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Nautical Resources for Genealogical Discovery

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Warren Fritz, MLIS, presented the January 2007 KVGS program on "Nautical Resources for Genealogical Discovery." Warren is currently in charge of the first archival project at the Kellogg Biological Station.

Although Warren is not actively involved in genealogy, his interest in all maritime topics led him to discover several important web sites which have extensive information on emigration. These sites, which concentrate on migrations from the United Kingdom, are:

Merseyside Maritime Museum

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/
Choose "Archives and Library" to access the Information Sheets, which are particularly helpful. For example, there is one sheet devoted to Child Emigration.

Maritime History Archive, Memorial University of Newfoundland

www.mun.ca/mha/
This site has a variety of information, including English and Irish Parish records, crew lists and log books.

National Archives (England)

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
Among other things, the site includes British naval records from 1873 to 1923.

It is possible that your ancestor came here as a crew member on a ship, rather than as a passenger. A good site for crew lists is www.crewlist.org.uk/

Warren also highly recommends the book, *They Came in Ships: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* by John P. Colletta (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2002).