

***Dunbar* passenger and crew list**

The number of passengers and crew who perished in the *Dunbar* tragedy is open to some conjecture, although most historical sources put it at either 120 or 121. One combined passenger and crew list from 1857 proposes as many as 136 people, including the wife of the *Dunbar*'s commander James Green, who – it was speculated in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy – may have been on board. The New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, however, lists only 106 death certificates for victims of the shipwreck.

The problem stems from the fact that no complete and authoritative passenger and crew list survives, and that the various published lists have been compiled from a variety of sources. These include Captain Green's letter to the ship's agents in Sydney, forwarded before *Dunbar* departed Plymouth; published obituary notices; secondary information published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* Saturday 22 August and Thursday 27 August 1857; formal identification at the coronial inquest; the statements of the survivor James Johnson; and inscriptions on tombstones.

Difficulties in calculating the exact number are further complicated for a number of reasons. Some of the crew are known only by a first name or a last name. Some servants travelling with wealthy families are not identified by name at all. Names are spelled incorrectly (e.g. George Fish and George Fisher). The children of Mrs Egan appear to have been counted twice, both as un-named children and as the adolescents Gertrude Evans Cahuac and Henry William Cahuac. One person, John Ridley Jerram, is known to have drowned in the wreck according to an inscription on a tombstone, but is not named in any of the contemporary passenger lists.

In the following list of 127 passengers includes the Evans children listed twice, and five unidentified victims with death certificates, who may be among the named victims without death certificates.

Surname	First Name	Age	Details	Death certificate
Unknown				500176/1857
Unknown				500197/1857
Unknown				500209/1857
Unknown				500235/1857
Unknown				500236/1857 ¹
Unknown			cabin passenger	
Unknown			cabin passenger	
Unknown			cabin passenger ²	
Unknown	Donald		seaman	
Allan			apprentice	
Allen	John		seaman ?	500171/1857
Alger			sail maker	500149/1857
Annan	child		steerage passenger	
Annan	child		steerage passenger	
Annan	Mrs		steerage passenger	500234/1857
Au Vernet	R		midshipman	500144/1857 ³

Bay	John		seaman	500244/1857
Bayne	Alexander Fraser		surgeon	500138/1857
Brown	Henry Burchett	3	steerage passenger	500218/1857
Brown	Mrs W R	33	steerage passenger	500217/1857
Bynon	William		steerage passenger	500216/1857
Cahuac	Gertrude Evans	18	cabin passenger	500181/1857 ⁴
Cahuac	Henry William	20	cabin passenger	500180/1857 ⁴
Chapman	Thomas		seaman	500155/1857
Clarke	Henry	child	steerage passenger	500228/1857
Clarke	James Thomas	child	steerage passenger	500229/1857
Clarke	Mr James Henry		steerage passenger	500226/1857
Clarke	Mrs Eleanor		steerage passenger	500227/1857
Coulston	John		seaman	500157/1857
Cummings	J Henry		seaman	500159/1857
Davidson	William (C in <i>SMH</i>)		cabin passenger	500215/1857
Donald	Mr		steerage passenger	500238/1857
Douglass	John		seaman	500156/1857
Douglass	Henry		able seaman	500245/1857
Downey	J (Patrick)		cabin passenger	500198/1857
Egan	Mrs Marian	38	cabin passenger	500179/1857
Egan		child	cabin passenger ⁵	
Egan		child	cabin passenger ⁵	
Fish(er?)	George		butcher's mate	500170/1857 ⁶
Fothergill	Miss S		cabin passenger	500233/1857
Gavin	John		apprentice	
Graham	Elizabeth		steerage passenger	500225/1857
Grant	C(harles)		seaman?	500167/1857
Green	Henry		quartermaster	500249/1857
Green	James		commander	500134/1857
Guy	John		seaman	500160/1857
Healing	Frederick	child	steerage passenger	500223/1857 ⁷
Healing	George	child	steerage passenger	500221/1857 ⁷
Healing	Louisa	child	steerage passenger	500222/1857 ⁷
Healing	Mr Daniel		steerage passenger	500219/1857 ⁸
Healing	Mrs		steerage passenger	500220/1857
Heisch	Allan, D		midshipman	500140/1857
Holl	John		steerage passenger	500224/1857
Holman	Henry		seaman	500242/1857
Hordern			midshipman	500145/1857
Horne	William		seaman	500161/1857
Hunt	Miss		cabin passenger	500213/1857
Hunt	Miss		cabin passenger	500212/1857
Jack	James		cook ⁹	
James	Adrian De Young	17	cabin passenger	500163/1857
Jerram	John Ridley	17	midshipman	500142/1857 ¹⁰
Johnson	James		able seaman, sole survivor	

