

## Exercise 2

### Methodology

I have chosen to focus on James Petiver (Pettyfer), an apothecary and naturalist member of the Royal Society because an early female naturalist I am interested in Eleanor Glanville corresponded with him about lepidoptery. I started with Wikipedia to find the time period he lived in and his approximate birth and death dates to refine my search. I checked some of the references (secondary, including ODNB and Royal Society they gave to verify his details. I also used a couple of secondary sources to check his dates.

I searched London, The National Archives discovery catalogue and the MS retrieved results from other libraries and one from the National Archives which I have listed.

I found it hard to discover the nature of the contents to the Sloane MS as they were not listed in the catalogue. I then looked at the catalogue of the Royal Society and was able to look at a description of the contents of the 21 letters to James Petiver and chose a relevant one on insects.

I then looked at the Natural History Museum and found an interesting manuscript.

I then decided to look for James Petiver's baptism record as I knew he was born in Warwickshire but would have to use Ancestry or Find my Past to retrieve it. I also looked at the archive website of the University of Leiden.

I found a probate record of a James Petiver or Pettiver from Islington in the National Archives but it was the wrong James Petiver as his date of death did not tally with that document. I could not look at it as it was not digitised.

London

The British Library.

Sloane MS ff 2, 8, 27 ( James Petiver, FRS, Apothecary to the Charter House:Miscellaneous correspondence

London

The Royal Society

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Letter from James Bullivant to James Petiver dated at Boston 25 January 1698

London,

Natural History Museum.

(Mss. pertaining to Botanicum Hortense IV/ James Petiver)