

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM Romney Road Greenwich LONDON SE10 9NF

This information was gathered as part of the Wellcome Library survey of [Medical Archives and Manuscripts, 1600-1945](#) in repositories in the Greater London area. This survey was undertaken during the 1990s and thus some of the details may be out of date. Researchers are advised to check current repository contact details on [ARCHON](#).

The Manuscripts Section of the Library of the National Maritime Museum holds both official and private records and papers relating to the royal and merchant navies, and maritime affairs generally.

The official papers include public records which complement series in the Public Record Office and the records of the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. Private papers include business records, papers of individual naval officers and seamen, and artificial collections of naval historians and others.

In addition the Maritime Museum has a Picture Library which holds a large collection of historic photographs and photographs of Museum artifacts, as well as some 50,000 prints and drawings and a quarter of a million plans of ships built in the United Kingdom since the beginning of the 18th century.

Public Records (Central)

Board of Admiralty in-letters incl letters from Victualling Board, 1703-69, 1787-1822 51 vols and 34 boxes **ADM/D**, **ADM/DP** (remainder of series, 1822-39, at PRO), and letters from Sick and Hurt Board, 1742-64, 1794-1806 37 vols and 11 boxes **ADM/F**, **ADM/FP** (1727-41 at PRO); **Navy Board** lieutenants' logs, 1673-1809 5205 vols **ADM/L** (Captains' and masters' logs at PRO); **Sick and Hurt Board** in-letters and orders from Admiralty on care of sick and wounded seamen, 1702-8, 1715-1806 **ADM/E** and of prisoners-of-war, 1743-50, 1777-83 80 vols **ADM/M**; **Transport Board** in-letters and orders from Admiralty rel to care of prisoners-of-war, 1796-9 **ADM/MT** and of sick and wounded seamen, 1807-15 17 vols **ADM/ET** (remainder of series, 1816-49, at PRO); **Victualling Board** letters from Admiralty, 1707-1815 400 vols **ADM/C/349-748** (remainder of series, 1816-32, at PRO), abstracts of Admiralty and Navy Board letters and orders, 1694-1819 26 vols **ADM/G/773-798**, and Victualling Board minutes, 1811-13

1 vol **ADM/H/1**

Public Records (Local)

Royal dockyards: plan of **Bermuda dockyard** and victualling yard, 1898 **ADM/Y/B/1**; plan of **Deptford dockyard** showing adjoining victualling yard, 1878 **ADM/Y/D/12**; 14 plans and designs for new hospital, **Gibraltar dockyard**, 1734-47; map of **Gibraltar dockyard**, victualling yard and hospital, 1875 **ADM/Y/G/30**; records of **Halifax dockyard** incl 1 vol of letters from Victualling Board, 1815-19 **HAL/E/3.e**; records of **Jamaica dockyard** incl 2 vols of out-letters from yard's victualling officers to Victualling Board, 1812-26 **JAM/6,7**; records of **Portsmouth dockyard** incl 1 vol of orders and instructions to yard surgeons, 1823-49 **POR/J/6**.

Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital admin and nursing records, 1826-1977 with 10% sample of clinical records, 1914-50 **DSH/1-370**

Business Records

Adam and Co. Ltd, merchants, of Mauritius: records, incl material rel to marine casualties and welfare of immigrants 1825-1914 **AAM/** ; **Michael Henley and Son**, shipowners and marine contractors: records, incl 'Transport Papers' rel to voyages under charter to Government, particularly for purposes of victualling fleet 1771-1830 **HNL/**; **P. and O. Steam Navigation Co** staff records incl 'death book' recording mortality of sea staff with cause of death, 1848-1922 **P&O/88/3**

Personal Collections

Andrew Baird (c.1757-1843), Physician of the Fleet: letters from Earl St Vincent, 1812-23 53 items **BAI/**

Sir Gilbert Blane (1749-1834), Physician of the Fleet: memorials, notes and letters from various correspondents, 1799-1810 **BLA/**

Rev Thomas Clarke (fl.1800-21), Auditor, Royal Naval Asylum, Greenwich: 66 letters, 1800-21 **CLA/**

Charles Brehmer Heald (1882-1974), temporary naval surgeon: diaries, memoranda and letters to his family while at sea, 1914-15 and n.d. **HLD/**

