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

## First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771

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### Personal Details:
- Born 1739 in Orkney, Scotland.
- Died 1 May 1770 at Botany Bay, Australia.
- Buried on-shore at Kurnell, Sydney, Australia.

### Position on board:
Able Seaman

### Biographical Summary:
- Joined the *Endeavour* on 30 May 1768.
- He suffered from consumption after leaving the Straits of Le Maire, South America. This disease eventually proved fatal and he passed away whilst the ship was anchored in Botany Bay.

According to Cook’s journal, after Sutherland’s death, his body ‘was buried ashore at the watering place which occasioned my calling the south point of this Bay after his name.’ Southerland Point lies at the southern side of the narrow entrance to Botany Bay.

In 1933, a memorial was erected to Sutherland at Botany Bay, marking the supposed site of his grave. In reporting the event, The Sydney Morning Herald wrote - "Little is known of Forbes Sutherland, or "Forby" Sutherland, as he is called in the log of the Endeavour. It is believed that he was employed as a farm hand, and that he won the favour of his employer, who sent him to a school for seamen, whence he found his way into the crew of the Endeavour."

### Sources:
- Beaglehole, *The Voyage of the Endeavour 1768-1771*
- The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW), 28 April 1933.

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