Name: Francis WILKINSON

Personal Details:
Born about 1747, at Chatham, Kent.
He returned to England on board *Endeavour*, but died shortly afterwards in August 1771.

Position On-Board: AB seaman then Master’s Mate

Biographical Summary:
Had sailed across the Pacific on *HMS Dolphin*, under Captain Samuel Wallis, from 1766-1768. On returning to the UK he was one of several crew of the *Dolphin* who transferred to *Endeavour*. He had been AB on *Dolphin*, and joined *Endeavour* as an AB, but before the ship embarked upon its voyage, he had been promoted to Master’s Mate.

Wilkinson appears to have been educated as he wrote a journal of his voyage on *Endeavour*, now in The National Archives (Reference: Adm 51 / 4547 / 149-50)

He also wrote his Will just before he died. He left everything to Richard and Susannah Durham, of the parish of St Paul’s Deptford. Richard Durham was a victualler, and it was quite common for seamen to be allowed credit at the pub, on the understanding that their debts would be paid off when they died. The will contains no indication that Wilkinson had any surviving family.
(Will reference: PROB 11 / 971)