

PRO Names

An Index to Miscellaneous

Personal Names

Occurring in Documents at the

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Introduction

a) - Background

I have been visiting the Public Record Office since 1989 and recently, I have been involved in researching the military careers of various relations. During this research, I have compiled a database from which this microfiche index has been produced.

However, my interest in and knowledge of the Public Records started following the discovery of a great 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 in the Criminal Registers in Class HO 27, I started to transcribe these and have published on microfiche several volumes of indexes, starting in 1805 and covering a large part of the country. A database for HO 27 is kept separately from this one but there are a few entries from other HO classes here.

b) - Coverage

My main interest has been with the Royal Navy in the First World War, having a grandfather, great uncle and cousin all at the Battle of Jutland. Research has brought many delights and along the way, names incidental to the main stories have been noted. There is a necessary bias towards certain types of document. Of the 13,163 entries, 6,632 or 50% relate to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Another 30% have their source in the Army and RAF. 5% of records here relate to criminals.

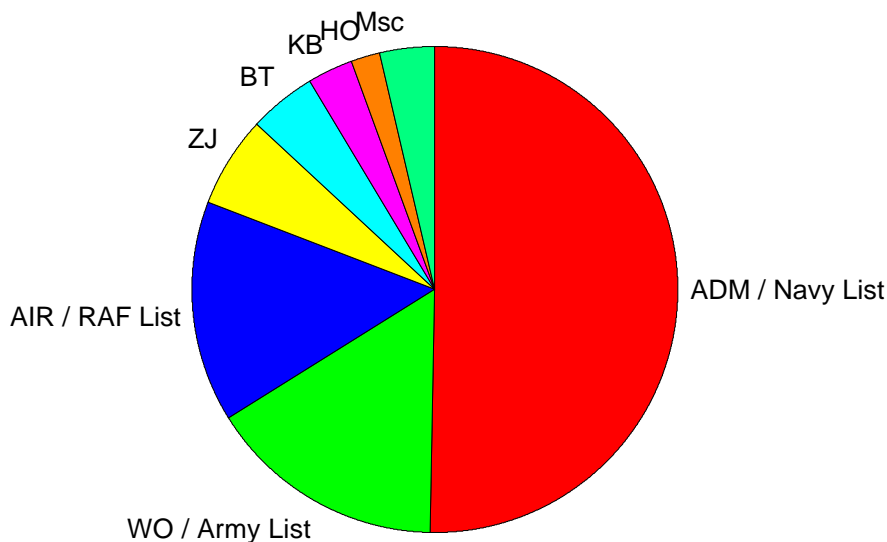
Generally, only representative names have been extracted from documents which I have used. However, the following lists have been copied in their entirety. Between them, these represent 32% of the PRONAMES Index.

ADM	1/5123/25	Impressed smugglers, 1824	(157 entries)
ADM	1/8463/178	HMS Warrior, trial of crew, 1916	(731)
ADM	36/16491	HMS Neptune, muster, 1805	(796)
ADM	242	RND War Graves, 1914-1920	(441 to date)
AIR	27/2128	617 Squadron - Dambusters crews, 1943	(186)
AIR	28/529	RAF Medan personnel, 1946	(234)
KB	32/23	Millbank Penitentiary returns, 1826	(335)
MH	106/1528	Napsbury Hospital Register, 1918-1919	(199)
WO	93/49	Soldiers executed, 1914-1920	(326)
ZJ	1/658	Canadians Mentioned in Despatches, 1918	(522)
ZJ	1/1460	BEMs, Birthday Honours, 1983	(247)

Documents from the following Classes are represented:

Alphabetically by Class			By number of Records		
ADM	6302	47.9%	ADM	6302	47.9%
AIR	1889	14.4%	WO	2076	15.8%
BT	593	4.5%	AIR	1889	14.4%
CAB	26	0.2%	ZJ	817	6.2%
CO	4	0.0%	BT	593	4.5%
HCA	4	0.0%	KB	389	3.0%
HO	252	1.9%	Navy List *	330	2.5%
KB	389	3.0%	HO	252	1.9%
MEPO	43	0.3%	MH	248	1.9%
MH	248	1.9%	PC	51	0.4%
MINT	1	0.0%	MEPO	43	0.3%
PC	51	0.4%	PCOM	28	0.2%
PCOM	28	0.2%	RG	27	0.2%
PIN	5	0.0%	CAB	26	0.2%
PMG	5	0.0%	RAF List	20	0.2%
RAIL	10	0.1%	Army List	12	0.1%
RG	27	0.2%	MM Index	12	0.1%
SP	5	0.0%	RAIL	10	0.1%
T	10	0.1%	T	10	0.1%
TS	1	0.0%	PIN	5	0.0%
WO	2076	15.8%	PMG	5	0.0%
ZJ	817	6.2%	SP	5	0.0%
Army List	12	0.1%	CO	4	0.0%
MiD Index	3	0.0%	HCA	4	0.0%
MM Index	12	0.1%	MiD Index	3	0.0%
Navy List *	330	2.5%	MINT	1	0.0%
RAF List	20	0.2%	TS	1	0.0%
	13163	100.0%		13163	100.0%

* There are a further 1666 Navy List records classified under ADM 177 above.



c) - Arrangement

Note that this index should be looked upon as a pointer to original records, indicating which classes might fruitfully be searched once you have found a name of interest.

Some individuals can be seen to have several distinct entries in the index. This is due to their being particular subjects of my research and the database has actually grown from a need to trace individuals throughout their careers.

On occasion, it may appear that entries have been duplicated. This is usually due to the fact that these entries are shortened versions of what is held on the database. Thus, there may be entries in fields in the database which have not been printed but which would differentiate between the records.

The computer system used may unavoidably truncate a few long entries. Sometimes, the database holds a little more information than in this print-out but it is really the originals which should be consulted next.

Occasionally, discrepancies arise where more than one entry relates to the same person. This is often shown by a second or third initial being different. Human error cannot be ruled out in the transcription but this is more likely to be due to the original documents having been created with erroneous or indecipherable details.

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Remember that although the people listed can of course be found in the documents mentioned, the likelihood is that they will appear in others as well. Therefore, it may be of use to research other, similar, classes in addition to further documents in the same class.

Document Lettercodes

ADM	Admiralty
AIR	Air Ministry
BT	Board of Trade
CAB	Cabinet Office
CO	Colonial Office
HCA	High Court of the Admiralty
HO	Home Office
KB	Court of the King's Bench
MEPO	Metropolitan Police
MH	Ministry of Health
MINT	Royal Mint
PC	Privy Council
PCOM	Prison Commission
PIN	Ministry of Pensions
PMG	Paymaster General
RAIL	Railways
RG	General Register Office
SP	State Paper Office
T	Treasury
TS	Treasury Solicitor
WO	War Office
ZJ	London Gazette
MiD Index	Index to Mentions in Despatches (Microfiche)
MM Index	Index to Awards of the Military Medal (Microfiche)

The "PRONAMES" database contains information on people who may still be alive. As such, I have registered under the Data Protection Act, 1984.

I am committed to upholding the eight Data Protection Principles of good information handling practice.

Stuart Tamblin, 1997

PRONames 2

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The *PRONames* indexes have been born out of my own research and are now offered as an incentive to family historians and other researchers to become involved with the Public Records. It is to be hoped that, seeing the sort of information which can be obtained about individuals from the holdings of the PRO, readers will be encouraged to find the classes and specific documents which are relevant to their own interests.

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My main interest has been with the Royal Navy in the First World War, having a grandfather, great uncle and first cousin twice removed all at the Battle of Jutland.

