

## **EMIGRATION FROM CLAVERING TO AUSTRALIA 1850s**

Many people in Australia today can trace their ancestry to the mass migrations of the 19th century. The effect on one village is reflected in the loss of at least 220 village adults and children (that is one-sixth of the population) leaving Clavering for Australia in the 1850s alone. Records show that at least 26 ships going to New South Wales between 1849 and 1858 had Clavering people on board.

As still happens with mass migration today, people spread information on the grapevine and helped each other to fund the journey. In Clavering for instance there was the British School master, William SAVILL who recorded in a letter of how in the 1840s and 50s he saw emigration as one solution to the problem of unemployment and rising poor rates:

*'Deeply sympathising with the sufferings of the poor, more especially during the high price of provisions in 1847, I told them of Australia and America where plenty of good food and wages could be obtained. In a few years upwards of 200 emigrated...'*

Local vicars and ministers also helped the poor to emigrate. Among the travelling preachers who ministered to the Primitive Methodist chapel in Clavering was William COLLEY. He was here from 1852-3, but later emigrated to Australia where he became a noted PM missionary first in Morpeth, then from 1860 in Brisbane in the new colony of Queensland. Life there was rough and hard but concern about morals prompted churches to send missionaries to work among the colonists. Primitive Methodism was introduced in Sydney in 1844 but growth was slow – it was said that although Sydney had 80,000 people and church accommodation for 20,000, there were many empty seats. Society was very different from England, they said, with little unity among so many who were strangers – in one day they might come in contact with more people than they would meet at home in a whole lifetime in a remote country village like Clavering.

At home the effect of losing all these stalwart types was devastating on family and village life. The chapels complained that they were losing all their best members and it was unsettling those left behind: all anyone talked about in the chapels was emigration and starting a new life, a sentiment which finds echoes in the great exodus of migrants which is a common feature of life today. Whole families were split apart and, in most cases, never saw their loved ones again due to the distance and cost of the journey. At least 24 members of various branches of the Law family were among the migrants, 22 Goodwins, 20 Rumbolds and many others.

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## **SHIPS TO NEW SOUTH WALES WITH CLAVERING PASSENGERS: 1849-58**

The list below is probably not complete, but shows most of those who made the four-month journey from Clavering to Australia in the 1850s.

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Ships with Clavering migrants included: in 1849 the *John Bright*, in 1851 the *Emperor*, *Sarah*, *David McIver*, in 1853 the *Meteor*, in 1854 *Plantagenet*, *Ascendant*, in 1855 the *Rose of Sharon*, *Victory*, *Asiatic*, *Constitution*, *Blenheim*, *Lloyds*, *Euphrates*, *Chowringhee*, *Morayshire*, in 1856 the *Robert Small*, *Sultana*, *Plantagenet*, *Mary Ann*, in 1857 the *Herefordshire*, *Washington Irving*, *John Bunyan*, *Telegraph*, in 1858 the *Switzerland*, *Fitjames*.

Below is an abbreviated list of the names – in most cases there are additional details such as place of residence in Clavering, religion, literacy, relatives already in the colony, place of residence in Australia, later marriages, death and electoral records.

### **LIST OF CLAVERING PEOPLE ON BOARD 1849-58 (228)**

Banks Joseph, 30  
Barker George, 22  
Barnard Richard, 21  
Boyton William, 40  
Boyton, Emma, 28  
Boyton William, 20  
Boyton Charles, 18  
Boyton Harriett, 12  
Boyton Jabez, 10  
Brooks James, 24  
Burgess George, 18  
Butten John, 21  
Button Charles, 41  
Button James, 47  
Button Joseph, 21  
Cannon James, 41  
Cannon Caroline 29 .  
Chappell Thomas, 40  
Chappell Charles, 10  
Chappell Charles, 18  
Chappell Charles, 3  
Chappell Charles, 4 .  
Chappell Charles, 8  
Chappell Charlotte, 21  
Chappell Charlotte, 27  
Chesham George, 16  
Chesham Joseph, 20  
Chesham Thomas, 44  
Chipperfield Nathan, 30  
Chipperfield Shadrack, 26

