

# Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



## Chorley Branch Education Group Talk Handout

### Next Steps in Family History Navy Records

#### The Royal Navy

- ✿ Unlike the Army the Navy has a simpler structure.
- ✿ No long list of Regiments that are being continually created and merged.
- ✿ None the less does have it's subdivisions ...
  - ✿ The Royal Navy
  - ✿ The Marines
  - ✿ The Royal Naval Reserve
  - ✿ The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
  - ✿ The Royal Naval Division
  - ✿ The Women's Royal Naval Service
  - ✿ The Fleet Air Arm

- ✿ The Merchant Marine\*
- ✿ Plus others
- ✿ Called the Senior Service – reputed to have been founded in the reign of Alfred the Great, nicknamed the Father of the British Navy
- ✿ In medieval times a naval force was used during the Hundred Years' War, but once the fighting stopped, the ships were laid up and dismantled at many small docks around the country, such as Smallhythe in Kent and Buckler's Hard in Hampshire

## **Later Medieval times**

- ✿ Henry VII started to build up a fighting force that was consolidated by his son, Henry VIII
- ✿ The Admiralty was set up during Henry VIII's time and the broadside was invented
- ✿ The Cinque Ports and merchant men were still expected to back up this naval force in times of emergency
- ✿ At this time sailors sailed the ships and soldiers did the fighting

## **Researching Early Naval History**

- ✿ Virtually no records exist that name ordinary seamen
- ✿ What does exist is held at the National Maritime Museum
- ✿ They have a website that has a catalogue of their holdings
- ✿ [www.nmm.ac.uk/explore/collections/by-type/archive-and-library](http://www.nmm.ac.uk/explore/collections/by-type/archive-and-library)

## **Charles II**

- ✿ In Charles II's time there were wars between the English and the Dutch – another great sea-faring nation
- ✿ Samuel Pepys was the Secretary to the Admiralty and oversaw the building of a stronger Royal Navy
- ✿ This was needed as the Dutch had actually sailed up the Medway and destroyed many ships of the Navy
- ✿ The Navy became regularly provisioned, ships were standardised, battle tactics became more formal and pre-planned

## **Nelson and Napoleonic Era**

- ✿ By Nelson's time there was now a regular Royal Navy that was manned not only by seamen, but by convicts and pressed men
- ✿ Ships were specially designed and built at several Royal Dockyards such as Chatham and Devonport
- ✿ A permanent organisation had now built up to run the Navy and records

started to be kept

- ✿ A number of websites give access to records and to naval history

## ✿ **The Age of Nelson -**

- ✿ [www.ageofnelson.org](http://www.ageofnelson.org)

- ✿ This is a large site with a great deal of information including
  - ✿ Commissioned sea officers of the Napoleonic wars
  - ✿ Men who fought at Trafalgar
  - ✿ Ships of the Old Navy
  - ✿ British Officers in the Russian Navy
  - ✿ And much more Now mostly available by purchasing CDs



Birthplace	Lee nr Wendover, Bucks (The Lee) (Buckinghamshire)
Age	Aged 19 in 1805
Enlistment	Date of Enlistment 2 mai 1805
Trade	Trade on entering the Service Labourer
Height	Height on entering the Service 5' 4"
Joined Ship	11 mai 1805
Division/Company	Chatham Division Company 130
At Battle	On board on 21 Oct 1805
Wounds	None Known
Prize Money	Awarded Prize Money of £1 17s 8d He did not collect his award, the proceeds w
Discharge	Granted a Parliamentary Award of £4 12s 6d He made his mark Discharged from Service 12 Jan 1816 Disbanded

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Extra



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Explain ?

Hair: Light Brown

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: Grey

26 Feb 1786 bap Davey NEWTON s of William & Rebecca, The Lee, Bucks, P  
1851 Census HO/107/1721/2 David NEWTON, aged 68, born Lee, Pauper Ag.L  
born Cholesbury, Ag.Lab: Address Cholesbury, Bucks.

Enlisted in Maidstone

Letter to Times from Vicar of Cholesbury to try to obtain special Greenwich Pens  
life in 1873.

See 'Extra Information'

Birthplace

Age

Prize

Parliamentary

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David

NEWTON

Extracts from the Times/St Leonard's, Cholesbury

The Times 18 Oct 1872

Mr. Maclean of West Hartlepool, says that our list of surviving officers who fought at Trafalgar should have included George Wharrie who was a midshipman on board the Colossus and was wounded in that distinguished ship. He is now in his 86th year. The Rev H.P. Jeston, Incumbent of Cholesbury, Tring writes:- I have in my parish, living within a hundred yards of my door, an old marine, David Newton, who fought in the Bellerophon, or as he always calls her 'Billyruffian'. I am frequently amused with his tale about the battle. Asking him one day how soon they knew of Nelson's death, 'Ah Sir,' was the reply, 'we were lying pretty close to the Victory, and about 4 or 5 o'clock, I think, in the evening, we saw the Admiral's flag half-mast high, and we knew only too well what had happened; besides, soon after the action we had a batch of French prisoners sent on board of us, and as they passed along the deck, they mocked and jeered, and pointing with their thumbs over their shoulder to the Admiral's flag exclaimed "Ah, where is your Nelson? Where is your Nelson?" I am in hope that should this little narrative meet the eye of any of the 'surviving officers' especially those of his own ship, some of them may be induced to send me a trifle for my old hero. He is a thoroughly good devout old man aged 85, almost stone blind, without a pension and supported in part by parish allowance'

A TRAFALGAR VETERAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. 6 Jan 1873

Sir - A few weeks back you were kind enough to notice in journal the case, of David Newton, an old Trafalgar marine residing in my parish. It is now my pleasing duty to inform you of the happy results of your kindness. Not only did it in a few days, in small sums, procure for him as much as £5. 10s. 7d, but an old general officer of Marines taking an interest in his case, wrote and advised me to lay it before the Board of Admiralty.



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# Michael Phillips' Ships of the Old

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Use quotes like in "Aboukir Bay" to search phrases.

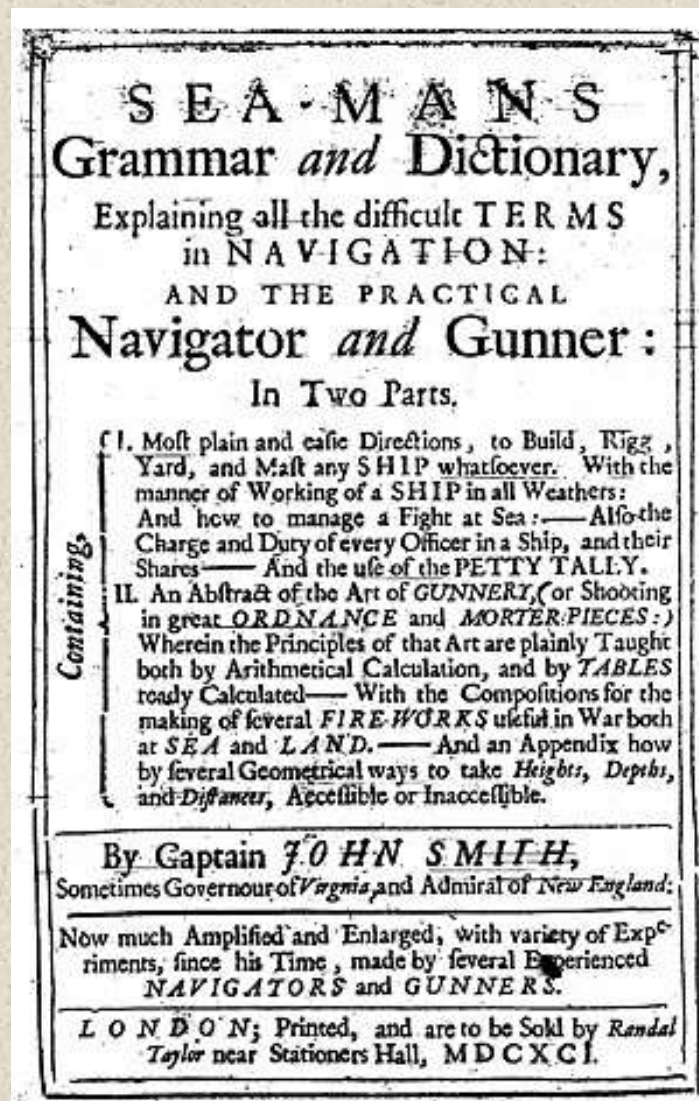
Use \* as a wildcard like in "Trafalg\*".

