

Marriages

A little more detail about the ten couples who married after the voyage is provided below:

19-year-old **Ann Campbell** – an Irish girl – married fellow-passenger **James Welsh**¹ only a month after the pair arrived in Brisbane Town. They were not the only couple to wed hastily.

Francis Lyon was a 29-year-old shoemaker from Northampton, England. Both of his parents had died and he embarked on the *Emigrant* with his sister Anne. He fell ill with typhus while in quarantine but recovered, and was well enough to take his bride, **Martha Loder**, to the altar on 23 December, only weeks after their release from quarantine. Martha had suffered greatly on the voyage. She had lost her married sister, Maria Trowbridge, in quarantine, and her younger sister, Catherine, at sea. Francis and Martha Lyon settled in Brisbane and set up a farm at Oxley.

Josiah Trowbridge and **Frances Frith**, both widowed by typhus, found consolation in each other and married within weeks of their arrival, on 11 December.

Thomas Gleeson had also lost a wife to fever on the voyage and was left to care for two small daughters. He had barely set foot on the mainland before remarrying. His second wife was fellow-passenger **Catherine O'Brien**, an illiterate 23-year-old domestic servant from County Kilkenny, Ireland. The pair married on 30 November 1850.

James Buckly (or Buckley, Bugsby or Buckby) and **Anne (or Amelia) Sutton** married in 1851. He had emigrated from Cranford, England, at 18; she from Stapleton, Gloucestershire, at 20. James had fallen ill on the voyage and by the time the *Emigrant* reached Dunwich he was convalescing but 'sore from lying'. James was later paid for helping out in the hospital. The couple remained in Brisbane, where James worked as a labourer and a bootmaker. They had children and died two years apart: Anne in 1891 and James in 1893.

In 1851, another couple from the *Emigrant* married. They were **Julia McMahan** and **Thomas John Ryan**². Julia was a 21-year-old domestic servant from County Clare, who was travelling with her sister. Thomas Ryan was a 25-year-old farm labourer from Tipperary. The couple raised a family in Ipswich and the Darling Downs, and were much lamented in the district after their deaths.

Mary Gorman was only a child during the voyage, but it was then that she met her future husband, **John Tolman**, who was 14 years her senior. She would marry him when she reached adulthood.

Catherine Maunsell, the first passenger to develop signs of typhus, married fellow-passenger **James Cahill** in Brisbane on 6 Jan 1854. Their fate is outlined in the book.

If romantic relationships between passengers were discouraged, then relationships between passengers and crew were *strictly* prohibited. And yet within four months of their arrival in Moreton Bay, **Mary Ann Mahoney** had married the seaman **James Hall**.

And, of course, it was the *Emigrant* that brought **David Hobbs** and **Mary Farmer** together to share their journey through life in Australia – a journey that, for them, was ill-fated from first to last.

¹ Not to be confused with James Walsh, aged 22, of Limerick Ireland, who travelled with his family. Anne's marriage registration shows her as marrying James Walsh, but this is incorrect. Other documents show that her husband, James Welsh or Welch, was an Englishman from Somerset

² Named on the passenger lists as John Ryan.