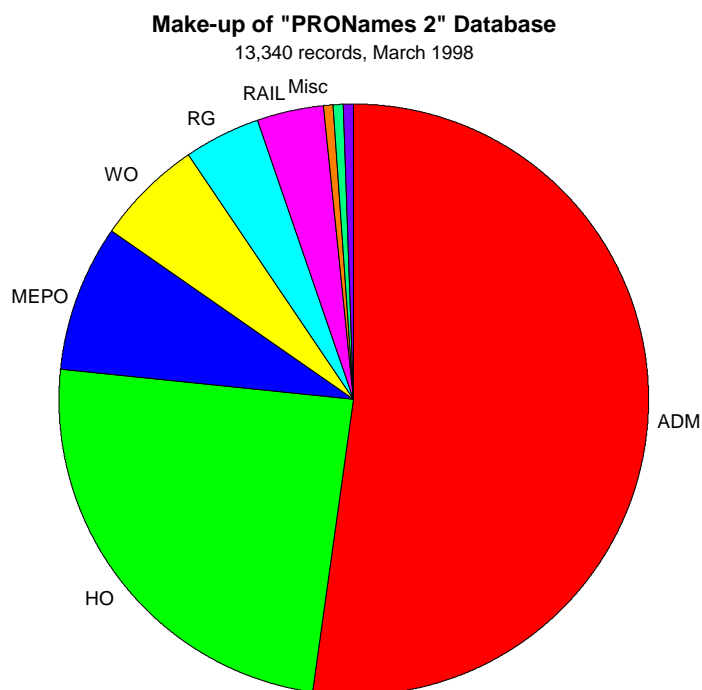
Of the 13,340 entries, 52% relate to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Another 6% have their source in the Army and RAF. 24% of records relate to criminals but, for good measure, there are over 1,000 policemen. A year's entries in a non-parochial burial register are also included to illustrate the diversity of the public records.

The following lists have been copied in their entirety.

ADM 104/146	Battle of Jutland Casualties, 1916	4,572
ADM 104/147	Battle of Jutland Casualties, 1916	2,238
AVIA 5/20	Air Ferry Crews lost, 1941	58
CHES 24/186/1	Cheshire Jurors, 1813	64
HD 3/3	Secret Service Pensioners, 1827	91
HO 13/16	Prisoners Pardoned, 1804/5	1,038
HO 20/13	Criminal Lunatics, Bethlehem Hospital, 1799-1843	233
HO 20/13	Criminal Lunatics, County Asylums, 1800-39	381
HO 26/56	Prisoners in Newgate Gaol, 1792-93	1,595
MEPO 4/353	Metropolitan Police Attestations, 1877	1,072
RAIL 134/40	Staff of Cornwall Railway, 1889	457
RG 4/3121	Everton, Liverpool Necropolis Burial Ground, 1825	552
WO 71	Court Martial Class List, 1879-1921	451

Documents from the following Classes are represented:

Alphabetically by Class			By number of Records		
ADM	6973	52.3%	ADM	6973	52.3%
AVIA	64	0.5%	HO	3262	24.5%
CHES	65	0.5%	MEPO	1079	8.1%
HD	91	0.7%	WO	781	5.9%
HO	3262	24.5%	RG	552	4.1%
MEPO	1079	8.1%	RAIL	457	3.4%
PCOM	16	0.1%	HD	91	0.7%
RAIL	457	3.4%	CHES	65	0.5%
RG	552	4.1%	AVIA	64	0.5%
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d) Acknowledgments

Thanks are due to Hilary Marshall for suggesting that "PRONames" should be published and to Elizabeth Hore who carefully transcribed the Police attestations for me to include in this publication. Liz is a member of the Friends of the PRO and one of the volunteers working on the project to index the soldiers' documents in Classes WO 97 and WO 121.

Document Lettercodes

ADM	Admiralty
AVIA	Ministry of Aviation
CHES	Palatinate of Cheshire
HD	Secret Intelligence Service
HO	Home Office
MEPO	Metropolitan Police
PCOM	Prison Commission
RAIL	Railways
RG	Registrar General
WO	War Office

PRONames 3

**A third index to some
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MARCH 1999

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Of the 10,329 entries in *PRONames 3*, 43% relate to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Another 33% have their source in the Army.

