ship in the list— the schooner *ACTIVE* — will open, but you will need to close the two Microsoft Basic messages first - see page 3.



OFFICIAL NO.	RIG	NAME
4457	Schooner	ACTIVE
YEAR BUILT	PORT REG.	PORT No/Date
1825		
TONS		
70		
BUILDER	WHERE BUILT:	
Evans	Salcombe	
PORT TRANSFER 1	PORT TRANSFER 2	LENGTH
1856 Padstow		55
OWNER 1	LATER OWNERS	
Daniel Shath, Malborough	1856 Joseph Tippett, Padstow 1857 E. Tabb, Padstow	
SALCOMBE/KINGSBRIDGE OWNED FROM	TO	
1825	1856	
CATEGORY		
Fruit schooner Gijon Med Azores		
FATE	DATE OF DEMISE	
1858 Dec 8 sprung a leak off Holyhead and foundered; crew saved.	1858.12. 8	
MASTERS		
Irvy? 1825, Edward Jarvis, 1825-9, 1830-1, William Vivian 1831-3 (1834)1835-6, Michael Patey 1835, William Russell 1835-6 1838-9 1841-3 1847, John Gifford 1845 (1848)-1849-51, John Pepperell (cert. no. 5550) 1851-7, Carter 1849, Hardy, E Tabb 1858-9, T Issell		
HISTORY		
ACTIVE		
Schooner, built in 1825 by John Evans at Salcombe for Shath, Adams, Lindon & Co. Official no. 4457		
Captains: Irvy? 1825, Edward Jarvis, 1825-9, 1830-1, William Vivian 1831-3 (1834)1835-6, Michael Patey		

Local History Resource Files: 1. Ship's Database (continued)

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SALCOMBE AND KINGSBRIDGE MERCHANT SAILING SHIPS

OFFICIAL NO. 4457 RIG Schooner NAME ACTIVE

YEAR BUILT 1825 PORT REG. PORT No./Date TONS 70

BUILDER Evans WHERE BUILT Salcombe

PORT TRANSFER 1 1836 Padstow PORT TRANSFER 2 LENGTH 55

OWNER 1 Daniel Shalh, Mathorough LATER OWNERS 1836 Joseph Tippet, Padstow
1837 E. Tabb, Padstow

SALCOMBE/KINGSBRIDGE OWNED FROM 1825 TO 1856

CATEGORY First schooner Gijon Med Azores

FATE 1858 Dec 8 sprung a leak off Holyhead and foundered, crew saved. DATE OF DEMISE 1858 12 8

MASTERS Irvy? 1825, Edward Jarvis 1825-9, 1830-1, William Vixian 1831-3 (1834)1835-6, Michael Pater 1835, William Russell 1835-6 1838-9
1843-3 1847, John Gifford 1847 (1848-1849-51, John Pepperell (cont. on 3570) 1850-7, Carter 1849, Hardy, E Tabb 1858-9, T Inell

HISTORY ACTIVE
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Captains: Irvy? 1825, Edward Jarvis 1825-9, 1830-1, William Vixian 1831-3 (1834)1835-6, Michael Pater

Record: 14 of 452

To read the history section of a ship report, scroll down using mouse or the



At the bottom of the form is a search box.

Dartmouth Shipping Register
Port No.29/1835
Name: ActiveDate: 29.7.1835
Official No.
Rig: schoonerTons:70
Master: William Russell
Built at: SalcombeDate:1825Built by:
Length: 54.5'Breadth: 17.9'Depth:9.4'

Record: 14 of 452 No Filter **Pepperell**

Enter your search term e.g. 'Pepperell' and then, with the cursor placed to the right of the search box, press 'Enter' on the keyboard

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All references to your search term will be highlighted in

Lot 11 - A Large FISHING BOAT, with Sails, Anchors, Ropes, Oars, &c
Lot 12 - A SMALL BOAT, with two Paddles
The first four Lots are very superior Vessels, and were all built Salcombe aforesaid, of the best materials, are Copper Bottomed, and as well as the other lots, are amply found in Stores, and every respect fit for sea. All the Vessels are now their different Voyages, except Lots 1 and 5, which are now at Salcombe aforesaid, and may be viewed by application to the Masters. The Barges may also be viewed by application to James Vixian and W. Partridge, at Salcombe aforesaid. The two Boats are at Dodrooke Quay, and may be seen by applying to the Auctioneers. The above affords an excellent opportunity for Investment, as Shipping property is fast recovering from the late depression. Any further information may be obtained of Mr. Walter Solicitor, Kingsbridge, Mr. Weymouth, Solicitor, Kingsbridge, or Messrs. HURRELL and LIDSTONE, Solicitors, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge, 29th Dec, 1842.

1845 July 23 (Shipping & Mercantile Gazette) Newport, July 21, arrived Dora, Quick, from Branch, Frink, Freedom, Russell and Active, Russell, all from Salcombe

1846 Oct 3 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol, came in, Active, Gifford from Gijon
1846 Oct 10 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol Imports, In the Active from Gijon, 133 bushels of nuts for Hemman & Son, 666 bushels of nuts for F. Bigwood

1847 Oct 16 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol Imports, in the Active from Gijon, 134 bushels of nuts for F. Bigwood

1848 March 3 (Bristol Mercury) Bristol, came in the Active, Gifford from Gijon

Sometimes the highlighted search term is hidden below the bottom of the page, so scroll down using the mouse or the scroll bar here to find it

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 2. Ship's Individual Salcombe & Kingsbridge Merchant Sailing Vessels


Use this folder to find more information about the ships listed in the Ship's database. Open it and you will find two sub-folders: 2.1 Ship Histories and 2.2 Ships, additional supporting docs.

Sub-folder 2.1 Ship Histories. In this folder the record forms of individual ships set out in Resource file 1. Ship's database have been exported to MsWord files. The text should be largely the same but the Word files have the advantage that they include photos and some of the information is more easily readable, such as crew details set out in crew agreements. The disadvantage is that, unlike the Ship's database, you can't make a search between files.

