

James Martin family – trip to Australia

James MARTIN

Born 1st Jun 1805 Place Hoxton, Middlesex, England
Chris'd 7th Jul 1805 Place St.Botolph, Bishopgate, Middlesex, England
Died 26th Aug 1871 Place Glen Innes, New South Wales, Australia
Buried 29th Aug 1871 Place Glen Innes, New South Wales, Australia

Mary WITT

Born 22 May 1812 London England
Chris'd 21 Jun 1812, St Botolph, Bishopsgate, London England
Married 23 Aug 1830 Place St.Mary, Rotherhithe, Surrey, England (John was 25, Mary was 18)

Description of their journey to Van Deimen's Land (as Tasmania was then known) This description comes from Martin family records.

James Martin, his wife Mary Witt and four children, (James b. 1831, John b. 1833, Mary Elizabeth b. 1834 and Henry b. 1835), left Portsmouth on the Barque "Isabella", on 9th January, 1838. (Archives Office of Tasmania - CSO92/3) or (CSD 67 fo.51). They arrived in Hobart, Tasmania on 4th May, 1838, a fine day. (N.B. The "Isabella" began her journey from Gravesend, Kent and sailed first for Portsmouth. It's possible that the family boarded the "Isabella" at Gravesend, near London, sailed to Portsmouth with the ship before finally setting sail for Australia.

A daughter, Julia Harriett, was born during the journey, on the 24th March, 1838. She was christened in the Parish of Trinity Church in Hobart on 1st July, 1838. (Tasmanian Civil Reg. No. 518/8507 - 1838).

"The "Isabella" under Captain V. Sampson, sailed from London on the 16th December, 1837, bound firstly for Portsmouth. The owners were Nelson. She departed Portsmouth on the 9th January, 1838 with General Cargo and Government Stores. Sailing for Port Philip were fifteen crew and thirty-eight passengers and families; nineteen adults and seventeen children travelled steerage. Five passengers were Cabin passengers and they included Lieut. Munday and Captain Pollock.

The "Isabella", a barque, registered in London, 323 tons, Whitby built with two guns.