**EAGLE** (70) 3rd rate Built in 1679, Portsmouth DY.  
Wrecked in 1707.



- 1692 Capt. John LEAKE. (later Admiral Sir John) His first lieutenant was Stephen MARTIN. LEAKE took the name of Stephen Martin Leake when Sir John made him his heir.
- EAGLE was with Admiral RUSSELL's fleet of 63 ships of the line which, with 36 Dutch ships, defeated a French fleet of only 44, on 19 May off Barfleur. The day was misty and by evening the fog was so thick that the ships were forced to cease firing and the French took the opportunity to capture a large number of French ships was seen entering the Bay of La Hogue and the Anglo-Dutch fleet was outside in the evening. Off La Hogue a cannon shot passed between Capt. LEAKE and the French. LEAKE had already received two wounds, nevertheless Lieut. MARTIN commanded EAGLE's fire. On the 23rd., the boats of the fleet went in and burnt six of the French with fireships.
- 1699 rebuilt at Chatham.
- 1702 EAGLE was with Sir George ROOK's Anglo-Dutch fleet which anchored off Cadiz. After the failure of much of a plan of campaign and a sequence of futile Councils of War the fleet left Cadiz on 19 September having accomplished nothing but the capture of one fort and the evacuation of troops of the abandoned town of Puerta Santa Maria. On the way home Capt. HARDY commanded EAGLE with EAGLE, STIRLING CASTLE and several of the transports to water in Lagos Bay. On the 22nd and some of the officers went ashore they learnt from a boastful Portuguese that several French Galleons and a French squadron were at Vigo (see PEMBROKE).
- 1702 Capt. Lord Archibald HAMILTON, who was appointed on the return of the Cadiz expedition. In 1703 he accompanied Sir Cloudesley Shovell to the Mediterranean and returned there with the fleet. ROOK. The Archduke Charles, who was convoyed to Lisbon presented Lord Hamilton with diamonds and a purse of one hundred guineas. ROOK sailed from Lisbon at the end of the month. Barcelona and landed then re-embarked troops, then sailed for Nice, which was threatened by the army. A French fleet making for Toulon was sighted and followed for a while before the fleet entered the Straits of Gibraltar. They watered in Altea Bay where EAGLE and HAMPTON COURT were. The governor fired on them with two guns mounted on a tower but these were soon silenced by the fire from the ships. EAGLE took part in the capture of Gibraltar and the Battle off Vigo. EAGLE had 65 men killed and wounded and her great expenditure of shot compelled her to retire about two hours before nightfall, having nothing left to fire at the enemy. For this her court martial by which he was honourably acquitted.
- Wrecked in the Scilly Is. on 22 October 1707.





## ■ Broadside – Nelsons Navy

■ [www.nelsonsnavy.co.uk/](http://www.nelsonsnavy.co.uk/)

### ■ Contemporary accounts of Navy life

- Life, Death & Health
- Pay and prize money
- Ships & Tactics
- Frigate Engagement
- Battle of Trafalgar
- Etc.

# Broadside – Nelsons Navy

## **SAMUEL LEECH HMS *Macedonian* vs. USS *United States* 1812**

**Samuel Leech, R.N., fought in the battle between the 38 gun HMS *Macedonian*, commanded by Captain John Surman Carden, and the 44 gun USS *United States*, Commodore Stephen Decatur on October 25th 1812.**

***"At Plymouth we heard some vague rumors of a declaration of war against America. More than this, we could not learn, since the utmost care was taken to prevent our being fully informed. The reason of this secrecy was, probably, because we had several Americans in our crew, most of whom were pressed men, as before stated. These men, had they been certain that war had broken out, would have given themselves up as prisoners of war, and claimed exemption from that unjust service, which compelled them to act with the enemies of their country.***



# Broadside – Nelsons Navy

	Bisket lbs.	Beer gals.	Beef lbs.	Pork lbs.	Pease pints	Oatmeal pints	Sugar ozs.	Butter ozs.	Cheese ozs.
Sunday	1	1	-	1	½	-	-	-	-
Monday	1	1	-	-	-	½	2	2	4
Tuesday	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wednesday	1	1	-	-	½	½	2	2	4
Thursday	1	1	-	1	½	-	-	-	-
Friday	1	1	-	-	½	½	2	2	4
Saturday	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weekly Total	7	7	4	2	2	1½	6	6	12

## ☼ **Late 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Naval & Naval Social History**

☼ [www.pbenyon.plus.com/Naval.html](http://www.pbenyon.plus.com/Naval.html)

- ☼ Part List of Marine Officers 1787
- ☼ Naval Directory 1790
- ☼ Index to names in William James' Naval History 1793-1827
- ☼ Reported Deaths in the 1830's
- ☼ And much more.

# Late 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Naval & Naval Social History

Surname	Initials	Volume	Year	Rank	Page Link	Notes	Nationality
Haly	Richard Standish	3	1800	Midshipman	<a href="#">050</a>	-	British
Hamblin	Thomas	3	1801	Midshipman	<a href="#">087</a>	Wounded	British
Hambly	R	5	1810	mate	<a href="#">258</a>		British
Hamelin	J F E	5	1810	capt	<a href="#">310</a>		Foreigner
Hamilton	Charles	3	1801	Captain Sir	<a href="#">132</a>	Melpomène	British
Hardinge	George Nicholas	3	1804	Captain	<a href="#">261</a>	Scorpion	British
Hardy	T M	1	1796	lieut	<a href="#">365</a>		British
Hardy	T M	2	1797	lieut	<a href="#">055</a>		British



# Late 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Naval & Naval Social History

The first and second lieutenants of the Minerve, John Culverhouse and Thomas Masterman Hardy, with 40 petty-officers and seamen, having been placed on board the Sabina, the latter was taken in tow, when, at 4 p.m., a frigate, known by her signals to be Spanish, was seen coming up. The Minerve cast off the prize, which immediately stood to the southward; and, at 4 h. 30 m. p.m. the former came to action with the 34-gun frigate Matilda. In half an hour the Minerve compelled this her second antagonist to wear and haul off, and would, most probably, have captured her, had not three other Spanish ships, the Principe-de-Asturias of 112 guns, and the frigates Ceres of 40, and Perla of 34 guns, hove in sight. At daylight on the 20th these three ships were joined by the Matilda ; and the Blanche also made her appearance far to windward. The Minerve had now her own safety to look to ; and crippled as she was, it required the greatest exertions to get clear. The squadron chased all day, but at dark gave up the pursuit ; leaving the Minerve with much additional damage to her rigging and sails, and with the additional loss of 10 men, including the gunner, wounded.

