

ETHNICITY & MIGRATION USER GUIDE 24

INTRODUCTION

In 2004, the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded a grant to Tyne and Wear Archives Service to support work focusing on the history, contributions, lives and experiences of ethnically diverse communities in the area. This enabled the service to launch *Legacy* - a project building bridges towards an improved understanding and representation of diverse communities, groups, organisations and individuals.

This User Guide has been produced as part of *Legacy*, providing a list of records that reflect Tyne and Wear's minority ethnic communities. The history of migrant communities is often hidden and information can appear in unlikely sources. We therefore encourage all users to inform a member of staff if they find any information relating to *Ethnicity and Migration* within the collection.

Part 1 - ETHNICITY

The definition of ethnicity is complex and subjective one, but essentially it is the description of *who we are*. Geographically and historically our lives cross paths, evolving into a shared sense of ownership despite racial and cultural difference.

Belgian Community

Photographs of the community and transcript of baptisms, marriages and burials, 1916-19
(C.BI3/23)

Temporary Housing Scheme plan, c1916 **(1603/1-2)**

German Community

German Protestant Church, Newcastle, 1888 – 1988 **(C.NC64)**

German Protestant Church and Seamen's Mission, Sunderland, 1863 – 1970 **(C.SU68)**

German Protestant Church and Seamen's Mission, South Shields, 1904 – 1985 **(C.SS28)**

It is worth noting that records within church collections often include documents other than church registers. See User Guide 4

Jewish Community See User Guide 8

Access requires depositor's consent.

Chinese reference

Chinese Arch, Stowell Street, plans and digital photographs, 2002-2005 **(Not catalogued)**

Irish references

Indictment re murder, 1737 **(AZ.NC/8)**

Riot between English and Irish labourers, c1800 **(DX17/1/22)**

Removal orders to Irish parishes, 1847 **(QS.NC/139/3)**

Irish removal and settlement orders, 1849 – 1902 **(359/34/1-4)**

Other records

All4Corners, a photographic project by Tony Griffiths and Zuzana Hruskova Albertson commissioned by Diversity North East. An extensive image bank of the North East's diverse communities, 2003 – 2005 **(Not catalogued)**

Part 2 - MIGRATION

POOR LAW RECORDS

Records relating to the migration of poor people to and from this country, prior to 1929 may be found in poor law union records. This authority was abolished and replaced by Public Assistance Authorities. Some useful records include hospital and workhouse admissions, creed registers, workhouse master's reports, Board of Guardian's Minutes and Annual Reports. See also user Guide 22

Examples:

Passage to colonies poster, 1840 **(T286/8)**
South Shields Board of Guardians Minutes, 1881-1883 referring to the emigration of a Mary Douglas **(PU.SS/1/1/16)**
Newcastle General Hospital Creed Register, 1912-1913 lists possible immigrants **(HO.NGH/88/1)**

Board of Guardians Minutes:

Newcastle Board of Guardians, 1752-1933 **(359/1-533)**
Tynemouth Board of Guardians, 1834-1931 **(T286/1/1-37)**
Gateshead Board of Guardians, 1836-1930 **(T371/1/1/1-53)**
Sunderland Board of Guardians, 1839-1928 **(209/445-487)**

Hospitals with Workhouse beginnings:

Newcastle General hospital, formerly the Union Workhouse Infirmary **(HO.NGH)**
North Shields Preston Hospital, formerly Tynemouth Union Workhouse **(913)**
Sunderland, High Field Public Assistance Institution **(HO.HI)**
Bensham General Hospital formerly Gateshead Union Workhouse, known as High Teams Institution Hospital **(HO.BS)**
South Shields General Hospital, formerly Harton Institution Hospital **(HO.SSG)**

Emigration

Advertisement for passage to St John's, New Brunswick from North Shields, 1st July 1827 **(DX1151/110)**
Annual reports of Poor Law Commissioners, 1835-1935 includes national statistics, reports, case studies etc on parochial migration, immigration and emigration. Early volumes also cover parishes in Ireland. **(359/759)**
Papers re emigration of children to Canada, South Africa, Australia etc, 1922-1929, includes publicity material. **(359/436)**
Annual report of Newcastle Boy's Training Hostel, 1927-31 **(604/203-205)**
Papers re women's migration training hostel, includes committee minutes, publicity and cost reports for training, 1928-1929 **(359/437)**
Papers re Newcastle Migration Committee and Walker Migration Hostel, 1929-1930 **(359/438)**

REFUGEES

Joseph Cowan Collection, Correspondence and information relating to refugees from Europe, indexed **(634)**
Broadsheet re Polish Hungarian refugees, c1851 **(634/A32)**
Testimonials vouching for the worth of Polish refugees to the Polish Refugee Committee, Newcastle, 1851 **(634/A38)**
Photograph from Lord Mayor John Grantham's album of Basque refugee children, July 1937 **(1286/10)**
Papers re requisition of MS Piludski tied up in the Tyne and arrangements for billeting Polish refugees on board, 1939-40 **(359/811)**
War Refugees from Belgium and Holland, Ministry of Health Circulars, 1940 **(T95/56)**
The Belgian Community (above) were refugee workers at the time of World War I. See also User Guides 10 and 20
Sunderland Borough Council ARP War Time Files, 1940-42 **(T170/30)**
Newcastle Public Assistance Committee file on seventeen Latvian refugees landing at Seahouses and taken to Elswick Grange, 1946-47 **(359/588)**
Weekly returns of the strength and location of Polish Forces, 1946-47 **(PA.NC/5/29)**

National Asylum Workers Union (Advisory Committee) (**Locker box 252 – unlisted**)
Commonwealth Immigrants Working Group of Planning Committee refers to the impact of the arrival of Ugandan Asian refugees, 1966-68 (**MD.NC/149**)

ALIENS

Legislation records during wartime, relating specifically to foreign nationals, provide further sources of research. See also User Guides 10, 14 and 20.

