### Captain James Cook R.N.
#### Crew Database

**First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771**

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**Personal Details:**
- Born 1752 in London.
- He was a cousin of the Captain's wife - Mrs Elizabeth Cook.
- He died after a successful career in the Royal Navy in 1831.

**Position on board:** Able Seaman

**Biographical Summary:**
- Isaac had served on the *Grenville* under James Cook, in 1767.
- He was an A.B. seaman during Cook’s survey of the coast of Newfoundland.

- He was one of the first crew to enlist on *Endeavour* on 27 May 1768.
- He joined the ship as an A.B. and was promoted to midshipman on 24 May 1770, whilst *Endeavour* was sailing up the east coast of Australia.

- Isaac was part of the shore party that landed at Botany Bay on 29 April 1770.
  - It is said that Cook instructed Isaac to jump ashore first, and in so doing became the first European to set foot on the east coast of Australia.

- He was promoted to Master’s Mate from 27 May 1771, as *Endeavour* was homeward bound in the North Atlantic Ocean.

- Isaac had proved to be extremely useful to Captain Cook and was something of a draughtsman; after the voyage, Cook recommended him to the Admiralty as had been “great use to me in assisting to make surveys, plans and drawings in which he is very expert”.

- In his latter years, Rear-Admiral Isaac Cook shared his accommodation with his cousin, Mrs Cook, spending the summers at his residence (the Gatehouse, Merton Abbey, Surrey) and the winters at her house at Clapham.

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