Alexander Hood (1758-98), captain R.N.: papers incl log of HMS *Resolution* during Cook's 2nd circumnavigation **MKH/24**, letters from John Young, surgeon of HMS *Hebe*, 1790-1 **MKH/8**, papers rel to convict ship *Queen* sailing from Dublin to NSW, 1790-1 **MKH/9**, and hospital tickets for men from HMS *Audacious*, 1794-5 **MKH/14**

Samuel Hood (1724-1816), 1st Viscount Hood, Admiral: appointment as Governor of Greenwich Hospital, 1796 **HOO/28**

Sir Samuel Hood (1762-1814), Vice-Admiral: papers incl corresp with Victualling and Transport Boards and victualling agents, 1811-14 **MKH/127-8,130,138**, letters from masters, pursers and surgeons on E. India station, 1812-13 **MKH/180**, returns and reports of sick and wounded on E. India stations ships and in naval hospitals at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Pondicherry, 1812-14

MKH/140-142, 207

George Redmond Hulbert (1774-1825), naval agent: corresp, 1807-23, incl with Greenwich Hospital **HUL/42**

Sir Richard Goodwin Keats (1757-1834), Admiral: papers incl material rel to Greenwich

Hospital, 1694-1864 (sic) and the Chatham Chest, 1723-87 **KEA/16-19**

Sir David Milne (1763-1845), Admiral: papers incl ships' logs and books, 1779-1814, incl journal of John Martin, naval surgeon aboard *La Seine* on the coast of Africa and in the W. Indies, 1799-1800 **MLN/12**

Sir Watkin Owen Pell (1788-1869), Admiral: papers incl account books rel to Greenwich Hospital, 1842-60 **PLL/69-74**

Sir James Porter (1851-1935), naval surgeon, Vice-Admiral: letters to his family, 1889-1913; letters arranging for hospital trains, 1914-17 **PTR/**

Charles Sergison (1654-1732), Clerk of the Acts: papers incl 13 vols of copies of Admiralty orders to the Navy Board, 1603-1717, some rel to employment of physicians and surgeons, and documents rel to a victualling enquiry, 1710-13 **SER/77-89, 118**

Arnold White (1848-1925), journalist: papers incl letters on Eugenics Education Society **WHI/55**

William Wilkinson (1777-1857), Commander and Superintendent of the Wharf, Deptford victualling yard: letters, 1807-33 **WIL/**

Artificial Collections

Roger Charles Anderson (1883-1976), naval historian: collection incl draft instructions to Victualling Board, 1683 **AND/30**

Sir Bruce Stirling Ingram (1877-1963), naval historian: collection incl memoirs of Peter Cullen, surgeon, R.N., 1769-1812 **IGR/22**

Sir Thomas Phillips (1792-1872), collector: collection incl vol rel to D.T. McCarthy, naval surgeon, court-martialled in 1804 **PLA/8** and papers of Sir Robert Southwell (1635-1702) rel to Restoration Navy incl charges of John Lecke, surgeon, and Samuel Barton against the Commissioners of Sick and Wounded, 1694 **SOU/2**.

Herbert Stanley Vaughan (d.1935), victualling officer: collection incl records rel to Plymouth dockyard and victualling, 1695-1832 **VAU/**

Sir Henry Solomon Wellcome (1853-1936), collector: collection incl 18th and 19th cent. ships' logs and accounts of Greenwich Hospital, 1709-10 **WEL/50**

Single volumes and documents

Robert R. Arnott, assistant naval surgeon: log of HMS *Spitfire*, 1835-9, with rough medical record, 1839 **LOG/N/S/24**

William S. Bailey, midshipman: Crimean War diary, 1855-7 **JOD/155**

William James Baird (1831-c.1906), naval surgeon: letters, memoranda and certificates rel to his career, 1852-96 **BGY/B/5**

Sir William Beatty (d.1842), surgeon: Death of Nelson (1805) printed, with Beatty's ms dedication **HIS/6**

Arthur Dalton Bond, surgeon: log of whaler *Harriet*, 1826-9 **MS 90/038**

John Byron (1723-86) explorer: copy journal of circumnavigation in *Dolphin*, 1764-6 **JOD/58**; see R. E. Gallagher ed., Byron's journal of his circumnavigation, 1764-1766 (Hakluyt Society, 1946)

