

INFORMATION ON SERIES OF DOCUMENTS

Series	ADM 80/4-12
Title	Register of dead men's wages. Alphabetical list of men who served in the Royal Navy, giving the names of the ships on which they served and their rating. 1787-1809
Structure	<p>ADM 80/4 and 5 both refer to men serving in the Royal Navy; they are arranged alphabetically according to the first letter of a man's name.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piece 4 lists men's names, giving the ships on which they had served (presumably since last being paid), together with their rating. • Piece 5 lists men's names, giving the ships on which they had served (presumably since last being paid), together with rating; dates of death are recorded. <p>ADM 80/6-12 refer to men serving on British merchant ships travelling to/from the West Indies. They account for the wages forfeited (according to <i>An Act for preventing Desertion of Seamen from British Merchant Ships trading to His Majesty's Colonies & Plantation in the West Indies 37 Geo III c73</i>) by men who deserted as well as to deceased seamen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pieces 7 and 8 are accounts but usually mention the name of the deceased and/or his executors. • Pieces 9 and 10 are accounts, arranged by port, but make specific mention of the deceased man and the ship to which he belonged; date of death is not usually given. • Pieces 6, 11 and 12 are lists of monies received, at each port, from the masters of ships. These normally record details about deaths of individual seamen. Sometimes there are to be found details of the disposal of funds remaining unclaimed, by deceased seamen's family, after the statutory 3 years.
Size/Scope	9 bound registers containing approximately 1500 images
Physical Format and Condition	Bound registers. The manuscript entries are made onto printed sheets divided into columns by heading, and complete entries will stretch across two pages (left to right). Pieces 6, 11 and 12 are in registers that are, in the closed position, larger than A3 but not as large as A2. Colour scanning may be appropriate to capture feint coloured text.
Popularity	These volumes were ordered 11 times by researchers in the reading rooms at The National Archives between 1 st January 2007 and 31 st December 2007. In a package with other related materials this series is expected to be of greater interest to the public.
Copyright clearance	Under investigation
Research Guide	Births, Marriages and Deaths at Sea War Dead: First and Second World Wars Unfree Labour: Family History Sources for Indian Indentured Labour
Possible areas for indexing	Name and date.
Any other relevant information	