

**Digitisation Projects Update for  
Online User Advisory Panel 17 March 2008**

**LiAs – available free onsite at TNA & FRC:**

1. **World War I Soldiers' Records**  
Pensions Records (WO 364) complete online from Ancestry  
Service Records (WO 363) – surnames A-H plus mis-sorts live 13 March 2008
2. **Ancestors Onboard (BT 27)**  
Final content (1950s lists) launched 18 March – series complete online.
3. **Non-parochial bmds**  
RG 5 and most of RG 4 live on bmdregisters.co.uk from S&N Genealogy. 72 problem pieces of RG 4 currently being translated (from Russian) for imminent upload along with RG 6 (Quaker registers) and 7 (Fleet registers). Rest of package comprises RG 8, 32-36 and BT 158-160
4. **Immigration Records (BT 26, HO 2,3 & 5)**  
Ancestry onsite at TNA scanning BT 26, HO 2,3 & 5, due to complete in April/May for launch of complete service in the Autumn.
5. **Chelsea Pensioners' Records (WO 96, 97)**  
LiA awarded to findmypast with scanning by GSU. Contract currently in negotiation with proposed start of onsite operation May.
6. **Merchant Navy Service Records (BT 112-116, 120, 348-350, 364)**  
Preferred bidder findmypast. Contract in negotiation.
7. **Royal Irish Constabulary Records (HO 180, 340, PMG 48)**  
6 Supplier sessions held, bids due for submission 4 April.
8. **Maritime Birth, Marriages and Deaths (ADM 80, 183, 184, 242, 338, BT 153, 156, 157, 334, CO 386, CUST 67)** opens for expressions of interest 23 May
9. **Re-scans of 1851 Census**  
Ancestry to re-scan sub-standard or unreadable and damaged pages of 1851 census using latest lighting technology to patch into online LiA service.

**Academic and non-commercial projects**

1. **State Papers Domestic, Foreign and Ireland**  
Colour scanning currently underway through Cengage Learning (formerly Thomson Learning) of State Papers Domestic, Foreign and Ireland 1509-1714. In-house scanning at TNA of second of 4 tranches due for completion mid-July. Collection will match TNA documents with papers

from the manuscript department of the British Library and Hatfield House.

**2. HCA 30 – Dutch Sailing Letters**

Pilot 10,000 image collection of Dutch documents impounded from ships in 17<sup>th</sup> century almost complete (4<sup>th</sup> of 6 boxes currently scanning) after extensive preservation work.

**3. MH 12 – Work House Records**

HLF grant application submitted December. Case Officer allocated, questions submitted and dialogue in progress with view to 20 regional volunteer groups transcribing records of their local work houses during 2008. Outcome of application due June 24.

**Documents Online**

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

**BT 389** : World War II merchant shipping movement cards

**AIR 50**: Combat reports, World War II - complete

**AIR 80** : Airwomen's Records 1914-18 - complete

**ADM 139** : Naval service records 1853-72 - complete

**ADM 196** : Navy Officers' service records 1756-1966 - complete

**WO 372** : Service medal and award rolls 1914-22

**WO 373** : Recommendations for honours and awards 1935-90 - complete