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ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL, HASLAR

Journals of naval surgeons, 1848-80

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Royal Hospital at Haslar, on the southern tip of Gosport Peninsula in Hampshire, was opened in 1754. At the time, it was the largest hospital in England and the largest brick building in Europe. By 1790 there were 2100 patients in the buildings. Until the twentieth century, the hospital was managed by naval officers rather than doctors. However, the staff included some distinguished doctors. James Lind, who was Chief Physician from 1758 to 1783, was the author of *A treatise of the scurvy* (1753) in which he stressed the importance of fresh fruit and vegetables. The noted explorer and naturalist Sir John Richardson was Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets at Haslar from 1838 to 1855. Thomas Huxley worked at Haslar before joining HMS *Rattlesnake* in 1846.

During World War I and World War II, the Royal Naval Hospital treated huge numbers of Allied and enemy troops. It remained an active hospital until the end of the twentieth century, finally closing in 2009.

SURGEONS' JOURNALS

The journals of naval surgeons held in the library at the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar were later transferred to the Public Record Office in London (now The National Archives). They were placed in Adm. 101. Admiralty, Medical departments, Registers and journals. In the following list, the current location of a journal within Adm. 101 is indicated at the end of each entry.

It should be noted that Adm. 101 contains many surgeons' journals in addition to those previously held at Haslar. The Australian Joint Copying Project microfilmed many of them, including journals of surgeons on convict transport, emigrant ships and a small number of Royal Navy vessels. They are listed on pages 75-77 of part 7 of the *Australian Joint Copying Project Handbook*.

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EAST INDIES AND CHINA STATION

- 32 HMS *Modeste*
Journal of R.R. Siccama, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1876
Naval brigade in Perak
TNA: Adm 101/196
- 38 HMS *Ringlove*
Journal of Anthony Gorham, staff surgeon, 1 Jan. 1875 – 31 December 1876
Perak expedition
TNA: Adm 101/192
- 39 HMS *Growler*
Journal of George M. Cuffe, surgeon, 18 February – 31 December 1877
Malay States
TNA: Adm 101/198
- 41 HMS *Fly*
Journal of Edward T. Lloyd, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1875
Operations in Malay States
TNA: Adm 101/193
- 50 HMS *Rinaldo*
Journal of John Buckley, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1872
References to Penang, Singapore, Labuan, Manila
TNA: Adm 101/188

51 HMS *Rinaldo*
Journal of John Buckley, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1871
References to Singapore, Malacca. Penang, King George's Sound
TNA: Adm 101/185

52 HMS *Rinaldo*
Journal of John Buckley, surgeon, 10 May – 31 December 1870
References to Japan
TNA: Adm 101/182

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52 HMS *Rinaldo* (contd.)

53 HMS *Juno*
Journal of Robert Nelson, staff surgeon, 1 October 1876 – 31 December 1877
References to Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai
TNA: Adm 101/197

54 HMS *Niger*
Journal of William Patrick, surgeon, 1 June 1856 – 30 June 1860
References to Shanghai, Singapore, Borneo
TNA: Adm 101/160

57 HMS *Sphinx*
Journal of Gilbert L. King, surgeon, October 1861 – October 1862
Refers to Philippines, Pelew Islands (Palau), Mariana Islands
TNA: Adm 101/173

61 HMS *Perseus*
Journal of A.B. Messer, surgeon, 1 January – 11 October 1867

Refers to Philippines and Pelew Islands (Palau)

TNA: Adm 101/179

65 HMS *Charybdis*

Journal of Thomas L. Bickford, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1876

Refers to military action in the Malay States

TNA: Adm 101/191

72 HMS *Pylades*

Journal of John T. Caddy, surgeon, 25 February 1858 – 31 December 1860

Refers to Singapore and New South Wales

TNA: Adm 101/167

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72 HMS *Pylades* (contd.)

AUSTRALIAN STATION

108 HMS *Dido*

Journal of Godfrey Goodman, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1875

Refers to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and other Pacific islands

TNA: Adm 101/245

109 HMS *Pearl*

Journal of A.B. Messer, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1874

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji

TNA: Adm 101/243

110 HMS *Pearl*

Journal of A.B. Messer, staff surgeon, January – 31 December 1875

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/246

111 HMS *Basilisk*

Journal of Godfrey Goodman, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1872

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/242/1A

112 HMS *Basilisk*

Journal of Peter Comrie, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1874

Refers to Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/244

113 HMS *Curacoa*

Journal of A.B. Messer, assistant surgeon, 21 April 1863 – 20 May 1864

Naval brigade in New Zealand

TNA: Adm 101/239

114 HMS *Pelorus*

Journal of Robert Edwardes, assistant surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1861

Naval brigade in New Zealand

TNA: Adm 101/236

115 HMS *Fawn*

Journal (illustrated) of W. Fasken, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1862

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/237

116 HMS *Wolverene*

Journal of Walter Reid, staff surgeon, 1 August – 31 December 1876

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/247

117 HMS *Wolverene*

Journal of Walter Reid, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1879

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/248

118 HMS *Danae*

Journal of George Mair, staff surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1880

Refers to Australia, New Zealand, Samoa and other Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/249

119 HMS *Miranda*

Journal of Henry Slade, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1864

Naval brigade in New Zealand

TNA: Adm 101/240

120 HMS *Miranda*

Journal of Henry Slade, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1862

Refers to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and other Pacific Islands

TNA: Adm 101/238

121 HMS *Harrier*

Journal of D. Hilston, assistant surgeon, 1 November 1862 – 16 July 1863

Naval brigade in New Zealand

TNA: Adm 101/238/1A

122 HMS *Salamander*

Journal of Alexander Rattray, surgeon, 1 January 1865 – 31 December 1866

Refers to Australia. Includes notes on the medical climatology and physical geography of eastern Australia, especially Cape York Peninsula.

