



The ASCENDANT 1851

The ASCENDANT 562 tons
barque,
from London September 22nd
1850
via Plymouth October 3rd 1850,
with Captain Robert Spencer,
arrived at Port Adelaide, South
Australia
January 15th 1851

The first ship from England to
S.A.
with government passengers for
1851.

From the diary of a passenger, a Mr Archibald Shaw, we have learned the following:

The journey took 104 days at an average of 5 - 5.5 knots.
1850 Oct 5: Bay of Biscay, Hurricane force winds
1850 Oct 10: Blowing heavy gale. Sea coming in on both sides.

Ship running 10 - 11 knots.
1850 Oct 13: Sabbath. Very calm and beautifully warm.
Religious service on deck. 1850 Oct 14: Ship did not make her own length.

1850 Oct 16: Sick child died (buried next day)
1850 Nov 27: A child died suddenly and buried at 5 O'Clock.

1850 Dec 8: Buried another child of whooping cough.
1850 Dec 30: Child died and was buried.

1851 Jan 8: Two children died and were buried.
1851 Jan 4: Still W and blowing. We had the heaviest sea as yet last night, shipping seas on each side on deck. Today not so much.

? 11.5 knots. Course S.E. Since 3 days, no person can walk the deck dry.

1851 Jan 20: Wind S.W. Going 11 knots. Cold weather ; Women and children creeping to their beds, Rough sea.

The South Australian REGISTER reported (January 16, 1851):

The long looked for ship the ASCENDANT has at length arrived, and we are now enabled to welcome to our shores Mr George Fyfe ANGAS, ESQ., one whose name is honourably identified with South Australia from the commencement of its political existence.

George Fife ANGAS was born on 1 May 1789 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, (Religion: Baptist)

He worked as a Merchant, politician and pastolist, and died aged 90 in 1879 at his residence Lindsay House, Angaston, near Adelaide SA.

He married Rosetta French in London. Their children were Rosetta French (1813-1898), Sarah Lindsay (1816-1898), Emma (1818-1885),

George French (1822-1886), John Howard (1823-1904), Mary Ann (1826-1831), and William Henry (1832-1879).

His son John (previously arrived in 1843 on board the MADRAS from London) came to the Port to greet his parents and brother William. That evening Mrs Angus travelled to town with her sons. Mr Angus preferred not to leave the vessel until noon the next day. The colonists intend to demonstrate their high esteem at a reception, in recognition of his early and successful efforts in the formation of the colony, the large stake he ventured in it, and his unremitting exertions on behalf of South Australia from the moment it struggled into existence.

CABIN PASSENGERS: George Fife ANGAS, Esq. (1789-1879), his wife Rosetta nee French (1796-January 11, 1867) and their son William Henry (1832 - 1879)

BRAZIL, Henry - Cabin,
COODE / GOODE, Mr - Cabin,
FOX, Mr and six children, - Cabin
FOX, Mrs - Cabin passenger died on voyage,

GAMMON, Mr (Religious Instructor), - Cabin
KAY, Mr - Cabin,
RIDPATH, Edward - Cabin,
ROCK, Dennis (Surgeon-superintendent), - Cabin

AKERS Priscilla - born 1819 Woolwich Kent
BASSETT, George, 18 of Kent
BASTIER / BASTIAN, Henry 48 of Cornwall
BASTIER / BASTIAN, Jane (nee Jenkyn) 45
BASTIER / BASTIAN, Henry 26
BASTIER / BASTIAN, John 18
BASTIER / BASTIAN, Ann 16

LAMPRIA / LAMPIN, John 29 of Cornwall (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
LAMPRIA / LAMPIN, Jane 23, and girl born on voyage
LAMPRIA / LAMPIN, Eliza 3
LAMPRIA / LAMPIN, Ann 13 died at sea
LANGFORD Phoebe 32 Kent



