

Shipping Details – info as at 23 August 2003

WIGRAM - Capetown to Melbourne 1853

The Wigram sailed from Southhampton London via Cape of Good Hope under command of Captain J. Thurtell on 10 October 1853.

The sailing ship of just 233 tons carried just 7 adults and 3 children including Mr. Delaney, 32 (actually 39) Mrs Delaney, 32 (28 actually) William Dormer, 3 - Mary Eleanor, 4 - Anne Maria, 2. The Wigram arrived Melbourne 24 February 1854. However the Immigration sign-in date was 1st March 1854 under the Heading 6th Section of Colonial passengers Act. see copy original passenger list.

ii later sailed on to Guam and Singapore - from PRO Victoria.

SWIFTSURE – Melbourne - Auckland 1864

A Blackwall Line sailing ship of 1326 tons commanded by Captain M. B. Mayhew owned by R. H. Green and Co. of Melbourne and built just 4 years earlier in Boston USA.

The ship sailed from Melbourne 6th February 1864 perhaps under charter to Victorian Government and arrived in Auckland 17th February 1864. It had been becalmed off Cape Otway. Auckland it embarked for Bombay.

The Swiftsure carried the largest contingent of militia ever to arrive in New Zealand, some 1100 rank and file and other passengers, including John Dormer Delaney and his eldest son William Dormer - passengers 2649 and 2650.

The group was under command of Captain Stuart and Lieutenant Walker.

see photo of Swiftsure and report of voyage NZ Herald 18 February 1864 and copies of passenger list entry details. Most travelled in steerage.

CLAUD HAMILTON – Melbourne - Auckland 1865

A steamer of 530 tons commanded by Captain Ponsonby left Melbourne on 31st December 1864 and arrived Auckland 10 January 1865.

Among 65 passengers were Emma, Eleanor 43(33) #1 161, Ellen (Mary Eleanor)15 #162, Anne Maria 11 #163, John 9 #164 and Michael Walter 8 # 165.

Voyage was 7 days 12 hours and had grounded in Yarra due to overload of cargo some of which was carried on to Napier, Wellington, Picton and Nelson.

Built 1862 the ship was an early participant in cross Tasman steamer service.

See copies of passenger lists and photo of Claud Hamilton and report of NZ Herald 10 January 1865. Eleanor and children were cabin passengers.

MADRAS - Mauritius - Melbourne 1863

A P and O steamship of only 260 tons left Port Louis Mauritius on April 1863 under command of Capt. P. J. Wuffer and after some 50 days sailing reached Hobson Bay Melbourne on 21 May 1863.

Among the passengers were 2 adult Potoke's plus infant Emily young girl Isabella and a servant travelling as Cabin passengers *see copies of passenger list

MADRAS - London - Auckland 1864/65

A fully rigged sailing ship of 1092 tons departed the Downs UK 23 September 1864 and the Start 27th under command of Captain Barnett and after 99/102 days arrived Auckland 3 January, 1865.

Among the passengers were Harriet and Isabella Potoky however the entry viewed in Auckland library was badly written. Seems ship, one of George Seymor and Peacock Liners, did not stop between Southhampton and Auckland.

There are copies of pax list and voyage in NZ Herald, New Zealander and Southern Cross of 1st and 4th January 1865. Names sometimes shows as Patskey and Patoky.

The journey took 102 days and passed by Porto Santo, Madeira and Cape de Verde Islands rounding Cape Good Hope and Tasmania. There were 441 passengers and only 2 deaths and 6 births enroute - see Museum Library MS1273 and Diary dated 19 Sept 1864-Jan 1865 by Henry Ridgway held at Auckland Museum. It seems the Matoaka was lost with all hands during a voyage to London via Cape Horn in 1869 and believed to have struck an iceberg. Letters 1869 trip to Lyttleton W. J. Hooker - Nat Library Aust MS 4023. also White Wings - Sir Henry Brett, Donald Mackay

As yet all we know is this ship carried Francis and Family to Mauritius.

As yet I've not traced details of ship which brought Ophelia Delaney and 6 children to Sydney.

Abt 1912.

See Photos of Swiftsure and Claud Hamilton and copies of Passenger Lists for these and Wigram .

John Dormer Delaney sailed on Messenger, Phoenix, Thunderbolt and to Africa aboard the "Tigress".