## Victorian Era

- ✿ In Victoria's time there was a permanent arms race which was steadied by the British when they built the Warrior
- ✿ The ship was built like an iron box, to protect guns and essential equipment, with the hull built of armoured plates 4.5 inches thick, backed by East India teak
- ✿



- ✿ The Victorians liked their bureaucracy but that is good for us as they produced reams of documents.
- ✿ Many of these are held at The National Archives.
- ✿ Fortunately they have put a good proportion of these on line via Documents Online

## ✿ **Royal Naval Seamen Service Records (1853 - 1923)**

- ✿ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-seamen.htm>
- ✿ You can search and download over 600,000 service records for most ratings that joined the Royal Navy between 1853 and 1923 in the Registers of Seamen's Services and the Continuous Service engagement books.
- ✿ These records can tell you about your ancestor's birth, their physical appearance, their occupation and which ship(s) they served on. Details of service are recorded up to 1928.



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### Family History: Registers of Seamen's Services

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First Name

Charles

Last Name

Thornton

Place of birth

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Number)

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Name	Thornton, Charles Gwilliam	02 October 1895	ADM 188/691	<a href="#">See details &gt;</a>
Official Number:	J22164			
Place of Birth:	Birmingham, Warwickshire			
Name	Thornton, Leonard Charles	01 April 1895	ADM 188/909	<a href="#">See details &gt;</a>
Official Number:	K21298			
Place of Birth:	Saint Pauls, London			
Name	Thornton, Charles	17 November 1893	ADM 188/660	<a href="#">See details &gt;</a>
Official Number:	J6664			
Place of Birth:	Saskatchewan, Canada			

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Place of Birth:	Saskatchewan, Canada
Date of Birth:	17 November 1893

**Date:** [1910]

**Held by:** The National Archives, Kew

**Former references:** in its original department: Vol No. J6-2

**Legal status:** Public Record

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Thornton

Date of

Place of

Rank

Date and Period of Engagements.		Age	Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion
17 November 1911 - 12 years.		7.6 18	5.4 5.5	33	Brn.	Brn.	Fair & h.
Ship, etc., served in.	Lat and No.	Rating.	Station.	From	To	Period of Service.	Comments.
Ranges	15 <sup>th</sup> 1065	Boy 2 <sup>nd</sup>	J.F.	12.6.14	3.7.19	1914-1919	Dec 19
"	"	Boy 1 <sup>st</sup>	N.J.O.	30.4.15	15.3.18	1	29 Aug 10 21 Sep 10
Lionel	15 <sup>th</sup> 1236	"	T.O.M.	4.3.18	12.6.19	1918-1919	22 Sept 10 19 Jan 11
"	15 <sup>th</sup> 1074	"	T.O.M.	4.3.18	12.6.19	1918-1919	20 Jan 11 7 Feb 11
King Alfred	15 <sup>th</sup> 232	"	T.O.M.	1.5.19		1919-1920	31 May 11
Prince I	15 <sup>th</sup> 1074	"	"			1920-1921	1 Jan 11 21 Jan 11
Sapphires	15 <sup>th</sup> 106	"	"			1921-1922	21 Jan 11 21 Jan 11
"	"	Ord.	"			1922-1923	17 Nov 11 14 Mar 12
Argyll	5 <sup>th</sup> 35	"	"			1923-1924	6 Mar 12 6 Mar 12
"	"	"	"			1924-1925	4 July 12 6 Mar 12
David's	15 <sup>th</sup> 866	"	"			1925-1926	4 Mar 12 4 Mar 12
Defiance	14 <sup>th</sup> 3576	"	"			1926-1927	5 Apr 12 29 July 12
Rendon	14 <sup>th</sup> 41	"	"			1927-1928	30 July 12 30 July 12
St George (H.M.S.)	12 <sup>th</sup> 5	"	"			1928-1929	4 Mar 15 20 May 15
"	"	Arg. Comm.	"			1929-1930	21 May 15 19 May 15
Wellington	"	"	"			1930-1931	19 May 15 19 May 15
David's	15 <sup>th</sup> 1065	"	"			1931-1932	19 May 15 19 May 15
Defiance	14 <sup>th</sup> 3576	"	"			1932-1933	20 Feb 16 30 June 16
Prince I	15 <sup>th</sup> 1074	"	"			1933-1934	1 July 16 4 May 17
Hamilton	5 <sup>th</sup> 19	"	"			1934-1935	5 May 17 8 Nov 17
"	"	"	"			1935-1936	1 Aug 19 18 Oct 19

CLASS FOR CONDUCT.

# Royal Naval Officers Service Records (1756-1931)

★ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-officers-files.htm>

- ★ Not all records are on line.
- ★ Royal Navy officers can be split into two groups: commissioned officers and warrant officers.
- ★ Commissioned officers included the following ranks: Admirals (also known as flag officers), Commodores, Captains, Commanders and Lieutenants.
- ★ Warrant officers included: Gunners, Boatswains, Carpenters, Surgeons' Mates, Armourers, Sailmakers, Master At Arms, Caulker, Ropemakers and Coopers. In addition, Masters pre-1808, Surgeons pre-1843, Pursers pre-1843, Chaplains pre-1843 and Engineers pre-1847 were all warrant officers. After these dates these ranks were all commissioned officers.
- ★



No. 21.

42528

Ed.

10 Sept 1843

8 Sept. 1915  
12 Oct. - 17.  
14 Oct. - 22.

14 October 1800, Captain, Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Richard B. B. B. B.

9 November 1846, Rear Admiral,

22 April 1853, Vice Admiral,

13 February 1858, Admiral,

6 Dec 1802, Commander in Chief, in the East  
14 Dec 1802, hoisted his flag on board H.M.S.  
16 Feb 1804, to land down his flag in  
15 April 1804, transferred the command to Sir

Died 28 July 1804





# ☼ **Wills of Royal Naval Seamen (1786 - 1882)**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/seamens-wills.htm>



Articles 1482 and 1869, Queens Regulations  
No. 63.

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Off. No.  
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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Henry Walker Thorp, Chief Engine Room Artificer  
 Majesty's Ship INVINCIBLE

\* If in Hospital or in Hospital Ship.

Insert the degree of relationship (if of any) and place of residence of the Legatee or Legatee.

~~being a Patient in~~  
 being of sound mind, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament: I give bequeath unto my wife Emily Thorp residing at No 31 Elm Terrace Buckland Road, Buckland, Portsmouth in the County of Hampshire

all such Wages, Prize Money, Allowances, and other Sum or Sums of Money, and are, or hereafter may be due to me for my service on board the said Ship, or any Ship or Vessel, of the Royal Navy, together with all other my Estate and whatsoever and wheresoever.

Insert the degree of relationship (if of any) and place of residence of the Executor or Executors.

And I do hereby appoint my brother in law Richard Speen of No 82 Fratton Road Fratton in the county of Hampshire as the sole

Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and hereby revoking all former Wills made, I declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof at Sed in Lat 32° 50' N Long 25° 25' East hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty fourth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty.

This Will having been first read over to the Testator, who appeared perfectly to understand the same, in our presence, was signed by him in the presence of us, both being present at the same time, and we thereupon hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses, in the presence of the said Testator, and of each other.

Witnesses

H. W. Thorp  
J. R. ...  
W. ...  
H.M.S.  
H.M.S.

NOTE.—As Wills of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines must be executed with the formalities required by the Regulations in the case of other persons, every such Will must be executed in the presence of, and be attested by, two interested Witnesses.

Where the Will is made on board one of Her Majesty's Ships, one of the two requisite attesting Witnesses shall be a Commissioned Officer, Chaplain, or Warrant or Subordinate Officer belonging to Her Majesty's Naval or Military Forces.

