

Marine Technology Special Collection, Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Historical Resources: Further details

The Collection contains 318 linear metres of shelving (127 m **company documents**. 191 m **technical publications**) and **British Shipbuilding Database (BSD)** of 80,000 UK-built merchant ships.

- **Company documents**, many are *unique* including:-
 - company records (corporate, financial, and legal, correspondence, ledgers, minutes of meetings),
 - company publicity brochures and catalogues (not unique),
 - ship and marine engine construction plans,
 - yard, plant, and facilities layout plans,
 - photographs (ships and their construction, yards, engines, etc),
 - ship and marine engine trial records,
 - from companies such as Swan Hunter 1890s-1990s, British Shipbuilders 1977-1990 and subsidiaries, North Eastern Marine of Wallsend and Sunderland; William Allan and Co (Scotia Engine Works), Sunderland, Richardson Westgarth, 1887-1945; shipbreaking companies, e.g. Hughes Bolckow of Blyth, T. W. Ward of Sheffield, Shipbreaking Industries of Faslane. We have the largest and most complete shipbreaking collection in the UK.

- **Technical publications** including:-
 - trade and industry magazines,
 - professional technical journals ('Transactions' and 'Proceedings'),
 - ship registers & trade directories,
 - historical textbooks,
 - company histories,
 - statistics and market reports,
 - rules and regulations,
 - dictionaries,
 - maps and nautical almanacs,
 - biographies,
 - bibliographies including indexes to magazine, journals, and professional engineering societies including RINA and NECIES (see below).

- **British Shipbuilding Database (BSD)**: an authoritative and uniquely detailed database of 80,000 British-built ships of the 19th and 20th centuries.

- **Index to Publications of the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders 1884-1993**: The NECIES was a leading UK regional professional engineering society based in Newcastle upon Tyne and serving North East England until it's closure in 1993. The Index includes a chronological index

(list of ca 1400 papers), personal name index (authors, and ca 1300 biographies and obituaries), and subject index.

Historical resources: Search the Collection

Please visit the Collection's website for ***Search Collection***.

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