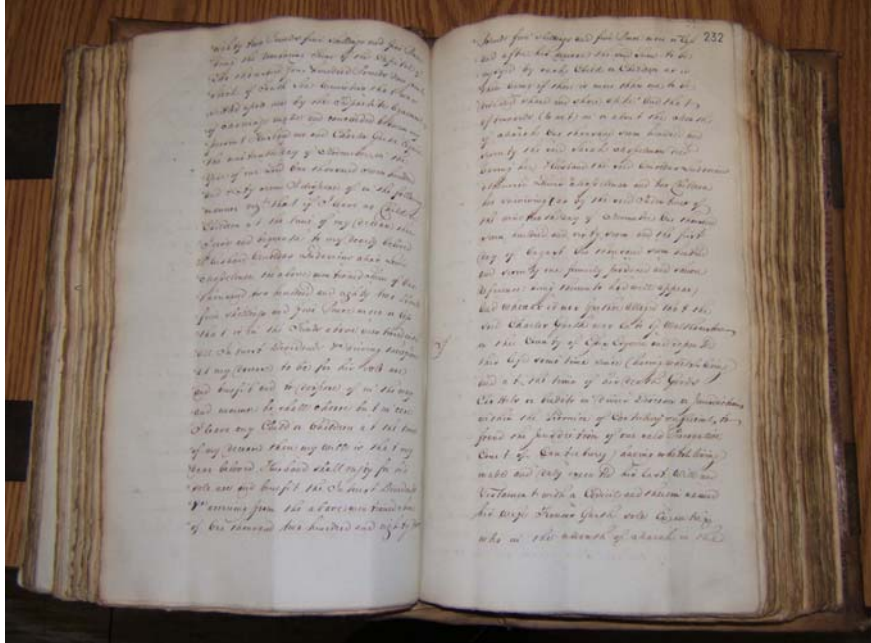


SERIES PROB 6 & PROB 7

INFORMATION ON SERIES OF DOCUMENTS

Series	PROB 6 & 7
Title	Administration act books of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) 1559-1858 and 1810-1858
Structure	<p>PROB 6 - The series are organised in monthly sections divided into seats PROB 7 - The act books in PROB 7 are divided into five sections and then each section is subdivided into twelve monthly subsections.</p> <p>For grants made after 1719 it is necessary to understand the seat system that was used by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury to access the records at present,.</p>
Size/Scope	<p>Prob 6 – Approx 64,000 images -234 pieces – on microfilm, approx 87 reels. Prob 7 – Approx 73,803 images 71 pieces on 41 reels microfilm,</p> <p>The administration act books and the limited administration acts contain the PCC's own records of the letters of administration issued under the seal of the court. Letters of administration were issued to persons who had a claim on the estates of intestates to enable them to administer and distribute the estates.</p>
Physical Format and Condition	<p>The microfilm for both these series have a loss of text from filming of the centre spine of the books. There are many characters missing making much of the text unreadable, especially in the middle pages of each volume. There is also slight text bleed through on most films, but this does not detract from the readability. In addition, particularly with PROB 6, there is scratching to the microfilm and loss of text where repairs to the original (that cannot be removed) obscured text.</p> <p>Volumes are approx size A3 and have very different amounts of pages from piece to piece some being just 7 cm thick others 22 cm thick, the latter are marked as “heavy”.</p> <p>Both sets are hand written on white paper and are clear and readable in black ink, tightly bound into volumes, the text tightly into the gutter of the document making it hard to film/scan in its bound state. All the volumes are foliated, the edges of the pages are slightly frayed but not badly, the bindings are damaged in many cases mostly down the spine of the document.</p> <p>Except for the period 1651 to 1660 the act books are in Latin until 1733. From 1651 to 1660, and after 25 March 1733, the act books are in English, although certain technical phrases and abbreviations continued to be used in Latin.</p>
Popularity	Relatively popular, however the records would be expected to increase in popularity with greater general knowledge of them and wider accessibility.
Copyright clearance	Crown Copyright
Research Guide	Probate Records
Possible areas for indexing	Name (of intestate), Occupation (of intestate), Name (of Administrator), Date (granted), Place (granted)

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Any other relevant information	References to later grants of administration made upon estates subjected to limited administration acts issued by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury during the years that the limited administration act books were in use were added to PROB 7 after the abolition of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1858.
Examples	 <p style="text-align: center;">Prob 7</p>