Cataloguing Projects update November 2015

MH 12: Local Government Board and predecessors: Correspondence with Poor Law Unions and Other Local Authorities (Midlands), c 1845-1871

Cataloguing of the above is now complete. This selected set of 47 volumes, catalogued to item level (c 25,000 items) covers a group of Midland Poor Law Unions (Basford, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Mansfield, Newcastle under Lyme, Wolstanton and Burslem) and builds upon earlier cataloguing of MH 12 records. These records are now searchable by personal name, place name, country, subject, paper number and poor law union number. The records include data on all aspects of the running of nineteenth century welfare services, workhouse scandals and include the raw data for much of the social history of the nineteenth century poor.

RAIL 1053: Railway Accident Cataloguing project, 1900-1910

The Railway Accident cataloguing project is now complete. The project succeeded in cataloguing nearly 7,000 minor railway accidents, from 10 pieces, RAIL 1053/89-98, for the period 1900-1910 covering the whole of Britain. The ten year period can now be searched by name, job title, type of accident, railway company and location, and could provide a useful resource for family, local, railway and academic historians.

FO 367 - FO 372: Foreign Office Correspondence Project for 1906

This project endeavoured to catalogue the Foreign Office General Correspondence for 1906. Its completion sees 32,000+ entries added to Discovery from the series FO 368 to FO 373. This covers approximately 400 pieces. Dates, names, places and subjects are all now searchable in Discovery, in addition to the file and paper numbers used by the Foreign Office. This replaces a complex, timely search process that used card indexes and Foreign Office registers to find information.

E 179 Hearth Tax Exemption Certificates – Staffordshire

In the latest release of material relating to Hearth Tax Exemption Certificates, 856 Staffordshire certificates have been released on to Discovery. These can be found in E 179/344.