Where the Will is made elsewhere than on board one of Her Majesty's Ships, one of the two requisite attesting Witnesses shall be a Commissioned Officer, or Chaplain, or Warrant or Subordinate Officer, or the Governor, Agent, Pay Surgeon, Assistant-Surgeon, or Chaplain of a Naval Hospital at home or abroad, or a Justice of the Peace, Incumbent, Curate, or Minister of a Church or Place of Worship in the Parish where the Will is executed, or a Consular Officer, or an Officer of Customs, or a Notary Public.

A Will made by any person while serving as a Seaman or Marine will not be valid for any purpose if it is contained on or in the same Paper, Parchment, or Instrument with a Power of Attorney.

Enclosure No 28 with Ledger of H.M.S. INVINCIBLE to 31 Mar

## World Wars

- ✿ Both World Wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw the development of submarine warfare
- ✿ Other different types of ships developed – battleships, mine-sweepers, motor-torpedo boats, destroyers, cruisers, battlecruisers
- ✿ Aircraft carriers – the Fleet Air Arm is the Navy in the sky
- ✿ Many of the Royal Navy records follow on from those developed by the Victorians
- ✿ However, modern records (mostly those after WW1) are not held by The National Archives but are still with the various branches of the navy.

## Royal Naval Reserve

- ✿ The Royal Naval Reserve (RNR) was established in 1859 as a reserve force of officers and men of deep-sea merchant ships. By 1890 there were 20,000 men in the RNR.
- ✿ These men, recruited through local shipping offices came from among merchant seamen and fishermen and could be called upon for service in the Royal Navy in times of emergency.
- ✿ The records for Officers up to 1929 are not online at present and have to be obtained by visiting TNA
- ✿ For records of officers between 1929-1950 These service records are still held by: Navy Search, TNT Archives Services, Textron Point, William Nadine Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE 11 0PB
- ✿ Some records are also held at the Fleet Air Arm museum
- ✿ After 1950 the Officer records are at PPPA, Centurion Building, Grange Road, Gosport, Hampshire, PO13 9XA.
- ✿ The records for ratings from 1860-1955 are online at
- ✿ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-reserve-service-records.htm>



Surname of Volunteer

Cobb

44.

Christian Names in full. 1.	Where born. 2.	Year when born. 3.	Usual Place of Abode. 4.
William Sharp	Montrose Forfar	1837	31 High St

**ATTENDANCE AT DRILL,  
Reported by Naval Officer in Form RV 21.**

**PAYMENTS OF RETAINER, &c.,  
As per Shipping Master's Schedule, 24.**

Port or Place. 15.	Date.		Number of Days drilled.					Reported Character.		Misconduct or Offences (if any). 23.	Punishments (if any). 24.	Port. 27.	Date of Payment. 28.	Amount of Retainer. 29.	T. E.
	From 16.	To 17.	Great Gun. 18.	Small Gun. 19.	Small Gun. 20.	Small Gun. 21.	Total. 22.	Ability 23.	Conduct. 24.						
"Brilliant"	17.10.60	13.11.60	24	8	4	8	28	VS	VS	None	None	Leith	1.10.60	4 10 0	
Edinburgh	1.7.64	28.7.64	4	7	5	7	18	"	"	"	"	Montrose	2.1.61	1 10 -	
"										"	"	Leith	2.9.61	1 10 -	
Brilliant	16.6.62	13.7.62	11	6	1	4	28	VS	VS	"	"	Montrose	1.7.61	- - -	
"										"	"	Aberdeen	10.11.61	1 10 -	
Brilliant	10.3.60	13.3.60	11	6	1	4	28	VS	VS	"	"	Leith	1.10.61	1 10 0	
Brilliant	14.3.60	20.3.60	3	1	1	1	4	VS	VS	"	"	Montrose	4.8.62	3 0 0	
Brilliant	20.3.60	17.4.60	4	1	1	1	3	"	"	"	"	Dundee	16.8.63	1 10 0	
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"										"	"	Montrose	30.3.63	1 10 -	
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"										"	"	Dundee	30.3.64	1 10 -	
"										"	"	Aberdeen	1.4.64	1 10 -	
"										"	"	Minorities	11.8.64	1 10 -	
"										"	"	Minorities	6.10.64	1 10 -	
"										"	"	Leith	12.3.65	1 10 -	

## Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

- ✿ The Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) was founded in 1903. It was composed of volunteers from all walks of life - except maritime tradesmen who formed the Royal Naval Reserve. Volunteers joined agreeing to serve either on shore or at sea as required.
- ✿ Men of the RNVR served in a variety of roles, and not only on ships.
- ✿ In 1914 some went to sea but most, together with the reservists from the Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Fleet Reserve, were formed into the Royal Naval Division (63rd Division) who fought with the army on the Western Front.
- ✿ In 1958, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) was amalgamated with the Royal Naval Reserve (RNR).
- ✿ The First World War records for the RNVR are on line.





Frederick Annie Pikel

Sublieutenant Oct 14: Interned in Holland; 14 Jan 15: transferred to  
Wierichschans. = Escaped from Holland about 3 August 15 = Arrived  
+ reported R.N.D. 5.8.15.

Lieutenant (687) Promoted Lieutenant temporarily + transferred to  
Temp. service + apptd. "Hercules" add 27.8.15.  
25.8.15. C.W. 16776 of 12.3.16 - refused transfer to R.N. = May 16 Sat. Av. Very  
+ then nearly capable of performing all the duties of a Lieut. R.N. He  
of the fore transmitting Star Capt. L. Clinton-Baker = 28/9/16 "Action"  
Set. 1917. Informing that as he has had no service in Mercantile Marine  
is not eligible to sit for B.O.T. Certificate showed (h) courses are not being done  
during the war. C.W. 23673 13/2/17 = 31.12.16. S. 206. Sat. Av. "A gentleman"  
has little experience as a naval officer. Is of opinion that the Navy  
made for him. Continually trying to get some other job - anything but the  
he is at the moment doing "Capt. Parker." = 7.7. Obtained  
R.N.V.R. efficiency B.O.T. Certificate = Appln for transfer to R.N.  
28.2.18 Admitted Hauldowns Course of 14 days - 11.3.18 Excellent  
3/4/17 9 Course: - 1.3.18 found fit - 1.4.18 Vernon add for T.C.C. "Winton" (Gard)  
Surre

Bored in  
Book 10-340

Lieut.  
3/4/17

## Naval gun crews & RND

- \* Naval gun crews were used on land
- \* During Victoria's reign they were used in the Sudan and South Africa
- \* These events were the origin of the naval field gun runs at the Royal Tournament





## Royal Naval Division

- ✿ From 1914 to 1916 a number of officers and ratings of the RNR served ashore in Flanders as infantry and formed the Royal Naval Division. In 1916 the Division was transferred to the army as the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division.
- ✿ The records are held on line at
- ✿ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-division.htm>



DISCHARGED. *25/7/45 - 37 Nelson*  
 Name **HARRY HAYNES** No. **LONDON, Z/4416**

Rating	O.S.	A.B.	27.2.16.	Next of Kin	Mother. Wife.
Date of Entry			27.11.15.	Name	Mrs. H. Haynes.
Date of Birth			2. 2. 93.		<del>Mrs. Emma Tweed.</del>
Place of Birth				Address	1. Flat, 280, High Road, Willesden, N.W.4. - Brett Road, 114, Deacon Rd., Stonebridge Park, - Bricklewood, Willesden, N.W.4.
Address			74, Brett Road, Stonebridge Park, Willesden, N.W.4.	Height	5'10 1/2". 15, Chaplin Rd. Willesden Green, N.W.4.
Previous Service				Chest	1.35 1/4". D.33". N.W. 10
Religion			C. of E.	Complexion	
Swim?			Yes.	Colour of Hair	Brown.
Civil Employment			Labourer.	Colour of Eyes	Brown.
				Marks, wounds and scars	
				Notes	

Harry Haynes. L. Z/4416.