ACTIVE	24/12/2024 17:58	Microso
AEA	15/12/2019 12:14	Microso
AGATHA	15/12/2019 12:09	Microso
AGENORIA	28/09/2019 20:15	Microso
AGNES	15/12/2019 12:06	Microso
ALBATROSS 2	17/08/2019 18:53	Microso
ALESSIE	05/12/2024 20:23	Microso
ALICE	10/11/2024 18:09	Microso
ALLINGTON	17/08/2019 19:15	Microso
ALPHA	04/12/2024 16:14	Microso
ALVINGTON	09/12/2024 19:30	Microso
AMELIA	28/12/2024 19:34	Microso
AMY	30/12/2024 16:07	Microso
ANDANTE	04/05/2024 20:38	Microso
ANN & MARY	17/08/2019 19:23	Microso
ANN 1	28/12/2024 09:58	Microso
ANN 2	10/01/2025 16:28	Microso
ANN 3	21/12/2024 19:56	Microso

ALVINGTON

Barque, 313 tons, built in 1865 by Watson at Pallion, Sunderland, official number 47274



In 1865 a 313-ton barque was built by Watson, at Pallion, Sunderland for Balkwill & Co. Named the Alvington, after a local village she was employed mainly in the East Indian Trade. On her maiden voyage to India and Ceylon her master John Harnden filled the official log book with entries relating to the insubordinate conduct of two crew members – John Murray OS who gave him constant abuse and refused to do his duty and Alexander Murray, the cook and steward who was slovenly and could not cook. John Murray was left in gale and Alexander Murray was discharged at Chittagong. It was at Chittagong that Capt. Harnden died of bilious fever. John Dawe Adams, Alvington's next commander, completed nine voyages before transferring to Churchstow in 1876 – seven of them to India and the East Indies, one to the West Indies and one to Brazil. On her return from Brazil in 1871 Alvington lost five crew members to yellow fever. John Harding took over command in 1876 and spent the next eleven years constantly voyaging in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. During the 1880s he was normally accompanied by his wife and children. Many of his later voyages were to and from New York and involved a desperate search for cargoes in various South American and South African ports. Alvington was sold to French owners in 1887 for £600. (Salcombe, Schooner Port, Roger Barrett)

Sub-folder 2.2 Ships, additional supporting docs. This folder contains more documents and photos about some (not all) of the individual ships

Name	Date modified	Type
Active	23/01/2020 17:03	File
Agnes	23/01/2020 17:03	File
Alvington	20/12/2025 19:52	File
Amelia	09/12/2024 17:37	File
Ann (3)	21/12/2024 19:49	File
Apphia	20/12/2025 18:00	File
Beatrice	20/10/2024 12:35	File
Bessie	15/06/2022 13:48	File
Bezaleel	23/01/2020 17:03	File
Brizo	02/11/2020 14:33	File
Catherine Log	09/12/2024 17:30	File
Ceres	03/12/2024 10:14	File

Name	Date modified	Type
ALVINGTON Official Log 1866	08/10/2011 17:27	Microsoft
Capt Adams diary May 1871	11/10/2021 19:13	Microsoft
Crew agreement 1865	09/12/2024 19:24	JPG File
The Alvington in a cyclone	07/08/2011 17:52	TIF File
VOYAGE OF THE ALVINGTON 1884-7	06/08/2011 22:42	Microsoft

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 3. Mariners' files

Sub-folder 3.1 Captain's database

Compiled by the late Brian Harding, the Ms Excel database provides details of over 900 ship captains (masters) from Salcombe and surrounding parishes. The folder includes an Explanatory Note.

Captain	Forename	DOB	Birthplace	DOD	Place of death	Cert.no.	Issued	Flag No.	Remarks
Adams	A								NLI Daniel 18
Adams	Edward								Lady Buller 1848
Adams	Henry John	1829	Hallsands,Stokenhar	bef 1881		55092/6150/C86761		134	1871 Fore Street
Adams	Henry Thomas	1853	Salcombe			C99092	Lpl 1878		1881 at Jennings
Adams	John	1812	South Pool/Salcombe	21/2/1879	Salcombe	S35061		28	NSL after 1871.18
Adams	John	1816	Thurlestone			35260			1851 Tumbling H
Adams	John Dawe	1839	Salcombe	26/2/1899		C17101	Ply 1861		Possible 2nd dau
Adams	Joseph Jarvis	1776	Malborough	bef 1851					Mary & Sally 18
Adams	Lidstone	1870	Salcombe	abt May 1943	Liverpool	23155	Lpl 1894		
Adams	Nathaniel Jarvis	1815	West Alvington	29/7/1839	At sea 'Dispatch'			D31	Will 26/7/1839
Adams	Philip Lidstone	abt Nov 18	Salcombe			87172			
Adams	Robert	1842	Devon	29/1/1877	Drowned	C83585	Lpl 1869		Mate on Alpha 5:
Adams	Robert Wilson	21 Sep 18	Salcombe	19 Nov 1899	Gibraltar	C33781	Btl 1868		Whites Directory

Sub-folder 3.2 Mariner's individual and family trees

More information about local mariner families is set out in the folders (listed by surname). Some have more detail than others e.g. masters and mates certificates, family trees and photographs

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Adams	18/12/2025 17:12	File folder	
Arundell	18/12/2025 17:12	File folder	
Balkwill	18/12/2025 17:12	File folder	
Ball	22/12/2025 13:47	File folder	
Beckford, Bickford	18/12/2025 17:12	File folder	

Sub-folder 3.3 Mariners, other sources

The additional sources here include a list of those masters (i.e captains) and mates whose certificates can be downloaded from Ancestry. com, access to which is free from Salcombe & Kingsbridge libraries . Accompanying the certificates there is often a list of ships that the applicant previously sailed in

Surname	Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Issue Date	Cert. No.
adams	John Adams	19 Oct 1812	Salcombe,Devonshire	25 Apr 1850	35.061
adams	John Adams	1837	Salcombe,Devonshire	25 Apr 1865	33.866
adams	John Adams	1837	Salcombe,Devonshire	18 Jan 1869	33.866
adams	John Dawe Adams	1839	Salcombe,Devonshire	9 Jul 1857	17.1
adams	John Dawe Adams	1839	Salcombe,Devonshire	8 Mar 1859	17.101
adams	John Dawe Adams	1839	Salcombe,Devonshire	13 Mar 1861	17101
adams	Robert Adams	1842	Salcombe,Devonshire	10 Mar 1869	82585
adams	Robert Adams	1842	Salcombe,Devonshire	24 Apr 1866	82585
adams	Robert Willson Adams	1842	Salcombe,Devonshire	18 Apr 1865	33.781
adams	Robert Willson Adams	1842	Salcombe,Devonshire	1 Feb 1868	33.781
adams	Philip Lidstone Adams	1845	Salcombe,Devonshire	4 Feb 1868	87172