BASTIAN / BASTIER, Mary 13
 BASTIER / BASTIAN, William 11
 BASTIER / BASTIAN, Sampson 10
 BASTIER / BASTIAN, Richard 7
 BASTIER / BASTIAN, Thomas inf - died at sea aged 6 mths
 BARRY, David 38 of Clare, Ireland
 BARRY, Honora 36 and six children - listed separately
 BARRY, Bridget 16 died at sea
 BARRY, Ann 13
 BARRY, Honora 11
 BARRY, Eleanor 9
 BARRY, Patrick 7
 BARRY, Susanna 3
 BLIGHT, Joseph 23 from Cornwall
 BLIGHT Elizabeth 28
 BLIGHT William Henry inf, died at sea aged 6 months
 BRAY Anne 57 of Cornwall
 BRAY Ambrose 14, of Cornwall
 BROOM, Mrs J. (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 BROOM, A.M. (infant boy born on voyage, died on voyage aged 1 month)
 BROWN William 23 of Hants.
 BROWN, E, (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 BROWNING / BOWERING Richard 47, of Somerset
 BROWNING / BOWERING Elizabeth (England) 47
 BROWNING / BOWERING James 27
 BROWNING / BOWERING Sarah 25
 BROWNING / BOWERING Benjamin 13
 BROWNING / BOWERING Jonathan 10
 BROWNING / BOWERING Mary 7
 BROWNING / BOWERING John 4
 BROWNING / BOWERING Ann 13 died at sea
 BUDDLE Henry 38 Schoolmaster of Kent
 BUDDLE Henry 5
 BUDDLE M. Thomas 7
 BUDDLE Mary A. 45 matron
 BULL Robert 22 Sawyer, of Huntingdonshire
 BULL Sarah 22
 BULL Mary E. 2
 BULL, boy - born on voyage, (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 BUTTRICK / BATTRICK, Henry 54, of Dorset
 BUTTRICK / BATTRICK, Martha 54
 BUTTRICK / BATTRICK, Charlotte 30
 BUTTRICK / BATTRICK, Elizabeth 26
 BATTRICK / BUTTRICK, George 23
 BUTTRICK / BATTRICK, William 20
 BUTTRICK / BATTRICK, Charles 9
 CALLAGHER, G, (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 CASEY Henry 26 of Cavan (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 CASEY John 20 of Cornwall (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 CHAPLING Edward 22, of Herts.
 COCKS John 33 of Cornwall
 COLE Aaron 23 of Cornwall
 COLE Elizabeth 18 (wife of Aaron) and boy born on voyage,
 COLE Silas 21 of Cornwall, and Ann 20
 COLEMAN Patrick 35 of Tipperary, Ire.
