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**Naval Marriages**

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During the Nineteenth century, the Admiralty issued instructions that details of marriages involving Naval personnel should be provided for the potential future benefit of widows claiming pensions.

The volumes now held in Series ADM 13 at the Public Record Office for England and Wales and the United Kingdom (PRO) bind together various documents sent from the four corners of the world. They comprise letters, actual certificates and other notes giving the required information. All documents have been given folio numbers and at least one document per man has been indexed (with some errors). This appears to have been done for some purpose in the 1920's as a clerk's initials and the date appear at the end of each index.

Although the certificates give precise details of the names of husband and wife and the place and date of marriage, these details are unfortunately outside the scope of this publication which simply reproduces the attached indexes. However, each entry does give the original document piece number which indicates a manageable range of years and the folio number which may indicate a position in the chronological range.

Details of how to access the original volumes are available from the PRO with much information on its website.

## [Other publications available from Family History Indexes](#)

(i)

My main project for the past seven years has been to index entries in the **Criminal Registers** in Class HO 27 at the PRO. My interest in and knowledge of the Public Records started following the discovery of a great great grandmother, Hannah Mayes from Leicestershire, who was sentenced to transportation in 1825. She had stolen a sovereign and five shillings' worth of half-pence. Having found an entry for her in the Criminal Registers in Class HO 27, I started to transcribe these and have so far published on microfiche, floppy disk and CD-ROM over fifty volumes of indexes, starting in 1805 and covering the whole of the country. I have a database currently growing beyond 75,000 entries.

(ii)

**"PRONames 1", "PRONames 2" and "PRONames 3"** are indexes to miscellaneous personal names occurring in documents at the Public Record Office. Each collection is available on microfiche and disk and contains over **10,000 records** from a variety of sources. Entries are sorted alphabetically by surname and several personal details are given for each record as well as the full PRO document reference number. You should be lucky enough to find somebody in here whose name can be found on your tree!

(iii)

**The Jutland Roll of Honour.** Everybody has a relation who served in the First World War and, with 1998's release of Naval ratings' records of service, let us have a look at the members of the senior service. *PRONames 2* incorporates a list of casualties from the Battle of Jutland in 1916 - both killed and wounded. These entries have been expanded from the *PRONames* format and compiled into a separate publication - ***The Jutland Roll of Honour***, which is available on both fiche and disk. It lists all those appearing in the Admiralty Registers of Killed and Wounded but a cross-check has also been performed on lists published during the War. Each man's fate is shown and several supplementary lists are included to record notes and discrepancies. Details and dimensions of each ship at the Battle are included as well as a record of its casualties.

(iv)

**Criminal Lunatics** is a database of 614 records, indexing the names of all the patients recorded in a document referenced HO 20/13 at the Public Record Office. This is a very interesting book which reads from both ends. At the front is the register of Bethlem Hospital with much more than just the names of the patients. At the other end, is a list of Criminal Lunatics from around the country who were held in County institutions or occasionally who were released into the custody of individuals.

(v)

**Cornwall Railway** is a database of 457 records, listing and indexing the names of all the men employed by the Cornwall Railway at the time of its take-over by the Great Western Railway Company on 15 June 1889. The basic information from PRONames 2 has been expanded to record the men's names, occupations, places of work and wages or salaries (from the Engineer at £900 per annum to the mason's lad at 4s0d per week); the dates of entering service (for the officers & clerks and the Traffic Department) and dates of birth also for the officers & clerks.

(vi)

**Prisoners Pardoned** (Class HO 13, from 1782) will help to get you back before the early nineteenth century in a series almost as important as the Criminal Registers themselves. Copies were kept of the Home Secretary's correspondence relating to prisoners and their supporters in the *Criminal Entry Books*. Each original volume, covering approximately a year, contains a contemporary listing, usually alphabetised by surname of those involved, in sections relating to pardons (free and conditional), references, remissions, respites and warrants particular. The indexes are being released in volumes corresponding to the originals. Details given are name, alias, court, notes, type of record and PRO reference. The whole of England & Wales is covered in each volume.

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**Musters of the Militia** (Class WO 13, 1781-82). The Militia Act of 1757 provided for men to serve in the militia at home in order to counter any threat arising while the majority of the regular army was stationed abroad. Lists of eligible men in each parish were known as militia ballot lists and from these, the men actually chosen appeared in the *militia lists* which are often to be found in county record offices. At the Public Record Office, however, are the muster and pay lists in series WO 13. These record the men actually serving and the indexes provide details for each man at the three or four musters during the two year period for which records survive. County regiments, although recruited locally, often served away from home and these indexes tell precisely where, under whom and on what dates the men were mustered. There are sixty-five volumes covering the whole of England & Wales.

(viii)

**Military Courts** (1879-1994). Completely cross-referenced, this publication lists name, date, offence and type of proceedings, along with other details where available, such as rank, unit and related documents. Includes a number of civilians as well as a wide range of offences.

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**Everton Necropolis** (Liverpool, Low Hill Cemetery - Burials, 1825-1827)  
In the mid-nineteenth century, this register was surrendered to the Non-Parochial Registers Commission and is now in the custody of the PRO. The index includes many details from the originals including parents of deceased children, ministers and causes of death.

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Thanks to Rosie Bailey for the sketch of the marriage.



*That Palace by the Thames* - the Public Record Office, Kew.

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# Sample

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>ADM 13/</u>
Smith	Andrew	71	70
Smith	F H	535	71
Smith	F W	163	71
Smith	G T C	208	70
Smith	J S	310	70
Smith	J W	161	71
Smith	J W	805	70
Smith	W S	318	70
Smithett	M E	624	70
Smithett	M E	627	70
Smythe	George	385	70