Alien's registration certificate (access needs depositor's consent) (**DX906/1**)
Papers re employment of aliens, 1914-1918 (**DS.WS/22**)
Correspondence on August Lebrecht, German employee of Hawthorne Leslie, 1914-1918 (**962/816**)
Newcastle City Police correspondence files, include internment of aliens, suspect lists, detention orders etc. 1939-45 (**PA.NC/5**)
Tynemouth County Borough internment of aliens, 1940 (**T15/265**)
Minor Incident involving Italian POWs, c1945 (**PA.NC/5/43**)

RECRUITMENT AND TRADE UNIONS

Migrant individuals and communities have provided skills and expertise for new businesses and employment in Britain and abroad. See also User Guide 16

Examples:

Board of Trade Crew Lists for the Port of North Shields, 1864-1913. Crews listed includes occasional references of Asian and Caribbean seamen (**G.CRW, part catalogued**)
Annual Report of the Trade Union Congress, 1918, p468. Canadian Trades & Labour Congress, migration to Canada (**673/195**)
Annual Report of the Trade Union Congress, 1940, p150 regarding Trade Union Refugees (**673/211**)
Newcastle General Hospital, Student registers includes recruitment of African, Caribbean and South East Asian nurses (1940 - 62) (**HO.NGH/124/2-9**)
Government-financed factories in the North East of England in the context of the evolution of regional policy 1934 – 1948 and Refugee Industries, 1942-49 (**DF.LBL**)

Part 3 - OTHER SOURCES

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Prosecution of Arab seamen following riots at Mill Dam, South Shields, 1930 (**T95/152**)
Photograph of two black residents (possibly seamen) of Clive Street, Tynemouth during the slum clearances of 1933 (**T35**)
Newcastle City Council Public Health District Inspectors daily report book for Factories and Workshops, 1939-1940, volume 51, entry on page 72 relating to private Indian dining room for students attending Kings College (**MD.NC.PH/2/7/1/1**)
Commonwealth Immigrant Working Group, 1966-1968 (**MD.NC/149**)
Newcastle City Council Racial Equality Steering Group, 1986-1987 (**MD.NC/163**)
Asian Traders Working Group, 1996-1998 (**MD.NC/358**)

SLAVERY

Abstract by the Society of Friends for the abolition of slavery, 1791 (**DX112/1**)
Plan of a slave ship, c.1820 (**DX449/1**)
A Selection of hymns including the Negro's Prayer and the Negro's Complaint, c.1830's (**DX17/1/38**)
Satirical notice regarding slavery, c.1830's (**DX17/1/43**)
Anti-Slavery poster, c.1830's (**DX413/1/107**)
Ladies petition notice for the immediate abolition of West India's slavery, May 1833 (**DX17/1/22**)

Ladies Negro Friend and Emancipation Society for Newcastle minute book, 1838 – 1854
(3744/389)

CHARITIES

German Children Hospitality Scheme, 1950 **(CHX50)**

Chandni Women's Multicultural Arts Group, 1983-1994 **(CHX51)**

PERSONAL PAPERS

Letters and papers of Peter Frederick Callesen (German) 1831-1846 **(DX327/1-12)**

Letter from Amos Macintosh of Trinidad, to his mother concerning family trust matters, 1865
(DX36/5)

Jaffey & Freedman Families of Sunderland (Russian, Jewish, German), 1882 – 1979 **(DX258)**

MISCELLANEOUS REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS

Post-mortem examinations from including an entry for James Harvey, a black man (1853-1875)
(HO.RVI/1470)

Account of the trial at the Assizes, Newcastle of Mallet and Craggs, seamen from the HM Sloop
Orestes, for the murder of Africanus Maxwell, a black seaman on 13th February 1832 **(DX17/1/15)**

Sunderland day bill featuring African American duo Scott and Whaley, 1918 **(TH.EMP0)**

Burial entry for Zuza Ben-I-ford, an African woman who resided in the Great North East Coast
Exhibition's African Village, 1929 **(CE/AJ/4)**

Admission registers for Cone Street Infants School, 1933-35. The stated names and professions
of parents reflect early Muslim immigration into the area **(E.SS10/2)**

Swan Hunter shipyard journal with obituary of employee Charles Johnston, an African American
from Alabama, 1936 **(1793/1/1)**

Photograph from Lord Mayor John Grantham's album, showing an exhibition Indian produce,
c.1937 **(1286/10)**

Two photographs of the Singh family taken in the West End of Newcastle by Jimmy Forsyth,
c.1950's **(DF.JF)**

Handbill promoting Abdul Latif, a local election candidate in Gosforth Ward, 1990 **(DX1018/6)**

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