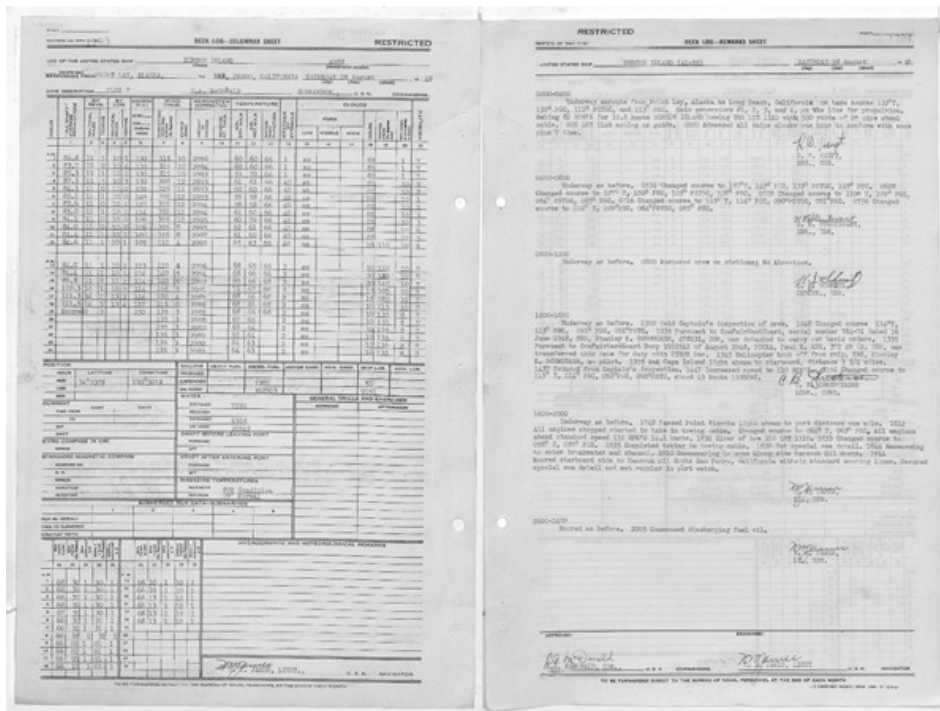


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### Naval Rendezvous: U.S. Navy, Coast Guard & Revenue Cutter Service

This project seeks volunteers to help transcribe sea ice and weather observations from the logbooks of military vessels that sailed Arctic seas in the 19th and 20th century. This information is used to improve climate and sea ice data sets used by scientists every day.

To learn how to participate in this project, visit the Old Weather forum: [start here](#). In this project we use customized LibreOffice spreadsheets to guide the collection and organization of information extracted from the logbooks posted online, as in the example below. Some logbooks are more challenging than others. Help is available on the forum from our dedicated community of citizen-scientists.



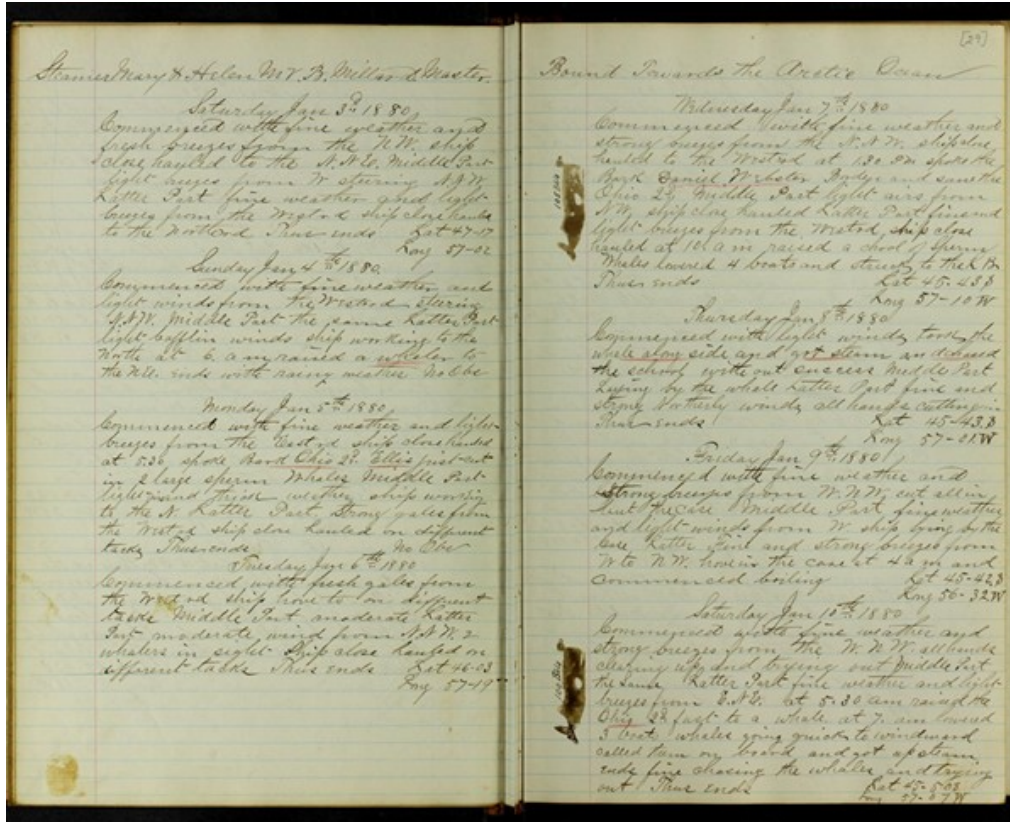
Pages from the logbook of the USS *Burton Island* from a voyage to the Arctic in 1948. [Preview](#) this logbook.

