

**Digitisation Projects Update
December 2008**

Licensed Internet Associateships (“LiAs”) – available free onsite at TNA:

- 1. 1911 Census**
Scanning almost complete, alpha testing in progress. See www.1911census.co.uk for updates and to register. Launch early 2009.
- 2. World War I Soldiers’ Records**
Pensions Records (WO 364) complete online from Ancestry
Service Records (WO 363) – surnames A-N live. Further content launches Spring and Autumn 2009.
- 3. Non-parochial bmds**
RG 4, 5, 6 and 7 live on bmdregisters.co.uk from S&N Genealogy at www.thegenealogist.co.uk
Rest of package still to come: RG 8, 32-36 and BT 158-160
- 4. Immigration Records (BT 26, HO 2,3 & 5)**
BT 26 live online from www.ancestry.co.uk
HO 2,3 & 5, transcription in progress, due to launch Spring 2009
- 5. Chelsea Pensioners’ Records (WO 96, 97)**
Scanning underway onsite by Find My Past Ltd. Timetable of record availability onsite at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/212.htm> First content launches due late 2009.
- 6. Merchant Navy Service Records (BT 112-116, 120, 348-350, 364)**
Preferred bidder: Find My Past Limited. Contract in negotiation for production 2009
- 7. Royal Irish Constabulary Records (HO 180, 340, PMG 48)**
Preferred bidder: Eneclann. Contract in negotiation for production in 2009.
- 8. Maritime Birth, Marriages and Deaths (ADM 80, 183, 184, 242, 338, BT 153, 156, 157, 334, CO 386, CUST 67)**
Preferred bidder: Find My Past Limited. Contract in negotiation for production in 2009-10
- 9. Re-scans of 1851 Census**
Tests of new UV and IR light scanners on mould-damaged and faded census returns held in September, with promising results. Ancestry to re-scan sub-standard or unreadable and damaged pages of 1851 census to patch into online LiA service late 08-early 09.

Academic, non-exclusive and non-commercial projects

- 1. State Papers Domestic, Foreign and Ireland 1509-1714**
Series I (Domestic, Tudor) launched 18 November 2008, available free in TNA reading room via "OPERA" menu.
Colour scanning currently underway at TNA through Cengage Learning (formerly Thomson Gale). Third of 4 tranches in progress. Collection offers fully word-searchable calendar entries linked to original document images, and will match TNA documents with papers from the manuscript department of the British Library and Hatfield House.
- 2. HO 26, 27: Criminal Registers, 1791-1892**
Registers scanned onsite by Ancestry, to be transcribed by volunteers through Ancestry's "World Archives" project.
- 3. MH 12 – Work House Records**
Internally-funded scanning underway, and transcription/cataloguing begun for 20 work houses by 20 regional volunteer groups. Images and transcription will be available free on Documents Online.
- 4. ADM 53 and 55: RN Ships' log books**
Scanning of ADM 55 (logs of voyages of exploration and discovery) complete, and ADM 53 (RN logs 1914-18) underway at TNA for climate change study, funded by DEFRA/Met Office and JISC. Results, mapping historic weather patterns and trends to improve climate change predictions available free on RECLAIM website:
<http://icoads.noaa.gov/reclaim>

Documents Online

Series Currently in production for completion by end of April 2008:

- ADM 139** : Naval Ratings' service records 1853-72 – first 200 of 1000 pieces online. Remainder online by end 2009
- ADM 159**: Royal Marines registers of service to launch by end of 2008
- ADM 196** : Navy Officers' service records 1756-1966 – selected 98 pieces up to 1920 awaiting launch opportunity in marketing calendar
- ADM 337**: Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves records, World War I live online 4 October
- AIR 50**: Combat reports, World War II – complete online
- AIR 80** : Airwomen's Records 1914-18 – complete online
- BT 389** : World War II merchant shipping movement cards to launch 2009
- WO 372** : Service medal and award rolls 1914-22 complete online
- WO 373** : Recommendations for honours and awards 1935-90 online.