 CONNOR / CONNON Matthew 22 of Kings Co.,
 LEONARD Joseph 33 of Tipperary, Ire.
 LEONARD Sarah 34
 LEONARD Michael 8
 LEONARD James 5
 LEONARD Mary 2 died at sea
 LITTLETON Jacob 43, of Cornwall
 LITTLETON Jane 39
 LITTLETON Mary 17
 LITTLETON John 16
 LITTLETON Elizabeth 14
 LITTLETON Thomas 12
 LITTLETON Eliza 10
 LITTLETON Mary 5
 LITTLETON Emma 3
 LITTLETON William inf
 MARTIN / MARTYN, Thomas 24 - Cornwall
 MARTIN / MARTYN, William C. 22 - Cornwall
 MAUGHAN Pat. 22, of Wicklow, Ire.
 MAYGER / MAYER, William 31 Agr. Labourer & Shepherd, of Somerset
 MAYGER / MAYER, Sally 36
 MAYGER / MAYER, George 11
 MAYGER / MAYER, William John 8
 McBROWN Elizabeth 20 Armagh, Ire. (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 McCARTHY Peter 37, of Clare, Ireland
 McCARTHY Honora (nee Reynolds) 36
 McCARTHY Martin 17
 McCARTHY Mary 14
 McCARTHY Cathe. 12
 McCARTHY Bidy 10
 McCARTHY Pat. 6
 McCARTHY Honora 3
 McPHERSON Archibald 40, of Inverness
 McPHERSON Janet 35
 McPHERSON Janet 12
 McPHERSON John 10
 McPHERSON Jane 9
 McPHERSON Lachlan 7
 McPHERSON Ewan 4
 McPHERSON Angus [Angus] 2
 MICHAEL John 21 of Aberdeen
 MOORE Sarah 20 Cavan
 MORGAN William 32 Sussex
 MORGAN Charlotte 31 - wife of William
 MORGAN William 4 (son of William)
 MORGAN George 2 (son of William)
 MORGAN Richard 40 - Glamorgan
 MURPHY Matthew 21, of Cavan, Ire.
 NEEDS Sarah 18 Somerset
 NICHOLS / NICHOLLS, Noah 27, of Norfolk
 NOLAN Dorothy 20 Wicklow, Ire.
 O'BRIEN Jane 19 Wicklow, Ire.
 OSBORNE Margaret (Mary A. ?), 30 from Cornwall
 OSBORNE Charlotte 10, child from Cornwall
 PEARCE Henry 49 of Cornwall
 PEARCE Ann (nee Strout) died at sea aged 54
 PEARCE Sarah 19 Cornwall
 PEARCE James 17, of Cornwall
 PEARCE William 13
 PEARCE Sarah 19 (possibly duplicate)
 PEARCE James 17 (possibly duplicate)
 PLUMPIN / PLAMPIN, Edward 22, of Suffolk
 PRINGLE, E (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 PROUT Sally of Cornwall died at sea aged 54
 PROUT John 25 - Cornwall
 PROUT Thomazina 19 Cornwall
 PROUT Henry 12 child Cornwall



