

UAG Catalogue Project Update – overall completion 2013/2014 (March 2014)

Admiralty, Passing Certificates for Engineers (ADM 13/200-205)

This project covered six pieces (200-205) and has generated 3765 items, which provide information about personal names, ranks, awards of certificates, and some other personal information in support of those awards.

CO 904 Ireland: Dublin Castle Records and WO 35 War Office: Army of Ireland: Administrative and Easter Rising Records

CO 904/193-216 Dublin Castle Papers: Personalities files and CO 904/42-44 Murder trials – these are now catalogued by name

WO 35/94-120/1 and WO 35/121-131/1 Prosecutions of civilians files - catalogue entries now include name; charge; date, place and/or county; verdict, sentence and/or other outcome.

WO 35/146A/2-160 Inquiry in lieu of inquest files – these are now catalogued by name, date and place and/or county.

C11 Court of Chancery: Six Clerks Office: Pleadings 1714 to 1758

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C14 Court of Chancery: Clerks of Records and Writs Office: Pleadings 1842-1852

C 14 contains nearly 22,000 pleadings started in the Court of Chancery between Michaelmas 1842 and 1852. The catalogue entries for C 14 have now been brought up to the standard of the very popular C 16 (similar pleadings, started 1861-1875). Instead of just giving short title, the descriptions have been expanded to include the names of plaintiffs and defendants as recorded in the Cause Books in C 32. As with C 16, we have added searchable codes to indicate female plaintiffs (SFP for one, JFP for more than one) for those researchers interested in studying Victorian women. The solicitors are named in the C 32: most are based in London, and these have not been included. We have indicated where they were not Londoners, in order to give some idea of potential location of the parties.

WORK Architectural Drawings

Enhanced descriptions of Ministry of Works architectural drawings: c18,200 pieces across 15 series, some containing multiple items.

Buildings shown on the drawings are of national importance and/or wide interest, ranging in date from the 17th century to the 1930s. Users may now search by architects' names, contract drawing numbers, and phases of building construction and alteration. Exact dating is now given in many cases. This project has allowed removal of a series of old, partial, and not very legible finding aids from the Map and Large Document Reading Room

C 5 Chancery Pleadings, Bridges Division, 1613-1714

C 5 now has 60,000 detailed descriptions searchable in Discovery, thanks to Friends of The National Archives. C 5 includes nearly 6,000 cases brought by women alone (identifiable by the codes SFP and JFP – sole female plaintiff and joint female plaintiffs), and there are also over 300 references to inns, called the usual range of Swans, Bears, Bulls, Angels, Crowns etc – but also the less likely Three Herrings. We added [inn] if these were just described as The Bell, to make them more easily found, but some may well be taverns or brew-houses.

SP 20 Parliamentary Sequestration Committee: Books and Papers

SP 20/10-13 (General and case papers, 1643-1651) are now completed and live on the catalogue described with the manuscript folio range and the item range from a Calendar.

WO 69 Ordnance Office, Military Branch, and War Office: Royal Artillery Records of Service and Papers, 1755-1917

These records of non-commissioned officers and men include description books; records of service, including original attestation papers; registers of marriages and baptisms; registers of deceased soldiers; some records of transfer of men to the Army Reserve; pension registers; description book of the Royal Irish Artillery, 1756 to 1774; and miscellaneous correspondence. The series has an overall date range from 1755 to 1917. The project, completed by the Friends of the National Archives, has provided a total of over 176,000 entries relating to individual service.

MH 47 Central Military Service Tribunal and Middlesex Appeal Tribunal : Minutes and Papers, 1915-1922

The funding provided by the Friends of TNA and the Federation of Family History Societies has allowed this collection to be made available as free downloads for a 10 year period. The records comprise case papers for over 8,000 individuals seeking exemption from conscription into the army in Middlesex during the First World War. (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/909.htm>).

BT 100 Registry of Shipping and Seamen: Transcripts and Transactions, Series IV, Closed Registries, 1890-1998

All 2,189 pieces now described with ships names and official numbers, when built and date of closure of ship's registry. Just under 100,000 items (individual ships' registries) in BT 110 can now be searched on Discovery by ship's name, official number (useful for searches of other BT record series), date of building and date of closure of the ship's registry.

E 179 Hearth Tax (Too Poor to Pay)

Surry Hearth Tax exemption certificates became available in January 2014 on TNA's catalogue Discovery. There are 339 items comprising 315 certificates. They can be found under the reference E 179/346.