Note: in addition to the above sources you can use the search facility in the Ship's database (folder no.1) to see if your ancestor was captain or mate in a Salcombe ship

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 3. Mariners' files (continued)

Sub-folder 3.4 Crew lists

Useful information about a ship's crew are set out in the official crew agreements which were completed before each voyage. Many of these are preserved in the Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter, the Public Record Office at Kew and at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. The crew lists for voyages of Salcombe and Kingsbridge ships held at Exeter have been photographed and a number of those from Newfoundland downloaded from their website. Some of them include the captain's official log for the voyage. Much of the information has been transcribed and entered in the records set out in Resource files 1. Ships database and 2. Ship's individual .

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>	Folder	Alpha 1865 and 1866	13/06/2017 09:10	File folder
>	Folder	Alvington 1866	13/06/2017 09:10	File folder
>	Folder	Andante 1866	13/06/2017 09:10	File folder
>	Folder	Ann	13/06/2017 09:10	File folder
>	Folder	Anna Maria	13/06/2017 09:10	File folder

Below: an extract from a typical crew agreement

(A.C.)
 SANCTIONED BY THE BOARD OF TRADE, JULY 1861.
 IN PURSUANCE OF 17 & 18 VICT. c. 104.

JUN 14 1866

ACCOUNT (FOREIGN-GOING SHIP.)

MANAGING OWNER.

Name of Ship.		Official Number.	Part of Registry.	Port No. and Date of Register.	Registered Tonnage.	Name.	Address (State No. of House, Street)				
Alvington			Continued from folio	One.							
PARTICULARS OF ENGAGEMENT											
Reference No.	Signature of Crew.	Age.	Town or County where born.	Nos. of Certificates (if any).	SHIP IN WHICH HE LAST SERVED.		DATE AND PLACE OF JOINING THIS SHIP.		In what Capacity engaged, and if Mate, No. of his Certificate.	Time at which he is to be on board.	of
					Name, Official No., or Port she belonged to, or Nature of Employment.	Date and Place of Discharge from such Ship.	Date.	Place.			
1	William Edward Whitcomb	18	Salcombe	E 2 Fund R V 2	Flora of Salcombe	20th Dec 1865	Salcombe	20th Dec 1865	at	12 th	or more
2	John Murray	19	Cape Argus	E 2 Fund R V 2	Ship's Doctor of Salcombe	20th Dec 1865	Salcombe	20th Dec 1865	at	12 th	or more
3	James Wright	18	Leith	E 2 Fund R V 2	Stannah of Dept	20th Dec 1865	Leith	20th Dec 1865	at		
4	John Dwyer	24	W. of Haven	E 2 Fund R V 2	Appelles	20th Dec 1865	Calcutta	20th Dec 1865	at		
5	Benjamin Hinton	24	W. of Haven	E 2 Fund R V 2	Wagon Seaman	20th Dec 1865	Calcutta	20th Dec 1865	at		
6	Henry Trinick	19	Salcombe	E 2 Fund R V 2	Francis	20th Dec 1865	Calcutta	20th Dec 1865	at		

Local History Resource Files

4. Shipbuilders

Information about the nineteenth century shipbuilders of Salcombe and Kingsbridge is set out in this folder

5. Births, Marriages and Deaths

The baptism, marriages and burial records set out in this folder are from Malborough ecclesiastical parish (which included Salcombe up until 1868) and 7 other local parishes. They cover a range of dates in the 18th and 19th centuries and have been transcribed from two sources:

1) **FIRST SOURCE:** The 'Our 4bears' South Hams website' at <http://www.our4bears.net/> covers local parishes in the 18th and 19th centuries. These are set out as Excel spreadsheets. The full list of Malborough ecclesiastical parish records copied from this website is set out opposite.

- o 1841 census
- o 1861 census
- o Baptisms 1706-1753
- o Baptisms 1754-1812
- o Baptisms 1813-1837
- o Baptisms 1838-1869
- o Banns 1837-1900
- o Burials 1673-1699
- o Burials 1700-1753
- o Burials 1754-1812
- o Burials 1813-1837
- o Burials 1838-1866
- o Marriages 1630-1699
- o Marriages 1700-1753
- o Marriages & banns 1754-1812
- o Marriages 1813-1837
- o Marriages 1838-1905
- o Selected memorial inscriptions

Malborough Parish records

2) **SECOND SOURCE:** A Devon History Society (DHS) CD covering the parishes in the Deanery of Woodleigh for the period 1815 to 1839, transcribed into pdf files.

Sub-folder 5.1: baptisms. The baptism records from both the sources referred to above are set out in both surname and date order.

SURNAME	FORENAMES	DATE	PARENTS	NOTES
ADAMS	Agness Avent	27 Nov 1814	Nicholas & Susanna	Of Merry Knowles - Farmer - Privately, brought to church 20 Aug 1816
ADAMS	Ann	11 Mar 1821	William & Ann	Of Coombe - Husbandman
ADAMS	Ann	20 May 1823	Edward & Elizabeth	Of Bolberry - Gent - Born 29 Jul 1822
ADAMS	Anthony Allan	6 Apr 1837	Nicholas & Susanna	Of Maryknowle - Yeoman
ADAMS	Elizabeth	4 Apr 1819	William & Ann	Of Combe - Husbandman
ADAMS	Elizabeth	20 May 1823	Edward & Elizabeth	Of Bolberry - Gent - Born 22 Feb 1820
ADAMS	Elizabeth Fairweather	29 Nov 1817	Thomas & Mary	Of Bolberry - Gent - Privately, brought to church 29 Apr 1818

Malborough baptism records 1813-37 listed by surname from 'First source' folder (Our4bears)

The Deanery of Woodleigh			MALBOROUGH Baptisms - Date Order			
Surname	Forename	Day	Mth	Year	Abode	
Father	Mother	Occupation			Notes	
PROWSE Edward	Robert Mary	Butcher	17	01	1813	Malborough
ASH William	Robert Mary	Fisherman	24	01	1813	Hope
COLE John	Mary Thorning Mary	Shoemaker	24	01	1813	Malborough

Malborough baptism records 1813-39 in date order from 'Second source' folder, Devon History Soc.

