

Professor Nicholas Rodger (1949-)

Nicholas Rodger was Hon. Secretary of the Society between 1976 and 1990 during which time he was an Assistant Keeper in the Public Record Office, where he started in 1974. In 1992 he was made Anderson Fellow of the National Maritime Museum, created for him so that he could start the three-volume 'The Naval History of Britain'. In 1999 he became a senior lecturer in history at the University of Exeter, and in 2000 was given a personal chair as Professor of Naval History. In October 2008 he became a Senior Research Fellow at All Souls, Oxford.

Dr. Rodger edited a Naval Miscellany volume (vol. 125) and was one of the team of editors who assembled the documents for the Centenary volume, 'British Naval Documents, 1204-1960 (vol. 131). He wrote 'The Admiralty' (1979), followed by 'The Wooden World: an anatomy of the Georgian Navy (1986). In 1993 his third book was published: 'The Insatiable Earl: a life of the Fourth Earl of Sandwich 1718-1792'. The first volume of 'A Naval History of Britain' appeared in 1997 'The Safeguard of the Sea': vol. 1 660-1649. The second volume, 'The Command of the Ocean' 1649-1815, was published in 2004. Professor Rodger is now working on the third volume.

Professor Rodger has a D.Phil from Oxford and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and of the Society of Antiquaries. In 2005 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Work

Nicholas Rodger is currently engaged in writing a comprehensive history of the Royal Navy. The first two volumes: *Safeguard of the Sea* and *Command of the Ocean* have both been highly critically acclaimed. He has been awarded the Julian Corbett Prize in Naval History. His book *The Admiralty* was chosen by the U.S. Naval Institute as one of the best books of the 1980s. He received the Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature in 2005 and was also the winner of the 2005 British Academy Book Prize.

Major works

- *The Admiralty* (1979)
- *Articles of War : the Statutes which Governed Our Fighting Navies, 1661, 1749, and 1886* (1982)
- *The Naval Miscellany, vol 5* Navy Records Society (1983)
- *The Wooden World: an Anatomy of the Georgian Navy* (1986)
- *Naval Records for Genealogists* (1984, 1988, 1998)
- *The Armada in the Public Records* (1988)
- *Navies and Armies: the Anglo-Dutch relationship in War and Peace 1688-1988* edited by G.J.A. Raven and N.A.M. Rodger; assistant editor M.C.F. van Drunen (1990)
- *The Insatiable Earl: a Life of John Montagu, Fourth Earl of Sandwich, 1718-1792* (1993)
- *British Naval Documents 1204-1960* eds. Prof. J. B. Hattendorf, Dr. R.J.B. Knight, A. W. H. Pearsall, Dr. N.A.M. Rodger, Prof. G.Till, Capt. A.B. Sainsbury, Navy Records Society (1993)
- *Naval Power in the Twentieth Century* (1996)

- *The Safeguard of the Sea: a Naval History of Britain, Volume 1, 660-1649* (1997)
- *The Command of the Ocean : a Naval History of Britain, Volume 2, 1649-1815* (2004)

A Guide to the Naval Records in the National Archives of the UK, ed. by N. A. M. Rodger and Randolph Cock (2006)