



The Robert Malster Archive

On his death in May 2023 Robert Malster left the legacy of some seventy books, booklets and introductions which he had authored on matters of East Anglian interest. The Maritime Heritage East web site is scanning some 10,000 pictures and slides he left in his archive. As they are added to this website, you can search and hopefully also contribute towards knowledge about those images.

The Database

You can search the database using any of the terms shown. Remember to use the 'Clear' button before you start a fresh search, or you may be using search restrictions which you have entered previously.

The images have all been reduced to a maximum width/height of 1200 pixels for speed of use on the Web. If you are an institution, such as one of the museum members of Maritime Heritage East and need a larger version for display purposes, please contact the web site.

Information

Most importantly, when you view an image and can add details, please use the 'More Information' button and contribute. In this way the quality of the archive will grow. Where Robert left notes, we've put them in but many pictures don't have any further information.

In quite a lot of instances we'd like to start by knowing where the photo is taken!

Copyright

Please let us know if you have reason to think there is a copyright claim on a picture. The admin section of the web site marks up all photos where copyright is known to exist and we can refer requests for pictures to the appropriate supplier.

Where Robert is known to be the photographer himself, then pictures can be used under a CC BY 4.0 licence, with attribution to 'The Robert Malster Archive'.

Extending the Database

The key words for searching in the database have been kept fairly straightforward. In the future, there may be ideas for further development, but we're taking it as far as we can manage for the moment.

There is a facility to link the 'Vessels' database to this picture archive, but only a few records have been linked at present. If you find a link that should be there, do let us know!

Robert's speciality was in maritime matters, and that's what we've used to make a start. However, his interests extended much further into East Anglia's local history and we'll add pictures as we go along.

Many of the pictures appear in his many books and if you spot one such, please send us details from the picture caption. Likewise, as a feature writer for Eastern Counties Newspapers, you may find the pictures are found in back copies.

We hope you find the archive of interest and look forward to contributions of information.