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 5. Births, Marriages and Deaths (continued)

Sub-folder 5.2: marriages The marriage records for Salcombe and 9 other local ecclesiastical parishes are from both the sources referred to on the previous page and are set out in both surname and date order:

SURNAME	FORENAMES	DATE	NOTES	SPOUSE SURNAME	SPOUSE FORENAMES	SPOUSE NOTES
ABBOTT	Matthew	? Sep 1857	Of Devonport	HEATH	Eliza Steer	
ADAMS	Ellen Rosabelle	? Aug 1908		STONE	John Frederick	Of Truro
ADAMS	James Vivian	? Dec 1893		YEOMAN	Harriett	
ADAMS	John Thomas	? Apr 1929	Of Malborough	HODDER	May Gwendoline	

Salcombe marriage records 1854-1932 listed by surname from 'First source' folder, Our4bears

The Deanery of Woodleigh		MALBOROUGH Marriages - Date Order				
Surname	First names	Day	Mth	Year	Notes	
WHITE CORNISH	JOHN MARY	28	07	1754	N	
MADDICK GOSS	DAVID JOAN	08	09	1754		

Malborough marriage records 1754-1837 in date order from 'Second source' folder, Devon History Soc.

Sub-folder 5.3: burials The burial records for Salcombe and 8 other local ecclesiastical parishes are from both the sources referred to on the previous page and are set out in

SURNAME	FORENAMES	DATE	AGE	NOTES
		17 Jan 1688		Mother-in-law of John WEAMOUTH - Died at Baydon
ADAM	Rebeacah	21 Jun 1676		Of Rewe - Sister of John
ADAM	Thomas	20 Oct 1687		Of Burtin, South Huish - Son of Will
ADAMS	Agnes	15 Feb 1693		
ADAMS	Alice	28 Dec 1678		Of Coombe - Daughter of Thomas
ADAMS	Amos	3 May 1689		Of Batston
ADAMS	Anne	23 Jan 1674		Of Batston - Wife of Stephen
ADAMS	Anne	9 Oct 1675		Of Batston - Daughter of John

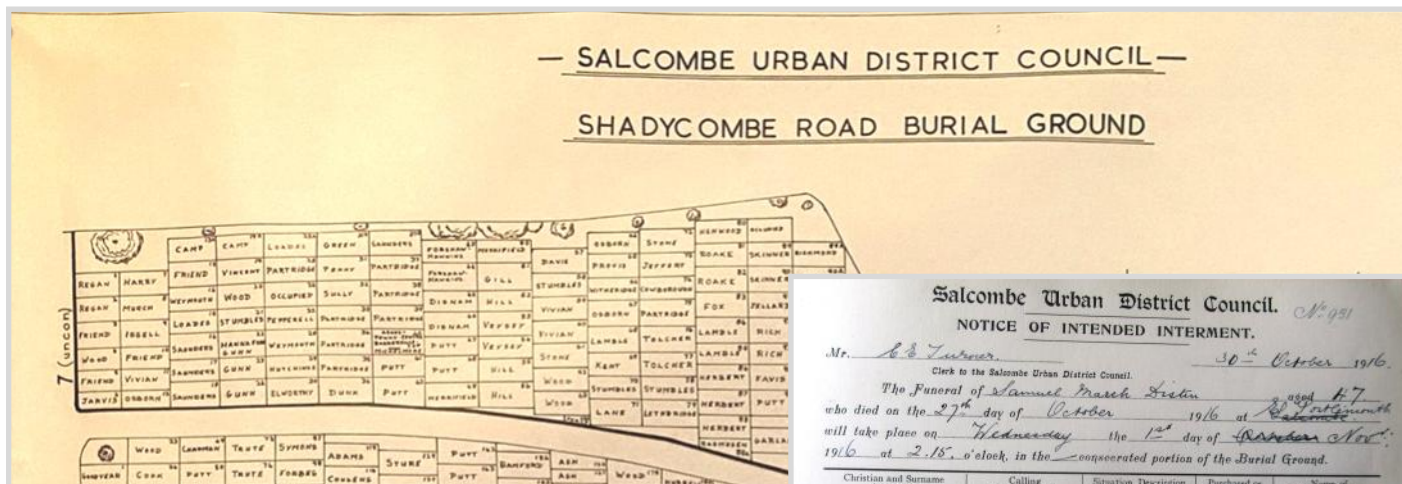
Malborough burial records 1673-1866 listed by surname from 'First source' folder, Our4bears

The Deanery of Woodleigh		MALBOROUGH Burials - Date Order				
Surname	First names	Age	Day	Mth	Year	Notes
VALENTINE	RICHARD	77	07	01	1813	SALCOMBE
WEYMOUTH	CATHERINE	77	21	01	1813	SALCOMBE
CLARK	ANN	60	27	01	1813	
SHILLABEER	WILLIAM		07	02	1813	BATSON
WOOD	ELIZABETH		21	02	1813	BOLBERRY
CORNISH	MARY	22	01	03	1813	SALCOMBE
HINGSTON	THOMAS	INFANT	06	04	1813	ILTON
LUSCOMBE	RICHARD	66	21	04	1813	BOLBERRY

Malborough burial records 1813-1837 listed by surname from 'Second source' folder, Devon History

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 5. Births, Marriages and Deaths (continued)

Sub-folder 5.3: burials. This folder also includes burial plot plans of Salcombe's Shadycombe and Bonfire Hill cemeteries, details of the inscriptions on gravestones (monumental inscriptions) in the graveyard at Holy Trinity Church and photos of gravestones in all three locations.



Shadycombe Cemetery - extract from burial plot plan with surnames and plot numbers



Gravestone in Shadycombe Cemetery

The museum has, in its archive, a collection of interment record forms dating from 1883 to 1966. Fill in a Visitor's Enquiry Form at reception if you want to be sent a copy of a specific entry.