14.2.18. Letter recd fr NOK. encl. PC. fr rating stating P. of War at:-  
 Gruppe. 3. Gefangenenlager Dulmen. i. W. Germany.

14.2.18. Col. Wilson. inf. RND. C.F. informed 15.2.18.

28.12.18. P.M. Lt No: 344. Pris: of War at Geflg Dulmen from Le Quesnoy.

8.3.18. B.E.F. D.O. 23. Prev. rep. Missing, 24.12.17. now Prisoner of War  
 in German hands.

8.5.18. List No. PM/398. P/W Geflg. Munster II from Laz. Dulmen

3D.8.18. Letter recd. fr C.2. Cas: stating rating P/W at:- at Working Commando,  
 Zeche Rheinpreussen, Schacht IV. at Hochahlen - parent camp to  
 Munster II. NOK infd 'Pris: of War at Munster II'

31.8.18. Lieut. Stevenson infd.

2.9.18. RND. C.F. informed.

21.10.18. PM. List No. 540. Geflg Munster II from Homberg.

30.10.18. PM. List No. 547. Geflg Friedrichsfeld from Munster II. NOK. inf. 7.11.18

8.11.18. Lieut. Steven on infd.

14.11.18. RND. C.F. informed.

19.12.18. X. List No: 91623. repatriated P/W arrived at Dover 14.12.18

30.12.18. NOK. Inf. RND. List no: 1778

10.2.19. DO/41 2nd Res. Btn. R.P.W. Proceeded on leave 16.12.18 to 15.2.19.  
 T. on S. 18.12.18.

25.2.19. A.F. 7.11 recd; Demobilised. 23.2.19. Crystal Palace.

18.3.19. W.G. Cert. to A.G. 9.b. *End 5/18*

## Women's Royal Naval Service

- ✿ The Women's Royal Naval Service was formed to carry out shore-based duties and allow sailors to go to sea. The Admiralty aimed to recruit 3,000 women but eventually over 5,000 women joined.



- ✱ At first the WRNS (or "Wrens") undertook domestic duties, such as cleaning, cooking and serving meals. Later they carried out a greater variety of roles including wireless telegraphists and electricians.
- ✱ The Officers were not commissioned ("civilians in uniform").
- ✱ The WRNS was demobilised on 1919 and it was re-established in 1938 in the build up to the Second World War.
- ✱ The Women's Royal Naval Service was disbanded finally in 1993 when women were allowed to join the Royal Navy.
- ✱ The Records for WW1 are online at
- ✱ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/womens-royal-naval-service-ww1.htm>

G3123				Date of Birth		33				
Name in full Dorothy Emma Gertrude Isabelle				Place of Birth		Poulton				
Date of enrolment 19 July 1918				Immobilised						
Ship or Establishment	List	No.	Rating	Period of Service		If discharged, whether and for what cause	Character & Ability			Remarks
				From	To		C	Date	A	
President V	2	12	Motor Driver	19 July 1918	20 Jan 1919		1/1	4/1/19		X 129 paid
London D.D.		86	"	20 Jan 1919	20 Sep 1919	SNR	1/1	22/1/19	Sub	
							1/1	13/9/19	Sup	
				Demobilisation party had from Admiralty 14/9 - 20/9/19						
								NEXT OF KIN		
								Brother		
								A. Mercer Jones Esq.		
								West Gable		
								Castle Bellingham		
								Co. South Ireland.		



**FORM OF APPLICATION AND ENROLMENT  
FOR ADMISSION AS OFFICER  
TO  
THE WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE.**

The Candidate will complete the following particulars and give names of references as to character:—

1. Name in full	{ Surname <u>Marx</u> (Christian Name) <u>Lily Constance</u>	
2. (a) Date and place of birth	May 4. 1887.	Sydney, N.S. Wales.
(b) Religion	C. of E.	
3. Whether married?	no	
Number and ages of children, if any?		
4. Whether of pure European descent?	yes.	
5. Whether a British subject of British birth?	yes.	
6. Nationality by birth of Father	British	
7. Nationality by birth of Mother	British	
8. Nationality by birth of Husband (if married)	/	
9. Occupation of Father	Admiral (Retired.) now employed as Rear Admiral.	
10. Permanent address of candidate	Clatford Lodge, Andover, Hants	
11. Present address for correspondence	same.	
12. Name and address of next of kin or nearest relative resident in the British Isles	Mrs Marx Clatford Lodge, Andover	
13. (a) Schools or Colleges at which educated, and any degrees or diplomas obtained	Waldheim, Bern - Switzerland Cheltenham College - Gold medal in French Bedford College - Hygiene Diploma Sanitary Inspector & Local Board certified	
(b) At what age did you leave school?	17½	
14. Occupation or employment in civil life	Hospital Almoner.	
15. Have you any special qualifications or experience which, in your opinion, qualify you for the appointment asked for? If so, describe them	Varied experience of Social work & office Routines. Accustomed to responsibility.	

## Fleet Air Arm

- ✱ British naval flying started in 1909, with the construction of an airship for naval duties.
- ✱ In 1914 when the Royal Navy reformed its air branch as the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS).
- ✱ By the outbreak of the First World War, in August 1914, the RNAS had more

aircraft under its control than the RFC.

- ✿ The main roles of the RNAS were fleet reconnaissance, patrolling coasts for enemy ships and submarines, attacking enemy coastal territory and defending Britain from enemy air-raids, along with deployment along the Western Front.
- ✿ In April 1918 the RNAS, which at this time had 67,000 officers and men, 2,949 aircraft, 103 airships and 126 coastal stations, merged with the RFC to form the Royal Air Force.
- ✿ In 1924, the *Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Air Force* was formed. In 1939 the Fleet Air Arm was returned to Admiralty.
- ✿ At the onset of the WW2, the Fleet Air Arm consisted of 20 squadrons with only 232 aircraft. By the end of the war the worldwide strength of the Fleet Air Arm was 59 aircraft carriers, 3,700 aircraft, 72,000 officers and men, and 56 air stations.
- ✿ Unfortunately little is online or is accessible at TNA
- ✿ The exception is Royal Naval Air Service officers' service records 1906-1918
- ✿ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/rnas-service-records.htm>



Index No 26348

(Name in full) *Butler, Charles Henry D.S.O.*

Date of Birth.	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1850</i>	Whether Married.	
Date of Entry into Air Service.	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914</i>	Next of Kin and Address.	
Previous Service in H.M. Forces.			
Previous Occupation if entered from Civil Life.			By whom Recommended
Number of R.A.C. Certificate, and Date, and where obtained.			