James Cook (1728-79), explorer: copy journals of circumnavigation in *Endeavour*, 1768-71, and *Resolution*, 1772-5 **JOD/19-20**; see J. C. Beaglehole ed., The voyage of the Endeavour, 1768-1771 (Hakluyt Society, 1955) and The Voyage of the Resolution and the Adventure, 1772-1775 (Hakluyt Society, 1961)

Edward H. Cree (1814-1901), naval surgeon: journals, 1837-61 **MS 86/083**; see The Cree Journals: the voyages of Edward H Cree, Surgeon, RN, 1837-1856, ed. M. Lenien (Exeter, 1981)

John Cunningham, naval surgeon: journal aboard HMS *Cambridge*, *Arab*, *Spartiate* and *Fly* in the Pacific, 1823-5 **JOD/21**

W.T. Domville, naval surgeon: journal and observations aboard HMS *Resolute* in the Arctic, 1852-3 **JOD/67**

William English, surgeon: account book aboard HEICS *Hindostan*, 1799-1800, and HEICS

Airly Castle, 1801 **BGR/36** **William H. Fawckner** (fl.1844-82), master: journal on voyage of Arctic exploration in *Phoenix* and aboard other vessels during Crimean and 2nd China Wars, 1853-9 **JOD/199**

James Guthrie (d.1862), naval surgeon: letters from Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane and Captain

William Lord Napier, 1810-54 **AGC/ Robert Guthrie**, naval surgeon: journals aboard HMS *Undaunted* to India, 1827-8, and *Seringapatem* in the Pacific, 1831-2 **JOD/16-17**

James Harris, surgeon: testimonial from passengers on *Donald MacKay* (Liverpool to

Melbourne), 1856 **HSR/N/8** **Theodora Fox Harvey**, nursing sister: illustrated account of service aboard hospital ships *Albion* and *Queen Alexandra*, 1914-18 **BGY/H/4**

Rev Robert Hinds (1827-87), naval chaplain: diary aboard HMS *Rodney* in Crimea and

elsewhere, 1853-6 **JOD/65** **Gilbert James Inglis**, purser: diary aboard convict ship *Duchess of Northumberland* (London-Hobart), 1852-3 **JOD/150**

John McIlroy, naval surgeon: letterbook compiled aboard HMS *Persian*, 1841-3 **LBK/41**

Charles McShane (d.1896), surgeon: papers rel to his career, 1835-80 **BGY/M/10** **Laurence**

Millechamp, purser: account of Anson's circumnavigation, 1740-4 **JOD/36**; see

Glyndws Williams ed., Documents relating to Anson's voyage round the world (Navy Records Society, 1967) **John Neill**, naval surgeon: commissions, certificates and log, 1796-1824 **ADL/Q/35**

Edward Nolloth, convict ship surgeon: journal, 1850-2 **MS 85/093** **Daniel Paine**, builder: journal of voyage from Portsmouth to New South Wales in HMS *Reliance*, 1794-5 **JOD/172**

Thomas Phillips, surgeon: journal aboard whaler *Swan* to Northern Whale Fishery, 1836-7 **JOD/136** **Richard Pickersgill** (1749-79), lieutenant: account of voyage under Cook aboard *Resolution*, 1772-3 **JOD/56**

Henry Piers (1818-1901), assistant naval surgeon: journal aboard HMS *Investigator* on Franklin search expedition to the Arctic 1849-53 **JOD/102** (cf. Wellcome Western MSS. 5990, 6110)

C. Pine, surgeon, and **T.M. Philson**, assistant surgeon: medical record aboard *British Sovereign* to the Antipodes, 1845 **JOD/26**

Harry Edwin Rees RN: account and notebook giving details of victualling aboard HMS *Valiant*, 1880-90 **GBK/7**

William Simpson RN: journal aboard *Plover* on Franklin search expedition to the Arctic, 1848-50 **JOD/76**

F. L. West, RNVR: diary of a voyage in a lifeboat, 1941 **JOD/70**

Maurice T. West, naval surgeon: medical journal aboard HMS *Lily*, 1842 **JOD/167**