Bonfire Hill cemetery, extract from burial plot plan

85. MARY wife of JAMES BALL D:- 13 January 1861 aged 70 years, also JAMES BALL D:- 13 August 1868 aged 74 years.
Slate upright.

86. JACOB BALL son of JAMES & MARY BALL of Salcombe D:- 24th September 1849 aged 13 years, also of three following who are interred at Kelt rough JAMES infant son D:- 1816, also MARY THORNTON daughter D:- 20 May 1826 aged 1 year and infant JAMES.
Salte upright.

Details of monumental inscriptions in Holy Trinity Churchyard (Lyn Collins)

Local History Resource Files and Folders

6. Census returns, Register of Electors, Valuation and other lists of residents (continued)

Sub-folders 6.6 to 6.8: Valuation List 1923, Household Register 1939 & Register of Electors 1950. The 1923 and 1950 lists are in surname and address order and that for 1939 just in address order - they all cover Salcombe. The 1939 Household Register, which was compiled nationally in October 1939 one month into WW2, is particularly useful as it includes children and gives dates of birth and occupations.

Assessment No.	Occupier	Owner	Type of property	Address	Acres, roods, perches	Gross est. rental
1	Ecclesiastical Commissioners	Ecclesiastical Commissioners	Impropriate Tithe	Salcombe		75
2	Ilbert Miss	Ilbert Miss	Marydale Tithe	Salcombe		13
3	Reece-Heal Walter	Reece-Heal Walter	Vicarial Tithe	Salcombe		42
4	Sedgwick John A.	Sedgwick John A.	House & Grounds	The Vicarage		90
5	Gay W.J.	Gay W.J.	House	Rockside		62
6	Marine Hotel Co.	Marine Hotel Co.	Marine Hot	Cliff Road		230
7	Marine Hotel Co.	Eddy J.	House	Alpha House		38
8	Marine Hotel Co.	Eddy J.	House	Cliff Road		11
9	Wheaton Frederick	Eddy J.	House	Cliff Road		5
10	Wheaton Annie	Eddy J.	House	Cliff Road		5
11	Jarvis Jonathan	Eddy J.	House	Cliff Road		5
12	Heath Robert Henry	Ms Muraith Andrew	House	Cliff Road		15
13	Trustees of Cliff House	Trustees of Cliff House	Cliff House	Cliff Road		125
14	Capel Cure Ernest	Capel Cure Ernest	House & Grounds	The Grange		86

Valuation list, Salcombe 1923

ADDRESS.		SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.		O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH- Day. Year.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
1		No.	Sub. No.	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
Bonfri Hill	MILBOURNA	1	1	Reeves William H	-	M		11 Aug 77	M		Carpenter
- ditto -		1	2	Reeves Florence M	-	F		7 April 93	M		Unpaid Domestic Duties
- ditto -		1	3	Reeves Elizabeth A	-	F		19 Feb 34	S		At School
- ditto -		1	4	McCoy Emily H	-	F		3 Oct 79	S		At Home
- ditto -	TAMARISK	2	1	Murch William J	-	M		19 Jan 72	M		Unpaid Domestic Duties
- ditto -		2	2	Murch Mary J	-	F		25 Apr 76	M		Unpaid Domestic Duties
Coronation Road	DUNELM	3	1	Fice Reginald W	-	M		9 Sept 99	M		Motor Car Driver
- ditto -		3	2	Fice Winifred J A	-	F		9 Aug 97	M		Unpaid Domestic Duties
- ditto -	LONSDALE	4	1	Cross George E	-	M		15 July 80	M		Manufactures Agent
- ditto -		4	2	Cross Beatrice	-	F		30 Nov 84	M		Unpaid Domestic Duties
- ditto -	MESINES	5	1 ^{3/4}	Skinner Edith M	-	F		13 Nov 79	S		Unpaid Domestic Duties
- ditto -		5	2	Skinner Nellie B	-	F		4 Nov 81	S		Unpaid Domestic Duties
- ditto -	BURLEIGH VILLA	6	1	Weymouth Mary E	-	F		6 Sept 60	W		DOMESTIC DUTIES UNPAID