## APPOINTMENTS.


## PROMOTIONS.

Date.	Whence.	Appointment.	AIR SERVICE.			Date.	Seniority.	Rank.	Date.	Seniority.	Rank.
			Date.	Seniority.	Rank.						
<i>25.6.15</i>		<i>Temporary</i>									
<i>11.9.14</i>		<i>1st Comd</i>	<i>26.5.15</i>	<i>26.5.15</i>	<i>1st Comd</i>						
<i>3.15</i>		<i>1st Lieut</i>	<i>31.12.16</i>	<i>31.12.16</i>	<i>2nd Lt</i>						
<i>25.10.15</i>		<i>Wardanellas</i>	<i>5.5.18</i>	<i>17.4.18</i>	<i>Temp Lt Col</i>						
<i>21.2.16</i>	<i>Sick</i>	<i>Recalled for special duties</i>									
<i>14.3.16</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>	<i>Westgate</i>									
<i>3.4.16</i>		<i>Air Dept (temp)</i>									
<i>30.1.18</i>		<i>Westgate</i>									
<i>5.5.18</i>		<i>Recalled to H.Q. N.T.B. for</i>									
		<i>8th wing.</i>									

Space for particular notations at Air Department (i.e., Accidents, meritorious work, special fl

*25.6.15 Wardanellas: - Wounded in right foot, transfixed by bullet. 22.3.15 M. Despatches for Meritorious work in Air attack on Belgium - Goeburg & Bruges on 10.12.15. In Bay of Biscay - January. 10.12.15 Admitted Haslar. Jaundice & Col. 14.12.15. Reported still unfit. To be re-examined at Haslar 26.1.16. Admitted Jaundice Convalescent. 2.2.16 Discharged from Haslar as fit. 8.2.16 Re-joining 4.2.16. Admitted Haslar Hos. Recurrent enteritis. 17.2.16 Discharged as fit. Mentioned in Despatches of V.R.C. East Med C. for Meritorious Service on the Gall. Awarded D.S.O. M/06942. A/01608. Awarded Companionship of D.S.O. for occasion of hostile Air Raid on Thames Estuary on 5.6.17. A/0207. Lt 3rd & 2nd O. In 1918 - 1919. Accompanied for one of the raids A/02036. A/01092. Mentioned in despatches for great quantity in attacking hostile aircraft during*

- ✿ For ratings in the RNAS see Royal Navy ratings' service records 1853-1923
- ✿ Most records are at the Fleet Air Arm Museum.
- ✿ Their web site is - [www.fleetairarm.com/en-GB/research.aspx](http://www.fleetairarm.com/en-GB/research.aspx)
- ✿ On it can be found a Roll of Honour.



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S K Williams

Decoration	Unknown	Service Number	W 142091 Q
Rank	Wren Air Engineering	Squadron/Flight	772
Mechanic 2		Station/Ship	HMS Osprey
P/O/AG	Unknown	Date of Death	17 April 1993
Service	Unknown		

Sinead Katerina G Williams  
 Died 17 Apr 1993 aged 18 years  
 Wren Air Engineering Mechanic 2  
 HMS Osprey (Portland Bill)

## Royal Marines

- ✿ The Royal Marines were formed in 1664 as the fighting arm of the Royal Navy



- ✳ They took over the role of the soldiers who manned the Tudor warships
- ✳ They have seen service all over the world as specialist waterborne fighting units
- ✳ You can search online and download the service registers of around 110,000 men who joined the Royal Marines between 1842 and 1925.
- ✳ These can be found at
- ✳ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-marines-register-service.htm>
- ✳ Earlier records from 1790 can be found at The National Archives
- ✳ The records of officers are not online but can be found at the National Archives
- ✳ Records after 1925 are held by the Ministry of Defence

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Name William John Clarke Register No. 248

Date of Birth	<u>20 Sept 71</u>	When enlisted	<u>20 Aug 89</u>	DESCRIPTION OF PERSON. For Drawn men, (On Enlistment as a Boy... only. (On Attaining the age of 18... On Enlistment as Private... On Re-engagement... On Final Discharge from the Service...						
Where Born		Where enlisted								
Trade		By whom								
Religion		When re-engaged								
Former Service allowed.	In what Regiment.	Period. Years. Days.	Authority.	Date.	Character.					
Rank.	On	Name of Division or Ship.	No. on Ship's Deck.	Date of Entry.	Date of Discharge.	Cause of Discharge from Division or Ship.	Character.	Ability.	Recommenced for Medal and Gratuity.	Name of Commanding Officer.
<u>Asst. Sgt.</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Abraham Div</u>		<u>James Hughes</u>	<u>20 Aug 89</u>	<u>21 Dec 89</u>	<u>Discharged by P. Rep. Es</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>W. A. Hynde</u>
<u>Quartermaster</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>1st Depot Co. 1st Bn.</u>		<u>20 Aug 89</u>	<u>21 Dec 89</u>	<u>Discharged by P. Rep. Es</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>W. A. Hynde</u>	<u>E. O. 104th</u>
<u>Quartermaster</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>1st Depot Co. 1st Bn.</u>		<u>1 Jan 89</u>	<u>31 Dec 89</u>	<u>Discharged by P. Rep. Es</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>W. A. Hynde</u>	<u>E. O. 104th</u>
<u>Quartermaster</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>1st Depot Co. 1st Bn.</u>		<u>1 Jan 10</u>	<u>10 Dec 10</u>	<u>Discharged by P. Rep. Es</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>V.G.</u>	<u>W. A. Hynde</u>	<u>E. O. 104th</u>

**R. 23** (Revised—June, 1942)

**FULL NAME** Arthur William George Ward

(Surnames in Block Letters)

**DIVISION AND**

Date and Place of Enlistment 12 December 1913 At Birmingham  
 Date and Place of Birth 21 November 1895 At Kettlebury, Worcester  
 Trade Brought Up To Iron Worker (21) Religion C. of E.  
 Date of Re-Engagement 24 October 1923 Date of Marriage

Description of Person		Height		Chest Ins.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
		Feet	Inches		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
For Band Boys and Boys only	On Enlistment as a Boy							
	On attaining the age of 18 years							
On Enlistment as Marine		5	7½		Brown	Slate	Fresh	Large scar. Calf of left leg.
On Re-Engagement								
On Final Discharge from the Service		5	9					

Second Class for Conduct (Inclusive dates)		Employment During Service			Medals, Campaigns	
From	To	From	To	Nature	Date	
		2. 1. 24	14. 5. 25	Boon Samaritan Shipman	4. 11. 21	1914
					11. 11. 21	1914

Class	Date	Wounds, Hurt Certificates, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants and whether Recommended for Royal Fleet Reserve	
		Date	Particulars
2nd	2. 3. 24	15. 10. 17	Over Bravery Paid.
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- ✿ Four registers of seamen's service were created during the years before 1858, these are:
- ✿ Register of Seamen Series I, 1835-1836
- ✿ Register of Seamen Series II, 1835-1844
- ✿ Register of Seamen's Tickets 1845-1854
- ✿ Register of Seamen Series III, 1853-1857
- ✿ From 1858 - 1913 no register of ordinary seamen's service was kept.
- ✿ The Fourth Register was started in 1913 and continued until 1941. Unfortunately the entries for 1913-1918 were destroyed therefore the register covers the actual period 1918-1940
- ✿ The Fifth Register was started in 1941 and continued until 1972.

- ✿ None of these registers is available on line at The National Archives but an index can be found on Family Search and Find my past.