Charles Nelson Wilkinson, assistant naval surgeon: journal aboard HMS *Benbow* in the Mediterranean, 1839-42 **JOD/51**

Chatham Chest: accounts, 1637-44, 1654-5, 1697-8 **SOC/15,16,20**

Greenwich Hospital: misc papers, 1648-1893, incl warrant to Rutland constables for collections for maimed mariners, 1648 **ADL/T/12**; summary of accounts by John Evelyn, 1696-1703 **REC/4**; records rel to the fabric, 1696-1886, incl plans and elevations **ART/1-4**, **SOC/22-23**, **CMP/20,29**; account of John Clarke, Receiver of Sixpences, 1716 **ADL/T/11**; documents issued by Greenwich Hospital, 1804-27 **ADL/T/8**, biographical sketches of 2 inmates, 1840 **BGY/W/3**; vol of poems by George Hewens, Greenwich Pensioner, 1855-64 **LIT/6**; and scrapbook, 1775-1893 **REC/58**

Haslar Hospital: building accounts, 1745 **ADL/M/6**

Merchant shipping logs: 1703-1969 70 vols incl eg journal by John Newton, slave trader rel to 3 voyages, 1750-4 **LOG/M/46**, log of the slaver *Sandown*, 1793-4 **LOG/M/21**, with details of much sickness in crew and cargo, and medical log of *Great Eastern*, 1869-70 **LOG/M 17**

East India Co ships' logs: 1659-1847 79 vols **LOG/C**

Royal Navy logs: 1737-1918 363 vols incl log of HMS *Windsor* in West Indies, 1737-41 **LOG/N/W/8**, log kept by J. L. Smith, midshipman, in African waters, 1789-93 **LOG/N/16**, log of HMS *Dorothea*, Arctic, 1818 **LOG/N/D/5**, punishment book of HMS *Vernon*, 1834-7 **LOG/N/V/11**, logbook of C. S. Stanley, midshipman, Crimea, 1853-5 **LOG/N/11**

Foreign logs and journals: 1732-1833 9 vols **LOG/F**

Merchant shipping administration: day book of slaver *Castle*, 1727-8, incl list of 32 slaves who died **AMS/4**; quarantine regulations, 1804 **AML/E/7**

Royal Navy administration: misc records incl vol rel to victualling, manning, discipline and health of Navy, c.1600-1715, with appointment of four Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, 1689, and proposals for more effective treatment of sick and wounded seamen on shore by Dr Richard Lower, 1689 **REC/4**; financial records rel to victualling, 1677-c.1684 and 8 vols of instructions to Sick and Hurt Board, 1684-99, 1703, and Victualling Board, 1701, 1715-18 **CAD/B**; letterbook of yard commissioner who visited victualling yards at Portsmouth, Chatham and Sheerness, 1702-3 **LAD/20**; orders rel to sick and wounded Royal Marines, 1703-5 **CAD/A/2**; documents rel to health at sea, 1757-1822, incl order of Admiral Hawke rel to portable broth, 1757, and anonymous essay on scurvy **ADL/M**; documents rel to victualling of Navy, 17835 **ADL/F**; report of commission of enquiry into various offices, incl Sick and Hurt Board and Victualling Office, 1788 **CAD/D/13-14**; copies of Victualling Board instructions etc, 1795 **GBK/4**; copies of contracts for supplying sick and wounded seamen in Jamaica with provisions, 1796 **AGC/35**; plans of dockyards in England and the colonies, 1831, incl plans of naval hospitals **LAD/10**

Indian Maritime Medical Service: index to surgeons, 1760-1833 **NOT/36**

Other papers incl documents rel to case in Court of King's Bench involving ship *Zong* in which 132 slaves died, 1783 **REC/19**; account of wreck of HMS *Amazon* with details of events while crew P.O.W.s in France, 1797 **REC/57**; and sketch of ship's dispensary aboard HMS *San Domingo*, c.1812 **WQB/3**

Copies of original documents

R. Creyke, governor of the Royal Hospital, Plymouth: transcript of private memoranda and minute book, 1795-9 **TRN/3**

Edward Sabben (fl.1810-57), surgeon-lieutenant: microfilm of diary aboard HMS *Sphinx* in Crimea, 1854-7 **MRF/135**