Finding more Information

Maritime history is a popular research subject and was a major part of British history. As a result there are a large number of archival collections and resources available in this research area. The following are some useful contacts for maritime collections and resources relating to Cunard and other maritime companies/events:

**Aberdeen Maritime Museum**
City of Aberdeen
Arts and Recreation Division
Arts and Museums
Shiprow
Aberdeen
AB11 5BY
Tel: +44 (0)1224 337700
www.aagm.co.uk
Email: info@aagm.co.uk

Holds shipyard plans and information regarding shipbuilding. [www.aberdeenships.com](http://www.aberdeenships.com) is a digital resource for searching ships build in Aberdeen and includes photographs and ship plans.

**Aberdeen University Library**
Special Collections Centre
The Sir Duncan Rice Library
Bedford Road
Aberdeen
AB24 3AA
Tel: +44 (0)1224 27 2598
Email: speclib@abdn.ac.uk

Aberdeen University holds the papers of various maritime companies associated with the area.

**Archives and Business Records Centre**
13 Thurso Street
University of Glasgow
Glasgow
Scotland
G11 6PE
GUAS hold the records of many Glasgow shipbuilders including John Brown & Co who were commissioned by Cunard to build many of their ships including the QE2. GUAS also house records relating to ship repair and allied industries, some ship passenger lists, shipping companies and shipyards, as well as records about many ships built on the River Clyde. A large number of technical ship plans are present at this institution. Holds the collections of the Anchor line, Harland & Wolff, John Brown Shipbuilders and the Ellerman Line.

Cunard Steamship Society
31 Rockwood
Halifax
Nova Scotia
Canada
B3N 1X4
http://cunardsteamshipsociety.com/

For those with an interest in the history of Cunard.

Guildhall Library
Aldermanbury
London, EC2V 7HH
020 7332 1868/1870
guildhall.library@cityoflondon.gov.uk
http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/
The Guildhall Library holds a collection of Lloyd's 'Captains Registers' which give details of the Careers of captains and mates of merchant ships who held masters certificates and who were active between 1869 1947. The records relate to holders of foreign trade masters' certificates and usually exclude masters of coasters, ferries, fishing vessels and yachts.

Liverpool Record Office
Central Library
William Brown Street
Liverpool, L3 8EW
0151 233 3069
http://liverpool.gov.uk/libraries/archives-family-history/
This office holds a 5% sample of Liverpool registered ships based on the years 1888 and 1912 as well as ships for which the Record Office and Local History Department of the City Library already held other material. A card index in alphabetical order with dates of agreements, crew lists and log books has been prepared and includes several Cunard and White Star ships.
Merseyside Maritime Museum
Albert Dock
Liverpool
L3 4AQ
Tel: 0151 478 4424
http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/archive/

Most emigrants passing through the UK sailed from Liverpool. The museum does not have lists of these people, but does hold certificates of registry and crew lists for ships registered in Liverpool; records of official organisations, such as the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, ship owners' associations and trade associations, and records of various shipping companies.

Holds Cunard ship plans as well as ephemera and artefacts. Their website has various research guides including those on specific ships:
http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/archive/listGuides.aspx

National Maritime Museum
Romney Road
Greenwich
London
SE10 9NF
Email: library@rmg.co.uk; manuscripts@rmg.co.uk
www.nmm.ac.uk

Holds information on other shipping lines, ship plans and photographs. Their website contains research guides on each of the shipping line records they hold:
http://www.rmg.co.uk/researchers/library/research-guides/

The NMM holds 90% of the agreements and crew lists for 1861 - 1862 and 90% of those for years ending in a '5' from 1865 - 1935 and from 1955 - 1975. The museum also holds surviving applications for certificates of contemporary masters and mates of foreign-going vessels from the nineteenth century, certificates of vessels registered from 1786 - 1800, and registers of certificates of competency for cooks from 1915 - 1958. The NMM does not hold any series of records relating to passengers, but has a great deal on the history of the ships and companies that carried them.

Note: The National Maritime Museum no longer answers general family history enquiries and they advise that you either visit them in person or use a paid researcher.

