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MARTINS BANK ARCHIVE

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To: Former Members of the Staff of Martins Bank and their descendants, Historians, Archivists and Family Tree Researchers.

MARTINS BANK STAFF DATABASE v1.0.5x July 2024

Martins Bank Archive is pleased to announce, that after almost fifteen years, the first phase of the Martins Bank Staff Database has been completed. As shown in the table below, Career Records are now available for more than 24,750 members of the staff and directorate. The total information recorded runs to more than 120,000 lines of information and 1.1 million individual pieces of information.

	FULL CAREER DETAILS	PARTIAL CAREER DETAILS	TOTALS
Clerical Staff	19,044	4,864	23,908
Non-Clerical Staff	330	264	594
Directorate	250	27	277

Thanks to the meticulous records kept by the Bank in Martins Bank Magazine and other sources of information held by Martins Bank Archive, the Database includes a very wide selection of career events as they apply to various individual members of the staff. For almost all of those who joined the service on or after 1 Jan 1946, a full career record is available. Some records relate to staff who joined one of Martins' constituent banks, including Martin's Private Bank, The Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, and the Carlisle and Cumberland Bank. The following list of career events is typical of the information recorded, but this list is by no means exhaustive:

ACHIEVEMENTS – Academic, Charitable, Social, Sporting etc., both in and outside of the service of the Bank

ANNIVERSARIES – e.g. Golden Weddings, as mentioned in Martins Bank Magazine

ARTWORK – as contributed to Martins Bank Magazine, or as mentioned as being entered in the annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts at Head Office

BIRTH OF CHILDREN

DATE OF BIRTH of staff members (if recorded).

DEATHS

ESSAYS – as contributed to Martins Bank Magazine

HOBBIES

HORTICULTURE – details of prizewinners at the annual Horticultural Society Show

IOB EXAMINATIONS – progress and results

MARRIAGES

MOBILE BRANCH SERVICE

NATIONAL SERVICE

NEW ENTRANT

OBITUARY

PHOTOGRAPHY – as contributed to Martins Bank Magazine

PROMOTIONS – every promotion from Pro Manager up to Chief General Manager

PUBLIC HONOURS – O.B.E. B.E.M. M.B.E. and Knighthood

PUBLIC SERVICE – Charitable Bodies, Local Councils, Parliament, etc..

RESIGNATIONS*

RETIREMENTS

SPORTS – representing the Bank and those who took part in outside sporting events including Commonwealth and Olympic Games

TRANSFERS

WAR SERVICE – First and Second World War. (Martins Bank Archive also works with the Imperial War museum's Lives of the First World War Project).

*Resignations ceased to be reported by the Bank after 1964, which means that some records cannot be fully completed. There is, therefore, the chance that if you joined the Service before 1946 and stayed in the same branch until 1969, we may not have a record for you at all.

The Database also records those who took part in almost every production of the Bank's many operatic and dramatic societies:

MARTINS BANK SOCIETY OF THE ARTS MUSIC SECTION

MARTINS BANK SOCIETY OF THE ARTS DRAMA SECTION

MARTINS BANK OPERATIC SOCIETY (up to 1969)

MARTINS OPERATIC SOCIETY (1970 to 1980)

THE ARGOSY PLAYERS

THE CICALA PLAYERS

THE MANCHESTER PLAYERS

MARTINS BANK PLAYERS (NORTH EASTERN)

Each record also indicates whether or not a photograph of a particular member of staff exists in Martins Bank Archive. If you have a photograph of yourself from 1969 or earlier, the Archive will be pleased to arrange to take a copy to store in the Database and to display on each page of the Archive web site for the branches and departments at which you worked.

First and foremost, the Martins Bank Staff Database is a document of Social History – It is therefore important that surviving members of Martins Bank Staff have the opportunity to be able access their records, and to add any extra details that may not have been recorded by the Bank in its published records. For example, forenames are not recorded for the majority of staff, and details of service at SUB BRANCHES is very sparse. The database is built from published records that have been in the public domain for more than 55 and up to 125 years. We are also grateful to many members of the Grasshopper Pensioners' Club who have already contributed images and extra details about their time with the Bank to us, and the Archive also has a large number of donated personal collections which include letters, photographs, and other information that enhances the records of many individuals in the database. We are delighted that we have been able to use the Staff Database to help the Grasshopper Pensioners' Club identify the career details of a number of staff, and for their surviving partners to claim pensions that are owed to them. A separate Staff Database exists for the staff of Lewis's Bank Limited for the period 1958 to 1967 and, once again, we are grateful for contributions from a number of Lewis's Bank's former staff, of images and details which have not only helped build the database, but also enhance the Lewis's Bank Archive Web Site.

With best regards to everyone,

Jonathan Snowden

Martins Bank Archive

Still going to Extremes to be helpful

General Data Protection Regulation – use of data policy

The Martins Bank Staff Database uses data that has existed in the public domain for at least fifty-five years.

This data is purely subjective and does not include opinion, comment or other forms of objective data.

Martins Bank Archive does **NOT** buy or sell your data.

All records are stored offline, and cannot be accessed or obtained remotely via the Internet.

Our Use of Data Policy applies as follows:

1. Data held on behalf of **DECEASED** persons are not covered by G D P R rules, and can be requested by any interested party for the purposes of historical research. You must however give us permission to store your contact details and emails as described in points 2 and 3 below.
2. **SURVIVING** former staff (and/or their descendants) who wish to access their data for the first time are required to provide Martins Bank Archive with permission to hold and store their email address and relevant emails in our computer system. This is in the knowledge that we will not pass on any details to a third party without the express written consent of the member of staff concerned.
3. Descendants of **DECEASED** staff, and other interested parties such as those undertaking research for historical project or family tree purposes, must also provide us with permission to hold and store their email address and relevant emails in our computer system. This is in the knowledge that we will not pass on any details to a third party without the express written consent of the member of staff concerned.
4. You may ask at any time for your email address and any emails you have sent to us to be removed from our system. If you later require further information from us, you will need to provide new permissions for us to hold and store your email address and emails, and deal with your request.

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