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<http://www.bda-online.org.au>**Free Passengers to NSW 1826-37 - Passengers, Crew and Military****Overview**

A CD-ROM of the above title, was published by the Society of Australian Genealogists in 2009 and under an agreement with the Society, the data has been added to the Biographical Database of Australia. This includes nearly 36,000 names of free persons who arrived in New South Wales between 1826 and 1837 on passenger ships, whalers and trading vessels. It also includes, where known, crew members, military and passengers on convict transports although details of the convict transportees have not been included as the transcription of the Convict Indents is a separate project.

Source References

The following references were used in preparing this Database:

State Records NSW Sources:

Colonial Secretary: Re Immigrants	[SRNSW ref: 4/1126]
Colonial Secretary: Letters received	[SRNSW ref: 4/1992 - 4/2161]
Colonial Secretary: Commissariat	[SRNSW ref: 4/2178 - 4/2179.1]
Colonial Secretary: Miscellaneous	[SRNSW ref: 4/2195.3 – 4/2197.3]
Colonial Secretary: Female Immigrants	[SRNSW ref: 4/2273.3]
Colonial Secretary: Emigration	[SRNSW ref: 4/2316.3]
Colonial Secretary: Miscellaneous	[SRNSW ref: 4/232 1.3]
Colonial Secretary: Naval and Military	[SRNSW ref: 4/2326.1]
Colonial Secretary: Quarantine and Emigration	[SRNSW ref: 4/2377 - 4/2378]
Colonial Secretary: Emigration	[SRNSW ref: 4/2448]
Colonial Secretary: Reports of Vessels Arrived 1826-37	[SRNSW ref: 4/5198 - 4/5212]
Immigration: List of Irish Passengers on <i>Sir Joseph Banks</i>	[SRNSW ref: 2/8559]
Immigration: Persons on Government Ships	[SRNSW ref: 4/4780]
Immigration: Persons on Early Migrant Ships	[SRNSW ref: 4/4822 - 4/4824]
Immigration: Entitlement Certificates of Persons on Bounty Ships	[SRNSW ref: 4/4825 - 4/ 4827]
Immigration: List of Passengers on the <i>David Scott</i>	[SRNSW ref: 9/6184]

Mitchell Library Sydney:

Governor's Despatches - List of Female Immigrants by *James Pattison* [ML ref: A1216] also [SRNSW ref: COD 425 A].

Governor's Despatches - List of Emigrants by *Lady McNaughton* [ML ref: A1267-15] also [SRNSW ref: COD 112].

British Parliamentary Papers: Reports corresponding and papers relating to Emigration from the United Kingdom to the colonies 1828-1838 Emigration 19, pp.169-182.

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Shipping lists extracted from each of these source references were input separately; that is, the information found in different shipping lists for the same person was not combined to generate one entry per individual. Instead, an individual might be recorded in the Database a number of times with a different source reference noted against each entry. By treating the shipping lists in this way, it was possible to retain the integrity of the original records. Otherwise this Database would become a secondary source tool rather than a transcription of a series of primary source records.

Databases

The information contained in the Database was extracted from shipping lists of a vastly different structure and nature so some manipulation of the data was required during the inputting process. Fields are only filled in if information was included in the original return or added by data entry volunteers for ease of use (eg. gender and marital status). Some entries contain little information, others a wealth of information.

An entry is included for every person mentioned in a particular shipping list; eg. if a list noted Mrs Smith and two children, entries for two children named Smith were added (although in some instances the children might have a different unknown surname) so that researchers looking for a family will find an entry for each family member.

Some shipping lists merely recorded the number of unnamed steerage passengers. It may be possible to determine some of these names from newspapers or other sources. Commodore Ian Nicholson's *Log of Logs* series provides details of other sources available for many ships arriving in New South Wales during that period.

A linked Database on the CD-ROM provides information about the ships themselves as extracted from the same shipping lists. This information has not been supplemented or corrected from information in other sources so it is not a comprehensive listing of all of the ships arriving in New South Wales between 1826 and 1837.

Shipping Arrivals and Departures 1826-1840 by the late Commodore Ian Nicholson CBE is, to date, the most comprehensive list of shipping arrivals available although it does contain a few errors and omits a few ships.

Researchers are always advised to examine the original passenger or shipping lists or other emigration/immigration documents at State Records NSW to ensure accuracy.

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