

Individual pensions

Introduction

In the past some individuals were awarded discretionary pensions for their services to an employer, including those working for the Royal Family or Government. Others were granted pensions by friends or family members. There are a small number of records relating to this type of pension within LMA's collections.

COURTS GENERAL: SMALL COLLECTIONS (CLC/309)

<p>Treatise concerning the jurisdiction, procedures etc. of the Court of Star Chamber, apparently compiled in the reign of James I; also containing (pages 180-230) a list of the nobility of England and of officers of the Crown, early seventeenth century, and (pages 232-250) proposals for the discovery and prevention of corruption in public office.</p> <p>On page 218: under the heading of Northumbria's royal garrisons the entry for Berwick upon Tweed = 'The said Towne is since his Ma[jes]ties most happy coming into England disarrisoned and most of the souldiers discharged saving two Companies and some few old Pentioners '.</p> <p>Page 206 is headed 'Pentioners' although this seems to relate to a military unit rather than pensioners, probably 'The Honourable Band of Gentlemen Pensioners' who acted as the Sovereign's bodyguard</p>	160-	CLC/309/MS00209
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See also: Friendly Societies.

DIOCESE OF LONDON (DL)

<p>Probate inventory: Thomas Crockett, includes details of pension for service as a groom to Charles II</p>	1696 Jun 21	DL/AM/PI/02/1696/014
<p>Matrimonial cause paper: Pendrell. Includes an affidavit that John Spenlove is not in receipt of a government pension for being 'related to any of the Pendrells who were at the saving of his late Majesty King Charles in the Oak'</p>	1750 Jul	DL/C/0552/073

See also: Charity Pensions, Occupational Schemes.

ENFIELD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES (ACC/0903)

<p>Bargain and sale from Elizabeth Gillett, also Thorowgood, widow to Matthew Browne, George Bosgrave and Jacob Curtis, yeoman, of Enfield of small parcel of waste ground enclosed with a cottage on Enfield Park. The property was conveyed in consideration of 2/- and also "the necessary releife and maintenance which the churchwardens, overseers of the poor and vestry men of the said parish have promised shall be provided and allowed... (during her life)", Mrs. Gillett being "a poor auncient woman and not able to mainteine herselfe by her labour."</p>	10 Sep 1692	ACC/0903/142
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GARDNER, REVEREND J (O/167)

The receipt is marked as being received from the Exchequer and authorised by Lord Thurlowe. It is therefore likely to be a government pension, and may be connected to an item listed in the National Archives catalogue: 'Orders for permanent charities' dated between 1789 -1808 (reference E/404/618).

Receipt of pension by Rev. J. Gardner, Lecturer of Kensington. Endorsed: 'Permanent Charities/due 5 April 91/Paid 24 Oct. `91/£10 15s.'	1791	O/167/001
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MIDDLESEX SESSIONS OF THE PEACE

Until 1889 Quarter Sessions were responsible for maintaining Asylums.

List of lunatics made chargeable to the county entitled to pensions or allowances paid by friends; also list of applications pending in 1888-1889. The list gives the individual's name, birthplace if known, union and result of application	Apr 1889 - Jun 1890	MA/A/C/016
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See also: Friendly Societies, Miscellaneous (Annuity and Tontine), Occupational Schemes.

PUBLIC RECORDS (ACC/0276)

Order to pay annuities to redundant members of Royal Household	1773	ACC/0276/010
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