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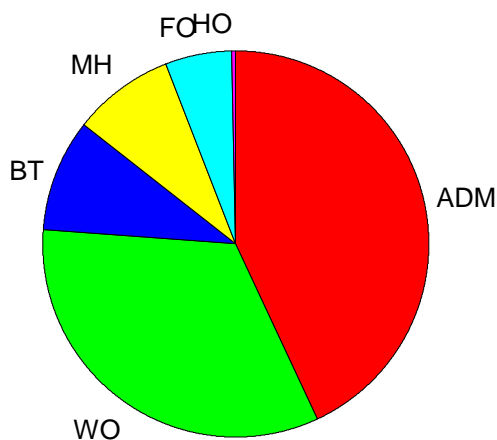
ADM 36/10774	Muster of HMS Bounty, 1787
ADM 53/37664	Casualty List, HMS Chester, 31 May 1916
ADM 53/47978	Casualty List, HMS Malaya, 31 May 1916
ADM 104/113	WRNS killed in service, 1940-41
ADM 116/1526	Casualty List, HMS Hampshire, 5 June 1916
ADM 116/1717	RNAS Armoured Cars, Russia
ADM 171/16	NZ Medal, 1845-47/1860-61/1863-66
ADM 171/70	RNR Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, 1909-12, A-C
BT 98/2421-22	Seamen's Crew Agreements, Bristol, 1851
FO 83/646	Légion d'Honneur, 1856
MH 106/2223	Medical Sheets, Napsbury War Hospital, 1917-20, Hea-Hy
WO 13/346	Musters of the Cornwall Militia, 1781-82
WO 71/343, 691-1322, 1337, 1350-52, 1414	Courts Martial, 1879-1970
WO 100/30	Medal Roll of the 55th Regiment of Foot; Crimea, 1855-56

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ADM	4,453	43.1%	ADM	4,453	43.1%
BT	973	9.4%	WO	3,420	33.1%
FO	585	5.7%	BT	973	9.4%
HO	26	0.3%	MH	872	8.4%
MH	872	8.4%	FO	585	5.7%
WO	3,420	33.1%	HO	26	0.3%
	10,329	100.0%		10,329	100.0%

Make-up of "PRONames 3" Database

10,329 records, March 1999



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MH	Ministry of Health
WO	War Office