### Shipping Office: Sign up for Arctic whaling voyages here

This project seeks volunteers to help transcribe sea ice and weather observations from the logbooks of whaling ships that sailed Arctic seas from 1849 to 1912. This information is used to improve climate and sea ice data sets used by scientists every day.

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In this project we use Microsoft Excel to guide the collection and organization of information extracted from the logbooks posted online, as in the example below. Some logbooks are more challenging than others. Help is available on the forum from our dedicated community of citizen-scientists.



Pages from the logbook of the whaling steamer *Mary and Helen* on a voyage to the Arctic ground in 1879. [Preview](#) this logbook.

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**Caro**

Posts: 1519

Joined: Sat Mar 14, 2020 8:45 pm  
Location: UK

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Post by **Caro** » Tue Oct 06, 2020 6:44 am

### **Welcome to Old Weather!**

Please register on this forum in order to take part in our projects and to post comments here. There are Register links at the top right and bottom left of the forum's index page.

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### ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

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### OUR WORLD

It shows what our climate was like in the past and helps us anticipate the future.



An overview of the Seas of Knowledge digitization project in which centuries-old U.S. Navy logbooks in the National Archives are transformed into data that can help us anticipate the future of our climate.



**The Origin and Evolution of Old Weather** is an excellent summary of who we are and what we do!

### **There are two separate projects**

- **Old Weather: Federal ships (formerly Old Weather: Arctic)**

We transcribe logs from Navy & Coast Guard ships.

[USS Sacramento](#) and [USS Yantic](#) are examples of the logs we are doing.

More ships will be added as the current ships are completed.

We transcribe the logs using LibreOffice spreadsheets (free software).

It is easy to use even for people not familiar with spreadsheets.

For a quick video introduction watch the [OWA tutorial](#).

For more information on this project, see the [Transcribing Guide](#) and [Current ships](#) and/or

send *Randi* a [PM \(Private Message\)](#).

- **Old Weather: Editing**

The above two projects concentrate on transcribing the logs' weather data.

However, there is also historical information in the logs.

The goal of the Editing project is to present this information in a reader-friendly form.

Because the rules are different, Editing is somewhat hidden away to avoid confusing new transcribers.

When transcribing, with a few exceptions, you transcribe what is in the log even if it is incorrect.

When editing, you edit: choosing which entries to include, correcting errors and adding historical context if you wish.

For more information on this project, see [Join us!](#) and/or send *Caro* a [PM \(Private Message\)](#).

If you have questions, feel free to post them in the forum or to contact us.

AvastMH (Joan), Bob, Caro, Michael and Randi

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others. Help is available on the forum from our dedicated community of citizen-scientists.

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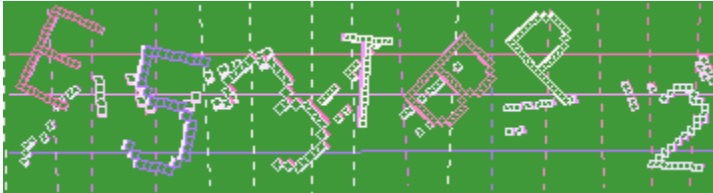
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Talk about your ship and crew, and ask ship-specific questions  
Coordinate transcribing

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- **Dry Dock**

These ship-years have been completed

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- **Preparing the Data for Science**

The science team needs help getting the observations ready for public release

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- **OLD WEATHER: WHALING**

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- **Weather and ice records from the whaling ships of the USA**

How to transcribe and record details from the ships' logs, request help, and give feedback

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- **Welcome desk**

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- **Weather, sea, and ice terminology**

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Help for working out weather codes in the logs and explanations for some of the terms used

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- **Geographical help**

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Tools for finding the names of towns, bays, points, islands, lighthouses and other landmarks

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- **People's names, ranks & rates, uniforms & badges**

Help for finding names and positions of officers, crew members, and other people mentioned in the logbooks

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- **Ships' names**

Help for finding the names of ships mentioned in the logbooks

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- **Nautical, military, and whaling terminology**

You will be learning a whole new vocabulary. Here you will find information and sources discovered by transcribers.

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