Cataloguing Project update, February 2017

ADM 73/154-389: Greenwich Hospital School application papers, 1728-1870

These underused application papers previously were produced in loose bundles in an unsorted arrangement by the box, archived and referenced by the initial letters of a range of surnames. Following the completion of this sorting and cataloguing project, the catalogue descriptions to over 28,000 applications can now be searched in several ways including, for example, by name of applicant, parents’ names, and date of entry to the school. This project has established that there are application papers of not just children of fathers who served in the Royal Navy, but also Royal Marines, Merchant Navy and Coastguard personnel, and that the papers consist of both successful and unsuccessful applications often full of supporting paperwork such as service records and baptismal and marriage certificates.

C9: Part of Chancery Pleadings Project

C 9 had been in the online catalogue in an alphabetical sequence, with short titles and dates only. We have added more detailed descriptions for the first 44 pieces (6782 entries, 13% of the total 52655 entries) from the single volume Map Room Finding Aid, giving full name of the first named plaintiff and one or more full names for the defendants, sometimes noting that there are others in the case. These entries also give place and/or subject matter and we have added a plaintiff coding for some cases. We have added the document type to all the entries from OBS 1, along with some forenames for plaintiffs where it is given. Also 167 new pieces have been added where these had previously been omitted, and there have been some corrections made to dates and the entries sorted and reorganised into a numeric sequence.

T 1: Treasury Board Papers and In-Letters, 1909

216 pieces (T 1/10962-11777) of Treasury correspondence for the year 1909 have been catalogued from an unpublished finding aid using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software. The catalogue entries were then checked by staff from The National Archives who were able to fix errors and add entries for items which were not included in the finding aid. There are now 3070 items of T 1 correspondence for the year 1909 which are keyword searchable. This means that the series is now fully keyword searchable from 1909-1946.
E 179 Hearth Tax Exemption (Too Poor to Pay')

Lists of Oxfordshire hearth tax exemption certificates (E 179/164/536) and lists of Herefordshire hearth tax exemption certificates (E 179-119-509) are now available on Discovery.