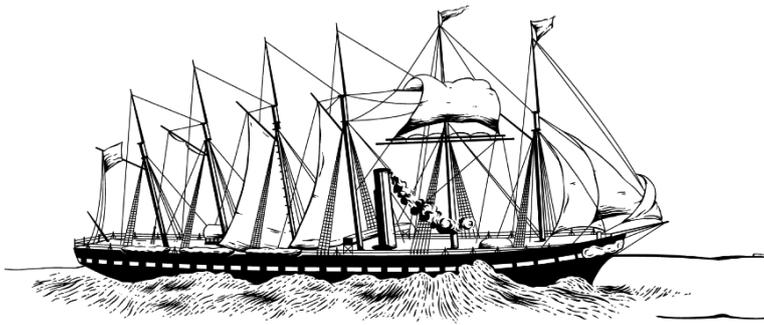


Passenger Diaries

Rosamond D'Ouseley



Departed: Liverpool, United Kingdom on 12 August 1869

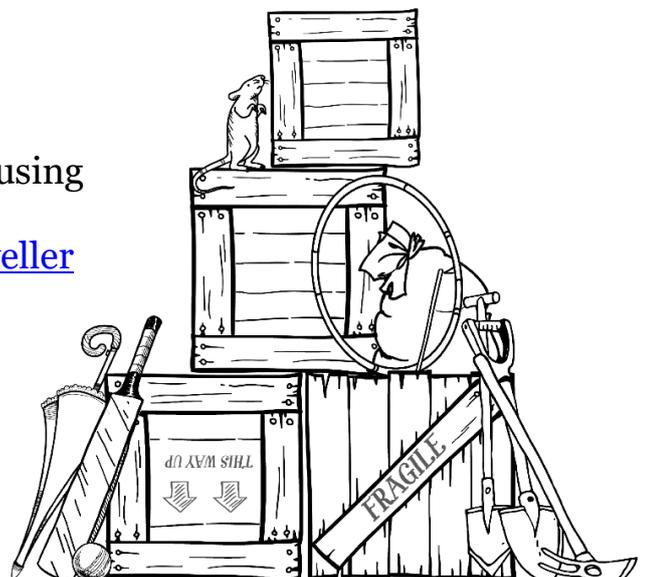
Arrived: Melbourne, Australia on 13 October 1869

Rosamond D'Ouseley was 24 years old when she travelled on her own to Australia to visit her aunt's family. She formed friendships with other passengers on her voyage, playing games, having tea and going for walks with them. In her diary she records her life onboard, writing about religious services, evening dances and her fellow passengers, though not always in a positive way!

On the final day of the voyage, she got up early to watch the ship arrive into Melbourne, though she described her first view as "not at all exhilarating"! Rosamond stayed in Australia for 6 weeks before returning home on a different ship.

Learn more about Rosamond and her journey using Global Stories:

https://globalstories.ssgreatbritain.org/_/traveller/21578/



19th August 1869

Thursday closed with a magnificent sunset, of quite different character from any which we had yet witnessed. As the sun dipped into the sea the west was covered with exquisite streaks of gold, crimson & yellow which gradually spread round to the east, covered the entire sky for a minute & disappeared. But their last surge had scarcely died away, when the full moon emerged from the sky towards the east, her pure soft, silvery beams tinting the scene with a novel & delicious beauty, come up to the stern with me & endeavour with all your might to impress the beauty of that magnificent picture upon your soul.

21st August 1869

Groups of sailors are continually engaged on every side in hauling up the canvas, adjusting the spars or heaving the capstan, alternatively singing, laughing & shouting, for every particular rope or spar they seem to have an appropriate song, the execution is highly creditable to

the capacity of their lungs. At intervals the clear, firm voices of the captain or officers, & the ready "Aye, Aye Sir" which greeted his orders could be discerned amid the din.

3rd September 1869

We play games almost every evening in our cabin & so pass the time very pleasantly; a bell rings every morning at 7 to call us all to breakfast – 12:30 for dinner, 9.5 for tea, but we are so savagely hungry these meals do not half satisfy us so we, the Misses Smiths, Misses Fyfe and Miss Corle & I, have an extra tea at 4 o'clock pm & supper at 9pm of our own providing or we should not be alive the cold is so intense. Liney Smith & I paid a visit to the Engine rooms & saw all the machinery & works which we expounded by Messer. May and Walker, two of the engineers. We also went into the Furnace rooms & were nearly roasted.