Ire.
 COTTON Benjamin 21 , of Herts.
 COTTON Winifred (Humphries) 25
 COTTON Mary 1
 CUBLEY William Edward 18, of Derby
 CULLEN Patrick 34 of Wicklow, Ireland
 CULLEN Elizabeth (nee Ryan) 34
 CULLEN Jane inf died at sea
 D'ARCY Alice 22 Tipperary, Ire.
 DENSHAM John 43 of Devon
 DENSHAM Susan 32
 DENSHAM John 10
 DENSHAM George 8
 DENSHAM William 6
 DENSHAM Elias 4
 DINGLE Edward 20 from Devon (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 DOYLE Patrick 36 of Wicklow, Ire.
 DUNN James 19, of Aberdeen
 EBBLETT Ellen M. 18 Middlesex
 EGGINGTON Robert 23, of Surrey
 EGGINGTON Elizabeth King (nee Richards) 28
 EGGINGTON William King 8
 EGGINGTON Jane 1
 ELLIOTT Margaret 26 Middlesex
 FORDOR / FORDEN, John 44 Bricklayer, of Derby
 FORDOR / FORDEN, Elizabeth 44
 FORDOR / FORDEN, George C 9
 FORDOR / FORDEN, Pricilla 17
 FORDOR / FORDEN, John 14
 FORDOR / FORDEN, William 3
 GALLAGHER George 20 of Wicklow, Ire.
 (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 GEORGE Samuel 25 of Cornwall
 GEORGE Elizabeth 25
 GORDON William 34 of Queens. Ire
 GORDON Amelia 27
 GORDON Richard inf
 GRENFELL William 56 of Cornwall - died at sea
 GRENFELL Ann 58
 GRENFELL John 23
 GRENFELL Nancy 20
 GRENFELL Elizabeth 20
 GRENFELL Thomas 8
 HASSELL William 32 - born 1818 Rochester, Kent
 HASSELL Pricilla 31
 HASSELL William 11
 HASSELL Pricilla 9 - born 1841 Woolwich Kent
 HEALY / HEALEY, George 24 of Middlesex
 HEALY / HEALEY, Sarah 22
 HIGGINS / HUGGINS, Julia A. 21 of Middlesex
 HOGAN Michael 21, of Clare, Ireland
 JAPE, John and wife child (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 JARVIS Eliza 22 of Norfolk
 JENKIN Richard 19, of Devon
 JONES Samuel 30 of Cornwall
 JONES Elizabeth 26
 JONES Elizabeth 5
 JONES Mary 3
 JUBIN, Ellen, (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 KEATS Joseph 16 of Somerset
 KELLY Hugh 28 of Wicklow, Ire.
 KELLY Mary 26 Kilkenny, Ire.
 KENNING, J, (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 QUINN John 27, of Cork, Ire.
 REYNOLDS Peter 25 - Clare, Ire.
 ROUSE John 40, of Lincoln
 ROUSE Mary 36
 ROUSE William Wilcox 15
 ROUSE Sarah 12
 ROUSE Betsy 8
 ROUSE John Thomas 6
 RUSSELL William Henry 37, of Aberdeen
 RUSSELL Cath. 38
 RUSSELL Mary 15
 RUSSELL Margaret 13
 RUSSELL James 11
 RUSSELL Elizabeth 10
 RUSSELL Isabella 6
 RYAN William 29, of Kings Co., Ire.
 SADGROVE, James and Jane and two children
 (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 SAMSON, J and wife and two children (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 SHAW / SHAW, Archibald 42, of Argyle - see Diary above
 SHAW / SHAW, Ann 40
 SHAW / SHAW, Marion 19 Argyle
 SHAW / SHAW, Donald 17, of Argyle
 SHAW / SHAW, Neil 14, of Argyle
 SHAW / SHAW, Cath. 11
 SHAW / SHAW, John 7
 SHAW / SHAW, Janet 5
 SLEEMAN Jane 22 Cornwall
 SMITH Emma 23 Middlesex
 SMITH James 26 of Gloucester
 STOUT Sophia A. 21 Middlesex
 TAPE John 22, of Devon (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 TAPE Fanny (nee Grills) 21
 TAPE Sarah 1
 THOMAS Lavinia 18 Cornwall
 TOBIN Ellen 33 Tipperary, Ire. (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 TOTTLE Ann 16 Somerset
 TRAINER Ann 19 Cavan (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 TRELOAR, James 29 of Cornwall (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 TRELOAR, Elizabeth 28 (wife of James)
 TRELOAR, John 18 - Cornwall
 TRENOUTH Susan 58 of Cornwall
 TRENOUTH Richard 20 of Cornwall
 TREVAR, J and wife (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 TREWAR, Anne (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 TREWARTHA, Susan 33 from Cornwall
 TROUGHTON, Sally 52 died on voyage - Deaths Return-SAGov.Gazette 1866
 VENNING John 32 from Devon (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 WHITE James 19 from Tipperary, Ire.
 WHITE Phineas 23, of York
 WHITE Mary (nee Lawrence) 22
 WHITE, W and S and child (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 WHITEMAN Robert 13 of Somerset
 WHITEMAN, E W R (listed in SA REGISTER, not on Purser's list)
 WILLIAMS Edward 34 - Wicklow, Ire.
 WILSON James 35, of Aberdeen
 WILSON Catherine (nee Essels) 30, wife of James