Kay	T D		seaman	500164/1857
King	Miss E			
King	John		seaman?	500166/1857
Knox	D		seaman	500162/1857
Larks	James		butcher ¹¹	
Lenan	George		seaman ¹²	
Leney	Hecter		ordinary seaman	500247/1857
Lewis	John		seaman	500154/1857
Loble	William		able seaman	500246/1857
Logan	Arthur Phillipson	9	cabin passenger	500192/1857
Logan	Charles Alfred	11	cabin passenger	500191/1857
Logan	Ida	18	cabin passenger	500190/1857
Macquoid	Mr Hyacinth		cabin passenger	500210/1857
McGuffy			apprentice	500173/1857
McKarf (McKay?)			midshipman	500239/1857
Meyers	Rachel		cabin passenger	500203/1857 ¹³
Meyers	Lazarus		cabin passenger	500205/1857
Meyers	Julia		cabin passenger	500206/1857
Meyers	Morris		cabin passenger	500204/1857
Meyers		child	cabin passenger	500207/1857
Meyers		child	cabin passenger	500208/1857
Meyers	Mr Abraham		cabin passenger	500201/1857
Meyers	Mrs Julia		cabin passenger	500202/1857
Millar	Mrs James		steerage passenger	
Miller	William		seaman	500153/1857
Munro	Alexander		seaman	500152/1857
Mylne	Annie Douglass		cabin passenger	500195/1857
Mylne	John (ex-Indian Army)		cabin passenger	500193/1857
Mylne	Miss Letitia		cabin passenger	500196/1857
Mylne	Thomas		cabin passenger	500194/1857
Olman	Henry		able seaman	
Pascoe	John		third officer	500137/1857
Peek	Mr Samuel		cabin passenger	500177/1857
Peek	Mrs Samuel		cabin passenger	500178/1857
Piercey	J B		midshipman	
Pilotte	Paul		seaman?	500168/1857
Saint	Mr Joseph		steerage passenger	500230/1857
Saint	Maria Ann		steerage passenger	500231/1857
Sappey	Charles			500151/1857
Severn	William		cabin passenger	500211/1857
Simmon(d)s	Isaac	21	cabin passenger	500199/1857 ¹⁴
Simper	S W		seaman? ¹⁵	
Smith	Robert		second master?	500169/1857
Spence	John		second officer	500136/1857
Spiffin	John		seaman	500241/1857
Steane RN	Capt John		cabin passenger	500214/1857 ¹⁶

Storne	William		seaman	
Struthers	J B		first officer	500135/1857
Tindal	William H		cabin passenger	500232/1857 ¹⁷
Troughton	G		cabin passenger	500200/1857
Wake	Miss J			
Waller	Arthur Henry	4	cabin passenger	500188/1857
Waller	Edward Kilner	9	cabin passenger	500185/1857
Waller	Hannah Maria	39	cabin passenger	500183/1857
Waller	John Leonard	3	cabin passenger	500188/1857
Waller	Kate Elizabeth	8	cabin passenger	500185/1857
Waller	Kilner	41	cabin passenger	500182/1857
Waller	Maria Theresa	6	cabin passenger	500187/1857
Waller	Mary Dowling	13	cabin passenger	500185/1857
Ward	James		chief steward	500147/1857
Weiss	Frederick	17	midshipman	500172/1857
Williams	H B			500146/1857
Williams	John		seaman	500240/1857
Williams	William Butler		midshipman	500139/1857
Woodworth	John		seaman	500243/1857

1. New South Wales Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages lists at least five unidentified victims of the *Dunbar*.
2. The servants travelling with the Meyers, Mylne and Waller families are not identified by name in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.
3. Recorded as 'Du Vernet, Male, *Dunbar* victim' on his death certificate.
4. Recorded as Cahnac on death certificates. Son and daughter of Marian Egan in *SMH*.
5. Although the *Sydney Morning Herald* states that Mrs Egan was travelling with two children with the last name of Egan there were no death certificates in that name. It appears two children from a former marriage named Gertrude and Henry Cahuac, the step children of Daniel Egan MLA did travel with her and died in the wreck.
6. George Fish reported as being George Fisher (*Sydney Morning Herald* 1 July 1966)
7. The death certificates of the three Healing children only list their last name.
8. Healling in *Sydney Morning Herald*.
9. Possibly the John Jock, *Dunbar* victim, as recorded on death certificate 500150/1857.
10. Sometimes called John Ridley.
11. Named as 'James Parks, *Dunbar* victim' on death certificate 500148/1857.
12. Possibly George Lever, shipwreck victim as recorded on death certificate 500158/1857.
13. Family name spelled Myers in *Sydney Morning Herald*.

14. Simmons in *Sydney Morning Herald*.

15. Possible S W Simpee, shipwreck victim as recorded on death certificate 500165/1857.

16. Captain Steine in *Sydney Morning Herald*.

17. Tyndal in *Sydney Morning Herald*.