Sample

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>DoB</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>PRO Reference</u>			
Smith	J		Army	Court Martial			1916	WO	71	/	481
Smith	J		Army	Court Martial			1917	WO	71	/	588
Smith	J	Pte	RAF	Napsbury War Hosp	105844		4/3/18-30/6/19	MH	106	/	1528
Smith	J		RN	HMS Royalist			5 Apr 1896	ADM	53	/	15484
Smith	J	Private	Army	1st Royal Dragoons	3063		01 November 1901	WO	100	/	114
Smith	J	Private	Army	1st Royal Dragoons	4739		01 November 1901	WO	100	/	114
Smith	J	Sto	RN	HMS Warspite	{blank}		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	J	Pte	Army	1st L North Lincs			02 July 1916	WO	93	/	49
Smith	J	Pte	Army	17th Liverpool R			05 September 1917	WO	93	/	49
Smith	J	AC2	RAF	RAF Medan	2265674		19 November 1946	AIR	28	/	529
Smith	J G	Seaman	RNR	HMS Barham	97L		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	J J	Mate	RN	HMS Colleen			24 July 1918	ADM	156	/	43
Smith	J Macnair	Maj	RM	Training depot			05 April 1919	ADM	184	/	34
Smith	J W	F/S	RAF	148 Sq			10 February 1945	AIR	27	/	996
Smith	James	Prisoner	Home Office	Conditional Pardon			1804/5	HO	13	/	16
Smith	James	Pte	Army	55th Foot	3475		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	James	Pte	Army	55th Foot	3001		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	James	Pte	Army	55th Foot	3345		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	James	Convict	Penitentiary	Millbank		c1806	23 Jan 1826	KB	32	/	23
Smith	James	PC	Met Police	A Divn	61097		29 Jan 1877	MEPO	4	/	353
Smith	James	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p54 no72		Apr 1793	HO	26	/	56
Smith	James	Mr	Secret Service	Pensioner			Apr 1827	HD	3	/	3
Smith	James	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p46 no100		Feb 1793	HO	26	/	56
Smith	James	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p14 no16		Oct 1792	HO	26	/	56
Smith	James	Sto 1	RN	HMS Indefatigable	K30997		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	James	Sto PO	RN	HMS Turbulent	170459		01 June 1916	ADM	104	/	147
Smith	James	LS	RN	HMS Warrior	J1967		14 July 1916	ADM	1	/	8463/178
Smith	James Edmund	PC	Met Police	G Divn	61191		19 Feb 1877	MEPO	4	/	353
Smith	Jane	Criminal Lunatic	Bethlem Hosp'l			c1796	26 Sep 1819	HO	20	/	13
Smith	Jane	Criminal Lunatic	Bethlem Hosp'l			c1795	Apr 1821	HO	20	/	13
Smith	Jane	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p75 no18		Sep 1793	HO	26	/	56
Smith	Job	Pte	Army	55th Foot	2184		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	John	Seaman	Crew Agreem't	Enterprise	66637	c1824	01 Jan-30 Jun 1851	BT	98	/	2422
Smith	John	Parent	Everton	Necropolis Bur Grnd			11 Dec 1825	RG	4	/	3121
Smith	John	AB	RN	HMS Bounty		c1751	16 Aug 1787	ADM	36	/	10774
Smith	John	Pte	Cornwall Militia	Capt Fortescue's Coy			1781-1782	WO	13	/	346
Smith	John	Pte	Cornwall Militia	Maj Lemon's Company			1781-1782	WO	13	/	346
Smith	John	Pte	Cornwall Militia	Maj Lemon's Company			1781-1782	WO	13	/	346
Smith	John	Prisoner	Home Office	Conditional Pardon			1804/5	HO	13	/	16
Smith	John	Prisoner	Home Office	Conditional Pardon			1804/5	HO	13	/	16
Smith	John	Bosn Mate	RN	HMS Calliope	18		1845-47	ADM	171	/	16
Smith	John	Pte	Army	55th Foot	3591		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	John	Pte	Army	55th Foot	3746		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	John	Pte	Army	55th Foot	3591		1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	John	Pte	Army	55th Foot			1855-56	WO	100	/	30
Smith	John	PC	Met Police	D Divn	61265		19 Mar 1877	MEPO	4	/	353
Smith	John	Convict	Penitentiary	Millbank		c1786	23 Jan 1826	KB	32	/	23
Smith	John	Convict	Penitentiary	Millbank		c1806	23 Jan 1826	KB	32	/	23
Smith	John	Pte	Militia	N Lincs	13		24 Jun 1793	WO	13	/	1295
Smith	John	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p4 no36		28 Sep 1792	HO	26	/	56
Smith	John	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p7 no29		28 Sep 1792	HO	26	/	56
Smith	John	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p8 no104		28 Sep 1792	HO	26	/	56
Smith	John	Pte	Army	1st Royal Dragoons	1729		3 Nov 1880	WO	100	/	46
Smith	John		RN	HMS Neptune	1298		31 Dec 1805	ADM	36	/	16491
Smith	John		RN	HMS Neptune	1499		31 Dec 1805	ADM	36	/	16491
Smith	John		RN	Admiralty			31 Dec 1824	ADM	1	/	5123/25
Smith	John	Recruit	Army	South Devon Militia	1298	cJan 1834	31 Dec 1854	WO	13	/	550
Smith	John	PC	Met Police	W Divn	61137		5 Feb 1877	MEPO	4	/	353
Smith	John	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p21		Oct 1792	HO	26	/	56
Smith	John	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p83 no136		Sep 1793	HO	26	/	56
Smith	John	Pte	RMLI	HMS Queen Mary	16230		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	John	Boy 1	RN	HMS Invincible	J37922		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	John	Boy 1	RN	HMS Invincible	J30990		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	John	Skipper	RNR	Mackays			01 January 1918	ADM	177	/	15
Smith	John	Skipper	RNR	Northern Scot			01 January 1918	ADM	177	/	15
Smith	John E	Sto 1CI	RN	HMS Warrior	K18068		14 July 1916	ADM	1	/	8463/178
Smith	John Frederick	Sto 1	RN	HMS Indefatigable	K9900		31 May 1916	ADM	104	/	146
Smith	John Thomas	Prisoner	HM Gaol	Newgate	p42 no17		Feb 1793	HO	26	/	56
Smith	John W S	Lt Col	Army	38th Foot			1856	FO	83	/	646