Old Weather
www.oldweather.org

Useful resource for searching for log books for ships during the First World War (1914-1918). Ships can be searched for by vessel name and type. Most of the ships on this site are not Cunard ships but the RMS Caronia is featured.
P&O archives at the National Maritime Museum
National Maritime Museum
Park Row
Greenwich
London
SE10 9NF

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
2 Titanic Boulevard
Titanic Quarter
Belfast
BT3 9HQ
Northern Ireland
Tel: 028 90 534 800
Email: proni@dcalni.gov.uk
http://www.proni.gov.uk

Holds the archive collection of Harland & Wolff shipbuilders.

Register of General Shipping Seamen
Anchor House
Cheviot Close
Parc-Ty-Glas
Llanishen
Cardiff, CF4 5JA
Tel: 01222 747333
Register of General Shipping Seamen holds large quantities of merchant shipping and seamen records. The Registrar General holds all agreements and crew lists from 1990, as well as those for 1939-50.


Southampton Archives Services
Civic Centre
Southampton, SO14 7LY
0123 8083 2251
city.archives@southampton.gov.uk

This office holds all possible crew lists for all ships registered at Southampton and for all passenger liners that regularly plied from there even if registered elsewhere.

Stewart Bale Photographic Archive
Anne Gleave, Stewart Bale Archivist
Merseyside Maritime Museum
Albert Dock
Liverpool
L3 4AQ
England
Tel: 0151 478 4487
http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/archive/

Contains the extensive collection of shipping photographs by the photographer Stewart Bale including Cunard ships.

The National Archives
Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Richmond
Surrey, TW9 4DU
Tel: 0208 876 3444
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

TNA holds one of the richest collections of records relating to the British merchant marine, its ships and seamen. The records are concerned with shipping and seamen although the majority relate to seamen. TNA holds pre-1990 crew lists, agreements, ships' official log books between 1902-19, registers of seamen and masters and registers of seamen's tickets for the period 1835 to 1856, certificates of competency and service for masters and mates, apprenticeship indentures, deceased seamen's wages, registers of births, marriages and deaths at sea between 1854-1883, births and deaths from 1883-1887, and deaths only from 1888.

Ulster Folk and Transport Museum
Cultra,
Holywood
BT18 0EU
Northern Ireland
http://www.nmni.com/uftm/Collections/Archives/Still---Moving-image-archive

Contains a photographic archive of shipping, including those of the Titanic, and images can be purchased from their website.
Genealogy websites:

Ancestry
http://www.ancestry.co.uk/
This database is updated annually and acts as an index to passengers who arrived in United States and Canadian ports from the 1500s through the 1900s. For each individual listed, you may find the following information: name, age, year and place of arrival, the source of the record, names of all accompanying family members. This is not a free access site.

The Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild
http://www.immigrantships.net
The Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild is a group of volunteers who transcribe arrival records and publish work online. Access is free.

The Ships List
http://www.theshipslist.com/
This site can help you find your ancestors on ships' passenger lists. It includes immigration reports, newspaper records, shipwreck information, ship pictures, ship descriptions, shipping-line fleet lists, as well as hundreds of passenger lists to Canada, USA, Australia and even some for South Africa. Access in free.

Ellis Island
http://www.ellisisland.org/
This site records all the ships that entered the Port of New York from 1892 – 1924. You can also search by passenger name.

Ancestors on Board (Find My Past)
http://www.ancestorsonboard.com/
This site is The National Archives portal for passenger lists and crew and contains a new database featuring outward passenger lists for long-distance voyages leaving the British Isles from 1960 to 1890. You can search for passenger list records of individuals or groups of people leaving for destinations including Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and USA featuring ports such as Boston, Philadelphia and New York. Passengers include not only immigrants and emigrants, but also businessmen, diplomats and tourists. Images of the passenger lists are available to download, view, save and print.

New York State Archives and Records Administration
http://www.archives.nysed.gov/aindex.shtml
These archives hold shipping records relating to New York.

Lusitania:
These websites contain information on the Lusitania including passenger lists for the final voyage.