TNA: Adm 101/241

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123 *HMS Salamander*

Journal of Alexander Rattray, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1867

Refers to Australia, New Zealand and the East Indies.

TNA: Adm 101/138

CONVICT TRANSPORTS

136 *Lord Dalhousie*

Journal of Charles A. Anderson, surgeon superintendent, 4 April – 21 August 1852

Voyage from Cork to Hobart with 325 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/251

138A *Adelaide*

Journal of Samuel Donnelly, surgeon superintendent, 2 April – 23 July 1855

Voyage from Portland to Perth with 260 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1A

Castle Eden

Journal of John W. Elliott, surgeon, 9 November 1855 – 26 March 1856

Voyage from Deptford and Portsmouth to Bermuda with 346 convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1B

Duchess of Northumberland

Journal of Charles Smith, surgeon, November 1852 – 27 April 1853

Voyage from Woolwich to Hobart with 219 female convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1C

Hyderabad

Journal of T.H. Keown, surgeon superintendent, 20 August – 24 December 1850

Voyage from Queenstown to Van Diemen's Land with 287 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1D

Horatio

Journal of Robert Grahame, surgeon superintendent, 23 January – 31 December 1852

Stationed at Sheerness

TNA: Adm 101/254/1E

John William Dare

Journal of Robert W. Clarke, surgeon, 11 November 1851 – 29 May 1852

Voyage from Dublin to Hobart with 172 female convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1F

Lady Kennaway

Journal of Joseph Caldwell, surgeon, 27 December 1850 – 30 July 1851

Voyage from Portsmouth to Hobart with 250 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1G

Lady Montagu

Journal of Samuel Donnelly, surgeon, 29 June – 15 December 1852

Voyage from Plymouth to Hobart with 290 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/254/1H

138B *Phoebe Dunbar*

Journal of John W. Bowler, surgeon, 4 May – 21 September 1853

Voyage from Kingstown to Perth with 295 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/253/1A

Ramillies

Journal of Daniel Ritchie, surgeon, 12 April – 14 August 1854

Voyage from London and Plymouth to Perth with 280 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/253/1B

Robert Small

Journal of Harvey Morris, surgeon, 5 April – 13 September 1853

Voyage from London to Perth with 312 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/253/1C

Scindian

Journal of George D. MacLaren, surgeon, 16 January – 20 February 1855

Voyage to Gibraltar with convicts

TNA: Adm 101/253/1D

Sea Park

Journal of Joseph Caldwell, surgeon, December 1853 – April 1854

Voyage from London to Perth with 304 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/253/1E

Sibella

Journal of John Stewart, surgeon, 26 January – 2 March 1853

Voyage to Gibraltar with convicts and troops

TNA: Adm 101/253/1F

Martin Luther

Journal of Thomas Crawford, surgeon, 1 June – 9 September 1852

Voyage from Dublin to Hobart with 212 female convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1A

Mermaid

Journal of Alexander Kilroy, surgeon, 16 December 1850 – 21 May 1851

Voyage from Portsmouth to Perth with 209 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1B

Mermaid

Journal of Robert Stevenson, surgeon, 3 June – 11 August 1856

Voyage to Gibraltar with convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1C

Midlothian

Journal of David Thomas, surgeon, 30 October 1852 – 3 March 1853

Voyage from Dublin to Hobart with 170 female convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1D

Minden

Journal of John Gibson, surgeon, 15 June – 22 October 1851

Voyage from Plymouth to Perth with 302 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1E

Nile

Journal of John Kidd, surgeon, 15 June – 15 October 1850

Voyage from Portland to Hobart with 300 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1F

Oriental Queen

Journal of David Geddes, surgeon, 23 September 1852 – 26 February 1853

Voyage from Plymouth to Hobart with 280 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/252/1G

138D *Merchantman*

Journal of William Smith, surgeon superintendent, 8 October 1862 – 17 February 1863

Voyage from London to Bermuda and Perth with 191 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1A

Merchantman

Journal of William Smith, surgeon superintendent, 11 June – 17 September 1864

Voyage from Portland to Perth with 260 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1B

London

Journal of James Booth, surgeon, 1 November 1850 – 28 March 1851

Voyage from Dublin to Hobart with 288 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1C

Lord Auckland

Journal of John Moody, surgeon superintendent, 4 September 1848 – 27 January 1849

Voyage from Dublin to Hobart with 200 female convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1D

Lord Auckland

Journal of John Davidson, surgeon superintendent, 1 September 1852 – 12 April 1853

Voyage from Cork to Hobart with 248 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1E

Maria Somes

Journal of J.G. Williams, surgeon, 1 April – 16 August 1850

Voyage from Portsmouth to Hobart with 257 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1F

Marion

Journal of Frederick Le Grand, surgeon superintendent, 21 October 1851 – 7 February 1852

Voyage from Portland to Perth with 280 male convicts

TNA: Adm 101/255/1G

HOME AND IRREGULARS STATION

HMS Megaera

Journal of William H. Adam, surgeon, 7 February – 11 October 1871

Passage from Sheerness to Australia; wrecked at St Paul Island, Indian Ocean.

TNA: Adm 101/266

PACIFIC STATION

145 *HMS Topaze*

Journal of Charles Forbes, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1863

Includes notes on the topography, geology and climate of Vancouver Island

TNA: Adm 101/274

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146 *HMS Repulse*

Journal of William Hoggan, fleet surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1875

Refers to Hawaii

TNA: Adm 101/282

156 *HMS Charybdis*

Journal of James C. Messer, surgeon, 1 January – 31 December 1869

Refers to diseases contracted in New Zealand and New South Wales

TNA: Adm 101/277