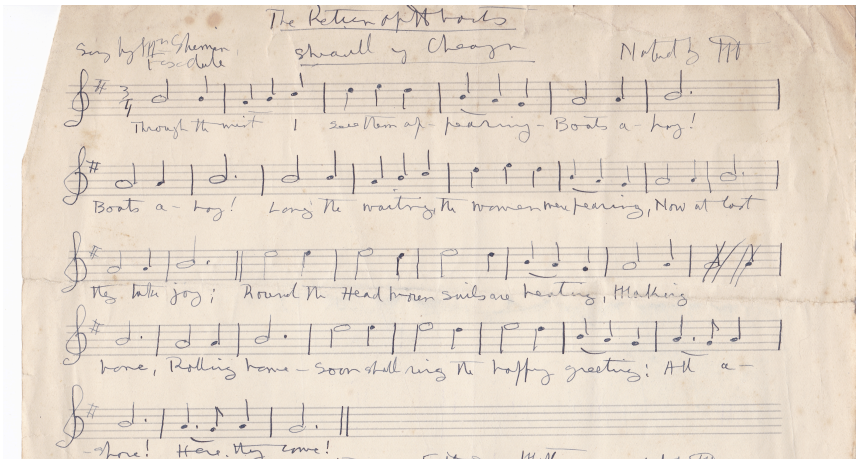


THE MONA DOUGLAS FOLK SONG COLLECTION THE RETURN OF THE BOATS *



Through the mist I see them appearing
Boats ahoy! Boats ahoy!
Long the waiting, the women were fearing
Now at last they take joy;
Round the Head brown sails are beating,
Making home, Rolling home—
Soon shall sing the happy greeting:
All ashore! Here they come!

Untitled and undated single sheet in the hand of Mona Douglas. MNHL, ms 09495, Box 9, [To sort...] [folder label].

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“Sung by Mrs Shim[m *missed*]in, | Foxdale” (with no date of collecting given) makes clear both the singer and place of collection. There is a match in the 1911 census for an Elizabeth Shimmin, aged 49, residing at Village House in Foxdale. Her husband, Henry (48) was a butcher, and they had their five children living with them: Ella (23), school teacher, Harold (21), Irene (19), and Herbert (15), all working with their

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father, and Ralph (13), still at school. All were born in Foxdale and the household was an English-speaking one. (*Census Enumerators' Book* for Patrick 1911, RG14 PN34736 RD635 SD1 ED1/5 SN61.)

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