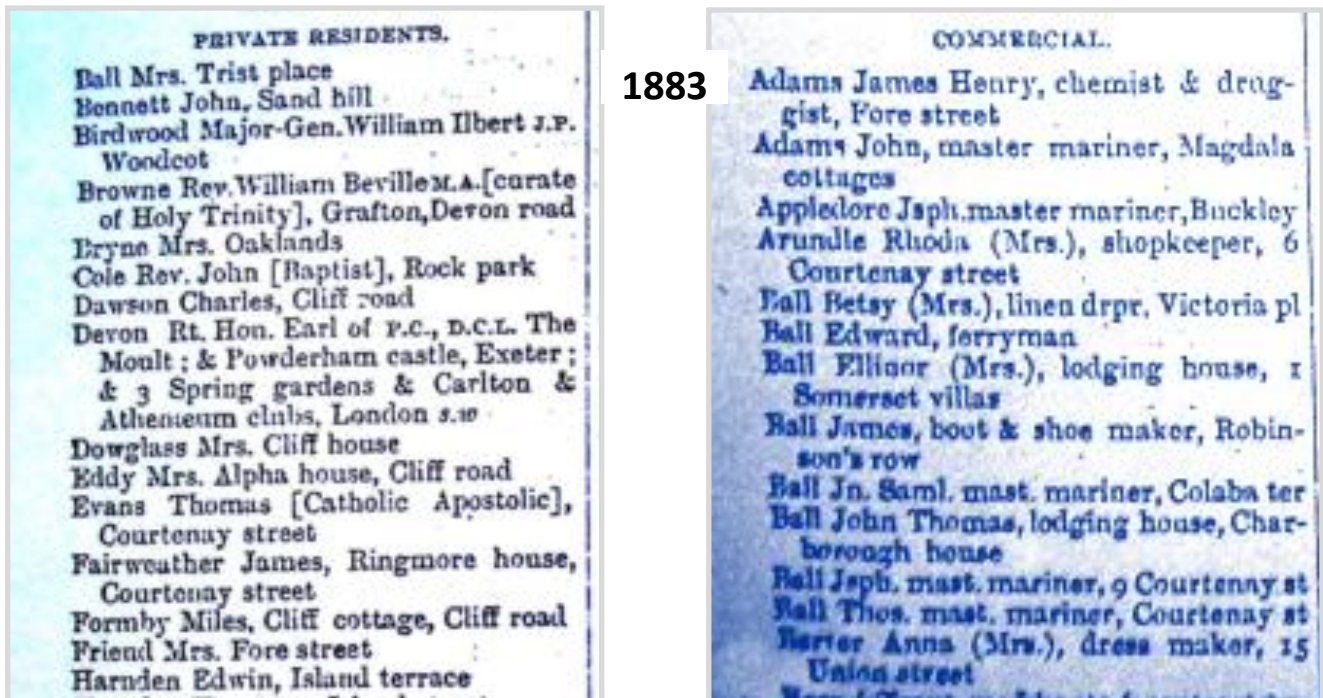
Household Register, Salcombe 1939

Adams, Clara	Vine Hse	Batson, Lower	86
Adams, Doris M.	6 West View Terrace	Main Road	1397
Adams, Emma M.	Moorland View 3	Bonaventure Road	233
Adams, Ethel	house no./name n.a.	Coronation Road	622
Adams, Gwendoline M.	Little Grey Hse.	Fore Street	961
Adams, James H.	Windyridge	St Dunstan's Road	1718
Adams, Jane	Windyridge	St Dunstan's Road	1719

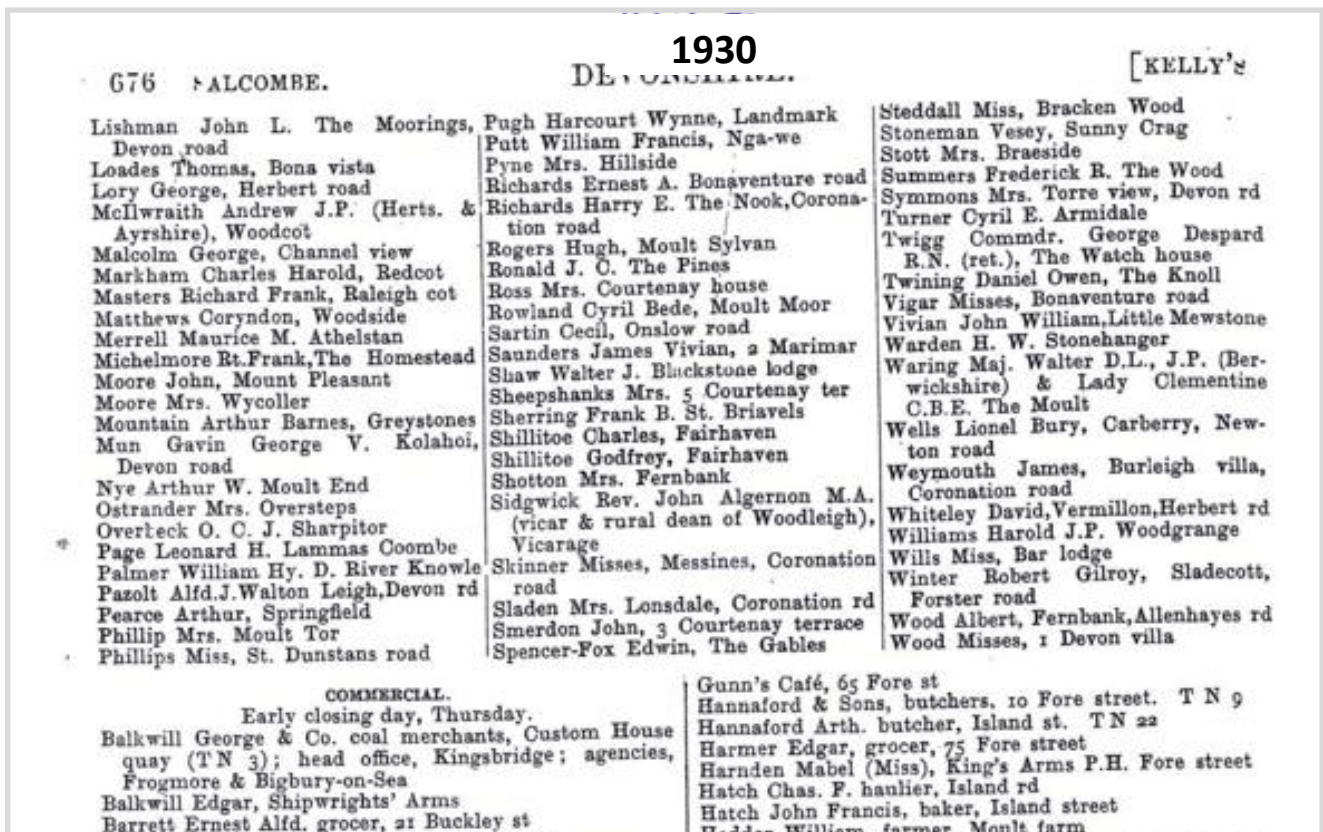
Register of Electors, Salcombe 1950

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 7. Trade Directories

Scanned copies of the Salcombe (and, in some cases, Malborough) entries in 35 local trade directories dating from 1838 to 1930 are included in this folder. They usually list the names and addresses of prominent private residents and, in the Commercial section, the commercial addresses of the local tradesmen and professionals (and, the case of Salcombe, the home addresses of master mariners). The directories are a useful source of information, bridging as they do the years between the ten-yearly census returns and also giving an insight into the commercial activities in the area.



Above and below: entries in the Salcombe section of the 1883 and 1930 editions of Kelly's Directory



Local History Resource Files and Folders: 8. Wreck files

Wrecks between Bigbury Bay and Start bay

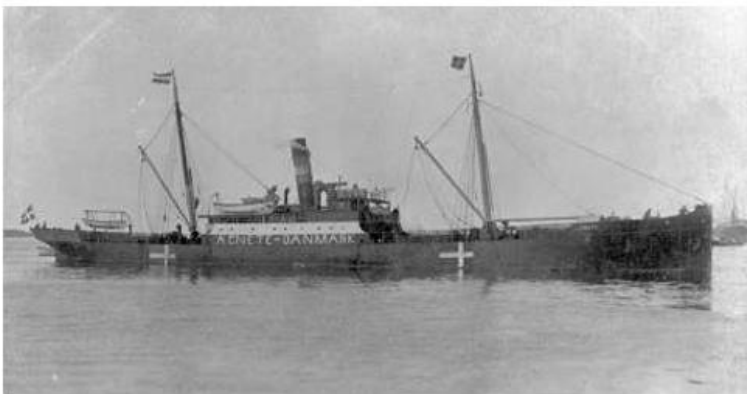
The files in this folder provide details of hundreds of onshore and offshore wrecks along the South Hams coast. If you know the name of the wrecked vessel go straight to sub-folder 8.1 Individual wreck reports and if, it is not listed, to sub-folder 8.2 Miscellaneous wrecks. Sub-folder 3 contains charts showing wreck locations.