✿ <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1762440>

✿ <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/search/merchant-navy-seamen>

- ✿ Help in interpreting these records can be found at

✿ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/merchant-seamen-RGSS-register-abbreviations.htm>

- ✿ Access to full details of seamen born less than 100 years ago may be restricted

## First Register

No.	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Quality	Ship belonging to	How disposed of
<b>3011</b>	<b>Th</b> <i>Thomas George</i>	32	<i>Cardigan</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Marcus of Bristol</i>	<i>3 Oct 1836</i>
<b>3012</b>	<i>Thomas John</i>	20	<i>Fishguard</i>	<i>Harbour</i>	<i>William of Montagu</i>	<i>1 Oct 1836</i>
<b>3013</b>	<i>Thomas</i>					

## Second Register

Corrigale John	7441	8489	8632	9776	21481	21891
" Robert	7669	12181				
" James	7670	8029	9717	11480	12239	12474 21658
" Donald	7661	8550				
" William	8283	8473	20574			
" James	9581	11728				
" Thomas	10656					
" Isaac	11294					
" Jacob	11312					Dead
" David	11661					

10655	Collinson, Method	75-207				
	40 London	Essential				
10656	Corrigal, Tho	75-287				
	34 Orkney	Essential				
			1441 C (66) C 647 Mo (66)			
			26/5/374 2.38	12.11.38	9.8.32	
			64/2778	83.100	64/6077	64/5559
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## Seaman's Tickets



No. of	47874		Register Ticket	23	127 52	12 45
James Watts						
Born at	Harbin		in 1836	Age when Ticketed	45 75	12 45
County of	Norfolk		9 day of Jan 1872			
Capacity	Seaman			22	150 05	12 45
Height	5 ft 5 in	Hair	Dark & Graying			
Complexion	Fairish	Eyes	Gray			
Marks	None			Can Write		
First went to Sea as	Apprentice					
			in the Year 1836			
Has served in the Royal Navy	No					
Has been in Foreign Service	No					
When unemployed, resides at	South Shields					
Issued at	Newcastle		10 day of Dec 1844			

### Third Register

NAME AND DESCRIPTION			Age	1853		1854	
No.	No. of Certificate	No. of Ticket		Out	Home	Out	Home
James Watt			35			12 5	12 5
Born at	Derwent						
James Watts		407 427	43			12 5	12 5
Born at	Derwent						

### Fourth Register



C.R. 10. No. of Identity Certificate 337855  
M.N.S. Region S.W. Regional No A166825  
Surname Cranan  
Christian Name William Thomas  
Rating Starboard 1st Lt. R.N.R. No. ....  
No. and Grade of B/T Certificate .....  
Date and Place of Birth 22.11.78 Millbrook Southampton  
Nationality British Father Scottish  
Height 5' 9 1/2 Colour Hair Grey Eyes Brown  
Tattoo Marks anchor + star on the right forearm  
Heart + cross on left arm  
Dis. A No. 947168 N.H. Insurance No. 5432 (wife)  
Name and Address of Next of Kin Alice Maud Cranan  
Calmore Rd. Totton, Southampton.  
(32281) Wt. 20167-23 100m. 8/15. Av. P. (503).  
(37921) Wt. 24237-25 100m. 9/15. Av. P. (730).



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## **Royal Naval Seamen Service Records (1853 - 1923)**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-seamen.htm>

You can search and download over 600,000 service records for most ratings that joined the Royal Navy between 1853 and 1923 in the Registers of Seamen's Services and the Continuous Service engagement books.

- These records can tell you about your ancestor's birth, their physical appearance, their occupation and which ship(s) they served on. Details of service are recorded up to 1928.

Pay site. (£3.30)

## **Royal Naval Officers Service Records (1756-1931)**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-officers-files.htm>

Not all records are on line.

Royal Navy officers can be split into two groups: commissioned officers and warrant officers.

Commissioned officers included the following ranks: Admirals (also known as flag officers), Commodores, Captains, Commanders and Lieutenants.

Warrant officers included: Gunners, Boatswains, Carpenters, Surgeons' Mates, Armourers, Sailmakers, Master At Arms, Caulker, Ropemakers and Coopers. In addition, Masters pre-1808, Surgeons pre-1843, Pursers pre-1843, Chaplains pre-1843 and Engineers pre-1847 were all warrant officers. After these dates these ranks were all commissioned officers.

The majority of these service records will contain:

- An officer's first name.
- An officer's rank.
- The names of the ships they served on.
- The dates of entry and discharge from each ship and the total time served.
- They may record an officer's date of death.

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## **Wills of Royal Naval Seamen (1786 - 1882)**

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/seamens-wills.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/seamens-wills.htm)

Pay site. (£3.30)

## **Supplementary Logs and Journals of Ships on Exploration**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/logs-journals-ships-of-exploration.htm>

You can obtain copies of the log book and journals of ships on Exploration. For example the books for HMS Endeavour captained by James Cook. (£2)

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## **Naval & Marine Officers in 1840**

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/FlgOff1.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/FlgOff1.html)

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/FlgOff2.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/FlgOff2.html)

What it says on the tin. Free

## **O'Byrne's Naval Biographical Dictionary of 1849**

[www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG1.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG1.html) A-D

[www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG2.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG2.html) E-G

[www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG3.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG3.html) H-L

[www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG4.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG4.html) M-P

[www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG5.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG5.html) Q-T

[www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG6.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/RNBIOG6.html) U-Z

Officers only.

Gives wives name if known and date of marriage

Free.



## Dockyard Volunteers

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/DockVols.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/DockVols.html)

Army Officers who volunteered to defend the dockyards in 1851

## Photographs of Royal Naval Ships 1880 to 1950

<http://freepages.misc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cyberheritage/>

**A photographic A to Z of British Naval warships, submarines, and auxiliaries from 1880 to 1950`s.** This site has 728 rare photographs on it, in alphabetical order, showing a great range of British naval shipping.

## 1901 Census – Royal Navy Ships

[homepage.ntlworld.com/jeffery.knaggs/RNShips.html](http://homepage.ntlworld.com/jeffery.knaggs/RNShips.html)

A list of ships and where they were on census night, but not who was on board, other than the commanding officer.

## Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Service Records

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-volunteer-reserve-service-records.htm>

The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) was formed in June 1903 by the 'Naval Forces Act 1903'. Volunteers joining the RNVR agreed to serve 'either ashore or afloat' and consequently performed a wide range of duties.

The service records of RNVR ratings contain details such as name, division and service number, date of birth, former occupation, whether formerly in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, a physical description, date and period of engagements, ships or units served in, period of service, and remarks about character and ability. Very occasionally a record may reveal the place of birth.

Pay site. (£3.30)

## Naval History.net

[www.naval-history.net](http://www.naval-history.net)

Huge Site and growing. Covers from WW1 to the Falklands War including interwar periods.

List of RN Casualties 1914-2008

List of US Navy Casualties WW1

Has a day by day account of the movement and activities of every Royal naval warship in WW2.

Admiralty War Diaries

Much More. Free Site

## Navies of the World

[www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/index.htm](http://www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/index.htm)

One of the internet's largest naval history sites. You will find lists of all the world's navy ships from the nineteenth century to the present day, with photos, histories and paintings on many of the ships.

Despite the site name it is not just for Battleships and Cruisers.

Very good for photographs of ships.

Possible to copy images from the screen but for quality images this they charge.

## Royal Naval Division (1914 - 1919)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-division.htm>

Reserves, reserve personnel from the Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Fleet Reserve and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and a brigade of Royal Marines, Royal Navy and army personnel were brought together at Crystal Palace to form the Royal Naval Division (RND) in September 1914.

The RND was commonly known as "Winston's Little Army" because it was founded by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty.

This site gives details of individuals with home address, occupation, religion, next-of-kin, date of birth height etc. (£3.50)

Pay site.

## Women's Royal Naval Service (1917 - 1919)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/womens-royal-naval-service-ww1.htm>

The Women's Royal Naval Service was formed to carry out shore-based duties and allow sailors to go to sea. Recruitment posters encouraged women to "Free a man for sea service". The Admiralty aimed to recruit 3,000 women but eventually over 5,000 women joined.

Ratings

Each Rating's record consists of a straightforward form listing details such as full name, date of enrolment, age at enrolment, whether "mobile" (willing to work away from their home area) or "immobile", period of service and where they served, name and address of next-of-kin, whether discharged from service and other notes. Immobile ratings are found most often in London or at the Naval bases such as Portsmouth.