KIRK William 61, of Lincoln
 LADGROVE James 27 of Surrey (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 LADGROVE Jane 31
 LADGROVE Jane 3
 LADGROVE Mary 1
 LANE John Taylor 34, of Devon
 LANE Priscilla Slee (nee Frain) 35
 LANE Mary 13
 LANE William Henry 10
 LANE Rhoda 6
 LANE Priscilla 4
 LANE Ellen 1 died at sea

WILSON James 5
 WILSON Margaret 4
 WILSON Elizabeth 2
 WILSON Christian inf
 WRIGHT William 24 from Derby (on Purser's list, but not in SA REGISTER)
 WRIGHT S 21, wife of William
 WRIGHT Rose 1 (daughter of William)
 WRIGHT Mary A. inf (daughter of William)
 WRIGHT Walter 20 Derby

Quoting from:

The South Australian Register.

ADELAIDE: January 16th 1851.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED

Wednesday, January 15---The barque *Ascendant*, 562 tons, Spencer, master, from London 22nd September, and Plymouth 3rd October. **Passengers**—George Fife Angas, Esq., Mrs Angas, Messrs William Angas, Henry Brazil, Edward Ridpath, and Coode, Mr Fox and six children, Mr Kay, Mr Gammon (Religious Instructor), and Mr Rock (Surgeon-superintendent), in the cabin; and 254 Government emigrants, viz. :-William Brown, George Bassett, Henry Buddle, wife and two children, Robert Bull wife and child, E Chapling, B Cotton wife and child, W Cubley, J Dunn, M Elliot, Ellen M Eblet, Robert Eggington wife and two children, John Fordor wife and four children, George and Sarah Healey, J A Huggins, W Hassell wife and two children, E Jarvis, Wm Kirk, Phoebe Langford, James and Jane Sadgrove and two children, J Michael, R Morgan, W and C Morgan and two children, Arch Macpherson wife and six children, Noah Nicholls, E Plumpin, John Rouse wife and three children. W W Rouse, W H Russell wife and five children, D Shawe, James Smith, A Shawe wife and three children, S A Stout, Emma Smith, Marion Shawe, P White, Mary White, W Wright, W and S White and child, J and C Wilson and four children, R and E Browning and seven children, Henry Bastier wife and eight children, Ambrose and Ann Bray, Henry Buttrick wife and five children, D Berry wife and six children, J Blight wife and child, John Cocks, P Coleman, M Connor, P Cullen wife and child, Aaron and Eliza Cole, Silas and Arne Cole, P Doyle,

E Pringle, Alice D'Arcy, John Dentham wife and four children, W Grenfell wife and four children, G Callagher, S and E George, W Gordon wife and child, M Hogan, Rd Jenkins, Hugh Kelly, J Keats, Mary Kelly, J Leonard wife and three children, J Samson wife and two children, Peter McCarthy and family, Thos and W C Martin, M Murphy, P Maughan, S Moore, E Brown, M Mayer and family, Dorothy Nolan, Sarah Needs, Margaret and Charlotte Osborne, Jane O'Brien, Sally, Henry, John, and Thomasine Prout, Henry Pearce and family, J Quinn, P Reynolds, W Ryan, J Sleeman, S and R Trenouth, J Trevar and wife, J Treloar, Ellen Jubin, Susan Trewartha, Anne Trewar, Ann Tottle, Lavinia Thomas, John Jape wife and child, J Kenning, J White, E W R Whiteman, J Littleton wife and eight children, John Lane and family, and S Jones and family. Deaths: Mrs Fox, cabin passenger; W. H. Blight, aged 6 months; B. Barry 16 years; S. Prout, 54; E. Lane, 1; Mrs Pearce, 54; Thos. Bastian, 6 months; M. Leonard, 2 years; Wm Grenfell, 57; A M Broom, 1 month; Jane Cullen, 8; A. Lampria, 13; and A. Bowering, 13. Births: Mrs Lampria, girl; Mrs Bull, boy; Mrs J. Broom, boy; and Mrs Cole, boy

IMPORTS

Cargo of the *Ascendant*—12 bales, 2 cases, J Roberts; 12 bales, C Goode; 14 cases, 2 boxes, 12 bags, 381 bars iron, 3 bundles, Major Cambell; 1 box, Maples; 100 tons coals, G S Walters; 1 case, Brunskill; 1 case, Hawkes; 1 case, Flaxman; 3 cases, Garside; 18 firkins, 15 tins, 17 jars, 26 cases, 14 casks, 2 bales, 3 chests, 10 kegs, 6 bundles, 1 roller, 3 trunks, G F Angas; 6 bales, 4 cases, P M Nicol.

Transcribed in 1998 by Malcolm Frost.

The actual passenger list indicates 11 deaths, 3 adults & 8 children during the voyage (date and cause of death not indicated, all buried at sea):

Bridget BARRY - aged 16yr, Thomas BASTIAN / BASLAIN - an infant, William Henry BLIGHT - an infant, Mrs FOX - died on voyage
 Ann BOWERING / BROWNING - only 1yr, Ellen LANE - only 1yr, Jane CULLEN - an infant, William GRENFELL - aged 56yr
 Ann LAMPIN - aged 1yr, Mary LEONARD - aged 2yr, Ann PEARCE - aged 50yr, Sally TROUGHTON - aged 52yr.

Births on voyage: Mrs J. Broom - boy, Mrs Bull - boy, Mrs Cole - boy, Mrs Lampria - girl.

Sources: principally The South Australian Register (newspaper) and a copy of the original shipping list (from the Mortlock Library in South Australia).

THE SHIPLIST website was consulted for comparisons

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