Sub-folder 8.1 Individual wreck reports.

Name	Date modified
Agnete 1918	21/12/2025 14:32
Albatross 1	21/12/2025 18:41
Aldershot 1918	18/12/2025 17:09
Alice Marie 1917	18/12/2025 17:09
Ambassador 1891	21/12/2025 14:32
Amelie Suzanne 1972	21/12/2025 14:33
Andre Marie 1904	18/12/2025 17:09
Annie 1879	21/12/2025 14:33

Scroll through the folders to find the vessel you are interested in

Agnete 1918



Date	1918-4-24
Location	Start Point, 4 miles SW 50.11.04N 03.39.02W
Location zone	Zone C/offshore. Bolt Head to Start Point
Ship type	Steamship
Nationality	United Kingdom
Home port	London;
Voyage	Newport - Rouen;
Official no.	133598
Tonnage (gross)	1127
Length, beam, draught	65.44 x 9.42 x 5.61
Propulsion	Screw, 3cyl. trip. exp Horsepower: 66; <u>Boliers: 1</u>
Construction details	2 x deck; <u>b.deck 48ft; f.castle 25ft.</u>
Machinery	
Armament	1 x 13pdr
Cargo	Coal
Owner/operator	Dalglish Steam Shipping
Launch year	1894
Built by	<u>Howaldtswerke</u>
Place built	Kiel
Master	Hudson
Crew	20
Passengers	0
Cause of wreck	torpedoed by UB-40
Crew fatalities	12

The Ms Word document in each folder sets out information from a variety of sources including newspaper reports. There are usually other supporting photos and documents

← The first page of a typical wreck report

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 8. Wreck files (continued)

Sub-folder 8.2 Miscellaneous wrecks by location

If you can't find the wreck you are interested in have a look at the miscellaneous wreck files. These are taken from Richard and Bridget Larn's Shipwreck Index of the British Isles Vol 1 and listed by location—Salcombe, Bigbury Bay, Salcombe, Start Point, Dartmouth, Plymouth

MISCELLANEOUS SALCOMBE WRECKS

Shipwreck Index of the British Isles, Vol. 1 Devon etc., Richard and Bridget Larn, Lloyd's Register, 1995

KEY

Vo =voyage ST= ship type PT=home port FG= flag GT= gross tons NT= net tons CGO= cargo
BT= built PN= propulsion CR=crew CL= crew lost PA= passenger CP= captain

ABLE PERKINS 03/04/1873

Salcombe, Bolt Head 50.12.30N 03.47W











Vo New York - London; ST Schooner (sail); PT Parrsborough; FG United Kingdom; NT 107; CGO Naptha, Oil gasoline high-octane, Oil gas; BT 1864, Parrsborough, NS; PN Sail; CR 5; CP Reynolds, William

Left New York on 25.02, and by 03.04 was 10 miles SW of Bolt Head, when the vessel exploded and burnt out very quickly. The captain and two lads who were in the cabin were blown on deck, and although the former and one lad were badly burnt, they managed to launch a boat and escape. They were subsequently picked up by the CHALLENGER, of Southampton, and landed at Salcombe. The loss on the vessel was £609, and on the cargo £1,000.

Salcombe Custom House Deposition Book 1873, PRO Kew CUST.81/65; BOT WkRtn.1873 Part III p44-5; NLR

Sub-folder 8.3 Wreck Charts

The charts in this folder will help you to locate the positions of individual wrecks

				
1. Thurlestone to Prawle Point, Richard Larn	2. Start Point & Start bay, Richard Larn	3. Richard Larn chart	4. WW1 Forgotten Wrecks	5. WW1 ships wrecked off Salcombe
				
6. Dive South Devon, Kendall McDonald Bigbury Bay ...	7. Dive South Devon, The Bolt wrecks named	8. Dive South, Kendall McDonald Start Bay wrecks na...	9.. Prawle Point, offshore wrecks	10. Bolt Head to Start Point, onshore wrecks

Local History Resource Files and Folders: 8. Wreck files (continued)

Sub-folder 8. 4 Wrecks Database

Details of about 200 hundred wrecks are set out in a Ms Excel spreadsheet. Although most of the information can be found in the previous two sub-folders, the spreadsheet has the advantage of being searchable across the full range of entries.