Chipperfield Thomas, 50  
Claydon Thomas, 19  
Claydon William, 29  
Clayton Charles, 39  
Cole George, 38  
Cole James, 47  
Collison James, 33  
Collison George, 11  
Collison Henry, 14  
Collison James, 17  
Collison Lydia, 49  
Collison David, 5  
Collison David, 8  
Dennis Thomas, 23  
Dennis Derenda, 13 months  
Dennis Eliza, 18  
Dennis Eliza, 25  
Dennis Eliza, 30  
Dennis Eliza, 4  
Dennis Elizabeth, 32  
Dennis Simeon (dau.), 12  
Dennis Elizabeth, 44  
Dennis Elizabeth, infant  
Dennis Emily, 1  
Dennis Emily, 1  
Dennis Emily, 3  
Dennis Emily, 4  
Dennis Emma, 16  
Dennis Emma, 19  
Dennis Emma, 44  
Dennis Emma, 49  
Dennis Eulalia, 24  
Eves Ellen, 32 .  
Eves Moses, 24  
Eves Mary, 24  
Eves Ted, 1  
Francis William, 20  
Francis George, 3 weeks  
Francis George, 4  
Goodwin Emily, 21  
Goodwin Hannah, 10  
Goodwin William, 3  
Goodwin Hannah, 15  
Goodwin Hannah, 19  
Goodwin Hannah, 24  
Goodwin Hannah, 4  
Goodwin Hannah, 48  
Goodwin Fred, 16  
Goodwin Hannah, 9  
Goodwin Harriet, 19  
Goodwin Harriet, 19  
Goodwin Harriet, 27  
Goodwin Harriet, 8  
Goodwin Harry, 5  
Goodwin Henry, 12  
Goodwin Jabez, 16  
Goodwin James, 14

Goodwin James, 18  
Goodwin James, 2  
Goodwin James, 3  
Goodwin Jane, 11  
Jeffery William, 33  
Goodwin Anne, 28  
Jeffrey Thomas, 29  
Jeffrey John, 1  
Jeffrey Sophia, 24  
Jeffrey Jemima, 31  
Jeffrey Job, 6  
Jeffrey John, 8  
Jordan Charles, 18  
Jordan Henry, 21  
Jordan James, 19  
Jordan John, 53  
Jordon Allen, 18  
Joslin Daniel, 26  
Joslin Mary, 24  
Kemp George, 21  
Kemp Joseph, 24  
Kemp Kitty, 3  
Knight James, 24  
Knight John, 26  
Law James, 18  
Law John, 24  
Law William, 27  
Law Leah, 29  
Law Levi, 1 (died on the voyage)  
Law Louisa, 31  
Law Lydia, 20  
Law Lydia, 20  
Law Lydia, 4  
Law Lydia, 40  
Law Lydia, 44  
Law Marianne, 6  
Law Marianne, 7  
Law Martha (died in Quarantine)  
Law Martha, 2  
Law Martha, 22  
Law Martha, 23  
Law Martha, 23  
Law Martha, 34  
Law Martha, 39  
Law Mary Ann, 24 .  
Law Mary, 1  
Law Mary, 32  
Law Mary, 4  
Matthews Charles, 34  
Matthews Caroline, 19  
Matthews Isaac, 34  
Monk John, 16  
Monk Thomas, 46  
Monk Moses, 16  
Monk Nathan, infant .  
Negus John, 28  
Negus Peter, 23

Negus Onesyfirus (male), 4  
Parker George, 20  
Parker John, 23  
Parker John, 25  
Parker William, 16  
Parker Peter, 21  
Parker Peter, 7  
Piggot Emily, 4  
Piggot Harriet, 25  
Piggot Charles, 7  
Piggot Walter, 1  
Piggott Aaron, 33  
Piggott David, 32  
Piggott James, 19  
Piggott Nathan, 29  
Piggott William, 29  
Piggott Anne, 3  
Piggott Frederick, 6  
Piggott Rebecca, 29  
Pomfret Thomas, 43  
Pomfret Rachel, 23  
Pomfret Rebecca, 40  
Pomfret Rebecca, 5  
Rogers John, 18  
Rogers Phillip, 24  
Rumble Emma, 16  
Rumble George, 22  
Rumble John, 20  
Rumble Joshua, 55  
Rumble Thomas, 63  
Rumble William, 29  
Rumbold John, 35  
Rumbold Samson, 1  
Rumbold Sarah, 10  
Rumbold John, 8  
Rumbold James, 7  
Rumbold Sarah, 16  
Rumbold Eliza, 14  
Rumbold Sarah, 22  
Rumbold Sarah, 24 .  
Rumbold Sarah, 27  
Rumbold Sarah, 31  
Rumbold Sarah, 45  
Rumbold Sarah, 49  
Rumbold Sarah, 8 .  
Smith Alfred, 20  
Smith William, 49  
Smith Mary, 49  
Sorrell John, 23  
Sorrell Susan, 18  
Sorrell Susan, 18 months  
Sorrell Susannah, 7  
Sorrell Thomas, 3  
Sorrell Thomas, 6  
Thurgood Samuel, 18  
Walshaw George, 19  
White George, 23

White William, 48  
Whyman Thomas, 18  
Whyman William, 1  
Whyman William, 1  
Whyman William, 2  
Whyman William, 2  
Whyman William, 3  
Whyman William, 6  
Whyman William, 9