

They Came Direct

"Flying Cloud"

Immigrant boat direct to the Port of Wide Bay

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"FLYING CLOUD"

Wood ship - 1139 tons, built in 1851 in New York. J Baines, Liverpool, owners.
Registered in London.

RECAPITULATION

Departure Port:	Liverpool
Departure Date:	4 June 1870
Arrival Port:	Hervey's Bay
Arrival Date:	30 August 1870

Master:	J. L. Owen
Surgeon:	W. W. Nason
Matron:	Miss Tozer

Voyage: Immigration Act 1869 - 3rd Ship

SUMMARY

Full Paying:

Saloon:	3 Souls = 3 S. Adults
Second Cabin:	14 Souls = 12½ S. Adults
Steerage:	43 Souls = 35½ S. Adults
Assisted:	116 Souls = 98½ S. Adults (for Maryborough)
	34 Souls = 31½ S. Adults (for Rockhampton)

Free: 163 Souls = 149½ S. Adults
(98 Souls for Maryborough)
(65 Souls for Rockhampton)

Remittance: 14 Souls = 13½ S. Adults
(5 Souls for Maryborough)
(9 Souls for Rockhampton)

Total Embarked: 387 Souls = 344 S Adults

Births: 4

Deaths: 6 Souls = 3 S. Adults

Total Landed: 385 Souls = 340½ S. Adults

As per the Shipping Intelligence column of the "*Maryborough Chronicle*"

Thursday 18 August 1870:-

Queensland Emigration:

The Flying Cloud, 1000 tons burden, belonging to Messrs. James Baines, Taylor and Co., sailed on June 4 from Liverpool, for Queensland. Captain J. L. Owen ; surgeon-superintendent, J. W. W. Nason, Esq. ; matron, Miss Tozer. The Flying Cloud is the ninety-ninth vessel that has sailed on the land-order system of emigration, under the immediate direction of the Queensland Government office.

She carries 388 souls, divided into paying, assisted, and free passengers and consisting of 181 members of families, 116 single men and 21 single females.

-*European Mail*.

Tuesday 30 August 1870:-

The Flying Cloud, from London, with immigrants for Maryborough and Rockhampton, was signalled off Cape Moreton on Sunday, at 11 am. and is now most likely at anchor in Hervey's Bay ; but in consequence of the telegraph line to Woody Island being out of order, we are unable to get news of her. Arrangements have been made with the A.S.N. Company for the conveyance of the passengers to their respective destinations as soon as convenient after the vessel has received partique - probably on Thursday next.

The Black Ball ship Flying Cloud left Liverpool on June 4, for Queensland, with 388 passengers. Of these, 60 are full payers, 150 assisted, 164 free and 14 remittance passengers. In the official list the nationalities are thus given - English, 220 ; Scotch, 37 ; Irish, 127 ; and foreigners, 4. Among the free and assisted there are 87 female domestic servants, 100 farm laborers, 10 shepherds, 3 gardeners, 1 miner, 1

quarryman, 5 blacksmith, 2 bricklayers, 1 mason, 1 sawyer, 12 carpenters, 1 wheelwright. The ages and sexes are given as follows :- Married men, 52 ; married women, 55 ; single men, 116 ; single women, 92 ; 32 boys and 27 girls under 12 years of age ; and 8 male and 6 female infants ; making a total of 208 males and 180 females.

The following are the names of the first and second saloon passengers :- Saloon Messrs. Robert Bridgeman, F E Howard, and E Wilson. Second saloon : Mrs Biggar and family (2), Mrs Lewis, Miss Lewis, Miss M'Gillnay, Miss Dora Edgar Messrs. H Bromberg, C Downing, J Edwards, F W Merry, T B Neillson, G I Platt, D G Rowlands, and 371 in the steerage.

Of the free, assisted and remittance passengers, 220 will be landed at Maryborough at which port she will call first ; the balance, 109 in number, will be landed at Rockhampton. There are about sixty full-paying passengers, who will land in accordance with their contract tickets.

Telegraphic: Brisbane August 28:

The ship Flying Cloud, from Liverpool, with immigrants, called off Cape Moreton this morning. The pilot went alongside, when the Captain stated that he had made a mistake in the signals, and that the vessel was bound for Hervey's Bay, and thence for Keppel Bay.

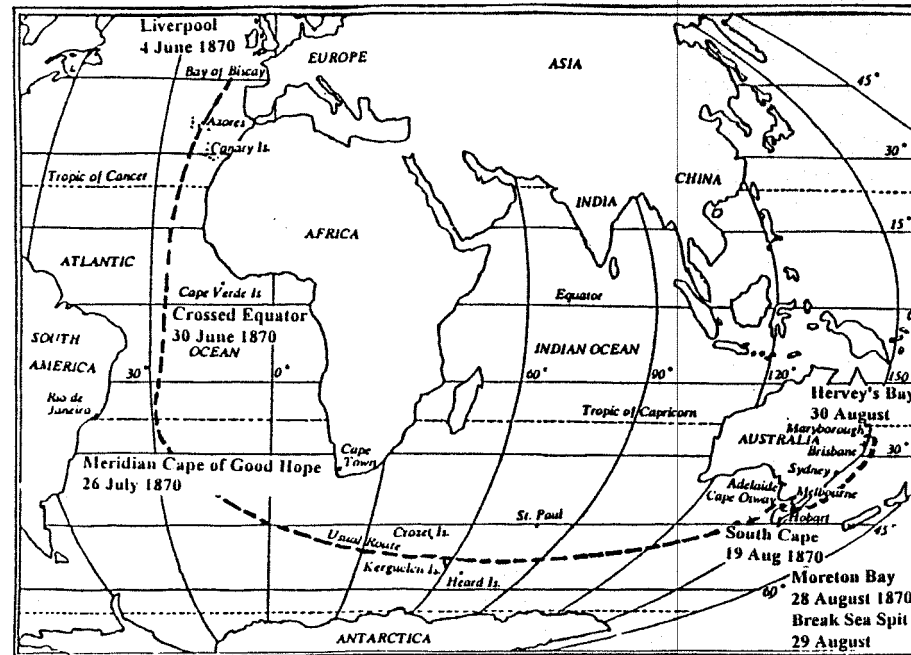
She resumed her course at 11.30 am.

Thursday 1 September 1870:-

The Lady Bowen was taken out as far as Woody Island yesterday, on the lookout for the Flying Cloud, though with small expectation of meeting with her, as the prevailing winds of the last few days would prevent a large ship bearing up to the anchorage. The present arrangements are for the Lady Bowen to call at the vessel which will most likely be met with at the entrance of Hervey's Bay, and take on the passengers to Rockhampton, and the Queensland to bring on the Maryborough portion.

The *BOUNTY SYSTEM*, established in New South Wales in 1837, involved the payment of set amounts of money or "bounties" per immigrant to person who arrived and paid for the passage of certain categories of immigrants such as female domestic servants, shepherds, mechanics, agricultural labourers etc., which were needed in the Colonies. The system was financed from the sale of Crown lands.

From the Queensland State Archives.



Map showing usual route of immigrant vessels