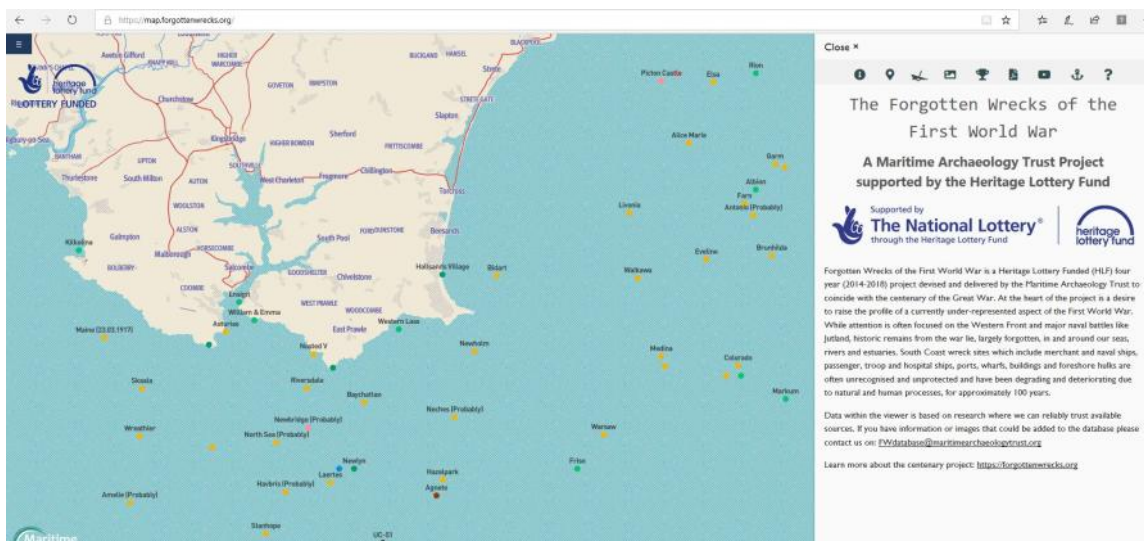
Name	YEAR	Date	Location
AGNETE	1918	24/04/1918	Start Point, 4 miles SW 50.11.04N 03.39.02W
ALDRSHOT	1918	23/09/1918	Dartmouth, 5 miles ESE 50.16.29N 03.28.02W
ALICE MARIE	1917	19/12/1917	Start Point, 6 miles ENE 50.17.00N 03.31.15W
ALPHA	1899	1899-10-26	Ayrmer Cove, Bigbury Bay, 50 17 39N; 03 55 07W.
AMBASSADOR	1891	1891- 9-19	Ham Stone 50 11 50N; 03 49 48W.
AMELIE	1917	13/11/1917	7 miles SW Start Point 50 08 21 N; 03 46 12W
AMELIE SUZANNE	1972	01/04/1972	Eastern point of Off Cove, near Bolt Head 50 12 46N; 03 47 53W

To make a search, using a specific search term, click on the Find & Select icon on the top toolbar and select 'Find'. In this example a search was made for Capt. Ferris, which brought up the entry for the ship *Bellona*. Click on 'Find Next' to find further entries

The image shows a screenshot of the Microsoft Excel interface. On the left, the 'Editing' ribbon is visible, with the 'Find & Select' icon circled in red. A red arrow points from this icon to the 'Find and Replace' dialog box on the right. The dialog box has 'Find what:' set to 'Capt.Ferris'. Below the dialog box, a list of names is visible, with 'Capt. Saunders, R.M.', 'Capt. Ferris', and 'G. McMillan' highlighted in green. Another red arrow points from the 'Find Next' button in the dialog box to the 'Capt. Ferris' entry in the list.

Sub-folder 8.5 First World War Wrecks

The waters of Salcombe were a favourite killing ground for German U-boat commanders in the First World War and numerous British and allied ships were sunk off the coast. The histories of these ships were researched for the Maritime Archaeology Trust's Forgotten Wrecks of WWI project between 2014-18. A report for each wreck is set out in



Local History Resource Files : Further help

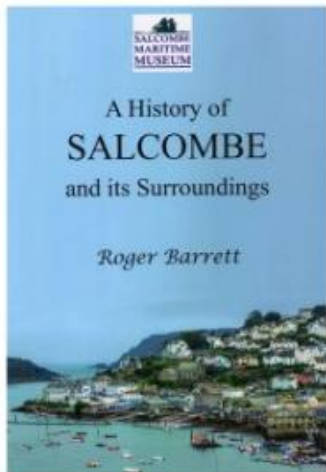
Do you want further help with your local or family history research? If so, please ask the steward to give you a Visitor Enquiry Form to fill in, or email your enquiry to info@salcombemuseum.org.uk.

We always try to help where we can, but we may ask for a donation to Museum funds if our response is likely to require more than an hour or so of research.

You may also want to have a look at our local history publications which are on sale in the museum or can be purchased online from our website at

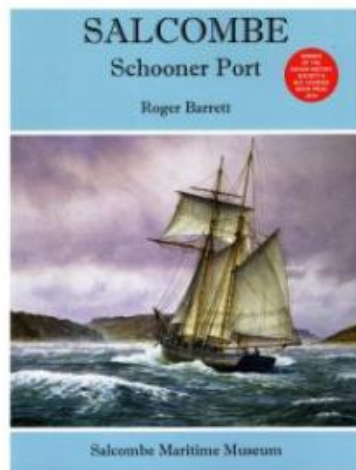
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Some of them are shown below.



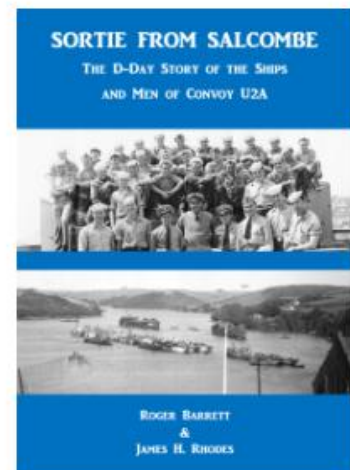
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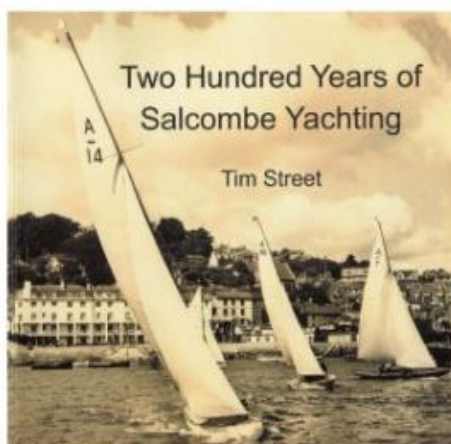
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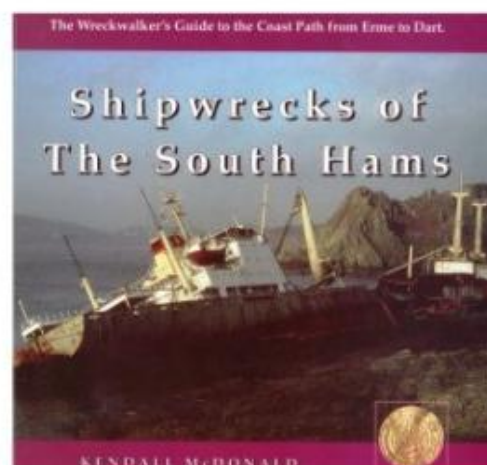
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