Officers

The Officers' files hold official forms, dossiers and letters concerning appointments and promotions. In some cases a file might also include an identification certificate giving details about date and place of birth, marital status, trade or profession, religion, physical description and name of next-of-kin.

Correspondence and annotations in many of these files reveal something of contemporary attitudes, etiquette, assumptions, class distinctions and prejudices.

## World War Two Medals issued to Merchant Seamen

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/merchant-seamen-medals-ww2.htm>

The merchant navy comprises the commercial and trading ships and crews employed in a country. At the outbreak of World War Two, the British merchant fleet and its resources came under the control of the Ministry of Shipping. This collection of records lists the medals awarded to merchant seamen for their service in the war.

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## **HMS Arethusa**

[www.hms-arethusa.co.uk](http://www.hms-arethusa.co.uk)

The history and the men of HMS Arethusa in WW2.

## **Fleet Air Arm Museum**

[www.fleetairarm.com/en-GB/research.aspx](http://www.fleetairarm.com/en-GB/research.aspx)

A guide to their holdings.

Most data not available online but they do have a role of honour  
Free

## **Marine & Naval Ratings Service Numbers**

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/NavalNumbers.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/NavalNumbers.html)

How to interpret the numbers

## **Imperial War Museum – Peoples History**

[www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.00100p005002](http://www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.00100p005002)

Research guide only.

## **Royal Naval Museum**

[www.royalnavalmuseum.org](http://www.royalnavalmuseum.org)

This site has an index to the museum holdings. The simple search box will search all the fields in the catalogue records. Free

## **Research**

<http://home.swipnet.se/~w-11578/research.htm>

Hints and tips on Royal Naval research

## **Royal Naval Submarine Museum**

<http://www.submarine-museum.co.uk/>

Photographs

List of submarines lost

## **Some Royal Marines Websites**

### **Royal Marines Registers of Service**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-marines-register-service.htm>

Service registers of around 110,000 men who joined the Royal Marines between 1842 and 1925. Typically these records note the date and place of birth, occupation, religion, date and place of enlistment, physical description, names of ships and shore stations served on, plus details of conduct, promotion and medal entitlement.

Pay site. (£3.50)

## **Royal Marines Museum**

<http://www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk/research-and-collections>

The site refers to the collections held but it has no online search facility

## **The National Archive Guides**

Royal Marines: Further Areas of Research

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/rm-research.htm>

Royal Marines: Other Ranks' Service Records

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/royalmarines.htm>

Royal Marines: Officers' Service Records

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/royalmarinesofficers.htm>

You can print off these leaflets for free

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### **World War Two Merchant Shipping Movement Cards**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/merchant-shipping-cards-ww2.htm>

The cards record the movements of both British registered and Allied vessels engaged in the war effort. Each set of cards records the name of the ship, any former name it had, its size (tonnage), to whom it was registered, the ship's destination, date of arrival and sometimes ports of call. They also record any cargo carried on board. Importantly the cards also show if the ship was torpedoed, mined, damaged or sunk. They do not contain details of any passengers or crew and are concerned only with details of the ship.

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Name of Ship	Owners	G.T.	Card No.
ATHENIA			5
Current Voyage & Cargo	Arrd. at Destin.	Intermediate Movements	Anticipated Movements
Year 1939 (cont.)			
Montreal 24/7	In 55 12N 32 6W 23/7	At Montreal 24/7 for	
(General) Liverpool -	In 55 14 N 32 45 W 24-25/7	Belfast Liverpool &	
OR 1/7 Belfast 1/8	In 55 26 N 24 2 W 24/7	Glasgow - via Glasgow/	
	At Liverpool 1/8	At Glasgow 4/8 for Dublin &	
Belfast 4/8 Montreal 10/8	At Long Is 1/8	Montreal 12/8	
General 24/7	In 56 24 N 30 6 W 2/8		
	In 56 N 25 26 W 7/8		
	At 2000 m. NW Salter's 10/8		
Montreal 19/8	In 55 W 23/8	At Montreal 19/8 for	
Liverpool 27/8	In 56 18 N 22 30 W 20/8	via Glasgow 27/8	
Belfast 30/8	In 55 43 N 11 43 W 25/8		
	At Liverpool 26/8		
Glasgow	At 4/8		
Mahabub	Sunk by submarine in		
	56 14 N 11 05 W 5/9/39 (O.U. 6255/39)		

## Lloyds Register of Shipping 1868-1869

[http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=umU4AAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Lloyd's+Register+of+Shipping&source=bl&ots=uwx9mHbuUh&sig=OSWGNDraz73mB4pJlQ6quBnatKE&hl=en&ei=-UG\\_S7f3EMTL-Qbgr5jlCA&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=7&ved=0CCUQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=umU4AAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Lloyd's+Register+of+Shipping&source=bl&ots=uwx9mHbuUh&sig=OSWGNDraz73mB4pJlQ6quBnatKE&hl=en&ei=-UG_S7f3EMTL-Qbgr5jlCA&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=7&ved=0CCUQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q&f=false)

Another long address! Search Google Books. This is the scanned images of the entire register. Free

## Some Other Useful Naval Websites

BBC WW2 – Peoples War

[www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

Genuki Military page

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/MilitaryRecords.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/MilitaryRecords.html)

Imperial War Museum

[www.iwmcollections.org.uk](http://www.iwmcollections.org.uk)

About war memorials and the men recorded on them (With photographs)

[www.roll-of-honour.com](http://www.roll-of-honour.com)

Where to apply for service records

<http://www.veterans-uk.info/recordsmedalsbadges.htm>

The Wartime Memories Project (WW1 & WW2)

[www.wartimememories.co.uk/](http://www.wartimememories.co.uk/)

War Memorials Archive

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/>

The National Archives

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Some databases available on Ancestry

[www.ancestry.co.uk/](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/)

[British Naval Biographical Dictionary, 1849](#)

[Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy, 1660-1815](#)

[England, The National Roll of the Great War, 1914-1918](#)

[Gateshead, Durham, England, War Honours Scrapbook , 1914-1920](#)

[Great Britain, Royal Naval Division Casualties of The Great War, 1914-1924](#)

[The Naval History of England](#)

[UK, Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947](#)

[UK, Naval Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1972](#)

[UK, Navy Lists, 1888-1970](#)

[UK, Royal Navy and Royal Marine War Graves Roll, 1914-1919](#)

[UK, Silver War Badge Records, 1914-1920](#)

[UK, Victoria Cross Medals, 1857-2007](#)

[Web: UK, Recommendations for Honours and Awards Index, 1935-1990](#)

## Databases available on Find My Past

[www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

### WW1

[Naval Casualties 1914-1919](#)

[Oldham Employers' Roll of Honour 1914-1920](#)

[Royal Marines Medal Roll 1914-1920](#)

[Royal Naval Division Casualties, 1914-1919](#)

[Royal Naval Division Service Records, 1914-1920](#)

[Royal Naval Officers Medal Roll 1914-1920](#)

[Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve medal roll, 1914-1920](#)

[WW1 Ships Lost at Sea, 1914-1919 NEW](#)

### WW2

[Prisoners of War 1939-1945](#)

[WWII Escapers & Evaders](#)

## The Genealogist

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

War Office Weekly Casualty List 1917 - 1918Despatches

[Naval and Military Despatches Vol. I \(Sept-Oct. 1914\)](#)

[Naval and Military Despatches Vol .II \(Nov 1914 - Jun 1915\)](#)

[Naval and Military Despatches Vol. III \(Jul-Oct. 1915\)](#)

[Naval and Military Despatches Vol. VII \(Dec 1916 - Jul 1917\)](#)

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