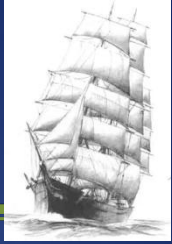


ASSISTED AND BOUNTY IMMIGRANTS



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Background



- Young country needed immigrants (as labour and skilled tradesmen), but cheaper and quicker to get to America.
- To attract immigrants needed to provide free or heavily subsidised passages.
- Also needed female domestic staff & farm servants
- Until 1900 238,000 assisted & 347,000 unassisted immigrants to Australia

Background (cont)



- For several years in the mid 1840s no assisted immigration due to severe drought & depression
- Also a gap of 2-3 years from 1861 due to government financial problems
- During gold rush period most immigration was unassisted

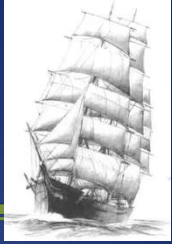
Assisted Immigrants



- Those who had all or part of their passage paid for them.
- Three types - Government Assisted, Bounty or Assisted by another scheme
- Usually funded by sale of land



Government assistance



- Started 1828
- People invited to apply for all or part of their passage
- Age restrictions
- Immigrants had to be "suitable" - young, healthy & useful in work experience
- Records therefore show age, literacy, occupation etc (Immigration Board's Lists)

Gov't Assisted (cont)



- Supposed to pay back passage money from salary, but many refused to pay back
- So government converted it to a free assistance



AUSTRALIA.

GOVERNMENT EMIGRATION

TO

NEW SOUTH WALES

**Farmers, Mechanics, Agricultural and other
Labourers and Small Working Capitalists,**

MARRIED (with or without Children). NOT EXCEEDING 35 YEARS OF AGE; and

DOMESTIC SERVANTS,

NOT EXCEEDING 30 YEARS.

Are provided with Assisted Passages to

SYDNEY.

By the Agent-General for New South Wales.

Full Particulars and Forms of Application may be obtained from
the Emigration Department, New South Wales Government Office,
5, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W.

Bounty Immigrants



- System started in 1836
- Mechanics, tradesmen or Ag labs
- Character references
- Still had age, occupational criteria etc
- Still have limit to number of children
- Still needed testimonials (references)

Bounty Immigrants (cont)



- Individuals or small groups could be sponsored by people in Australia
- Ships chartered by an agent in the UK
- People applied to agent to be included to fill up ship

Under Her Majesty's Commissioners.

ENTIRELY FREE
EMIGRATION

TO

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND

AND

New South Wales.

Mr. LATIMER,
OF TRURO,

Is desirous of obtaining, IMMEDIATELY, a LARGE NUMBER of Emigrants belonging to the class of *Mechanics, Handicraftsmen, Agricultural Laborers, Carpenters, Quarrymen, Masous, and Domestic Servants.*

The Emigrants must consist principally of married couples. Single women, with their relatives, are eligible, and in certain cases, *single men.*

The age of persons accepted as Adults is to be not less than 14, nor, generally speaking, more than 35; but the latter rule will be relaxed in favour of the parents of children of a working age.

The Colony of Van Diemen's Land has been established more than half-a-century, and possesses the usual advantages belonging to the Australian Settlements. It is not subject to drought, and affords a peculiar demand for the classes above-named.

No CHARGE for CHILDREN!!!

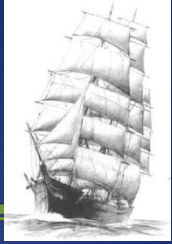
Applications, *post-paid*, or personal, to be made to Mr. LATIMER, 5 Parade, Truro.

On arrival

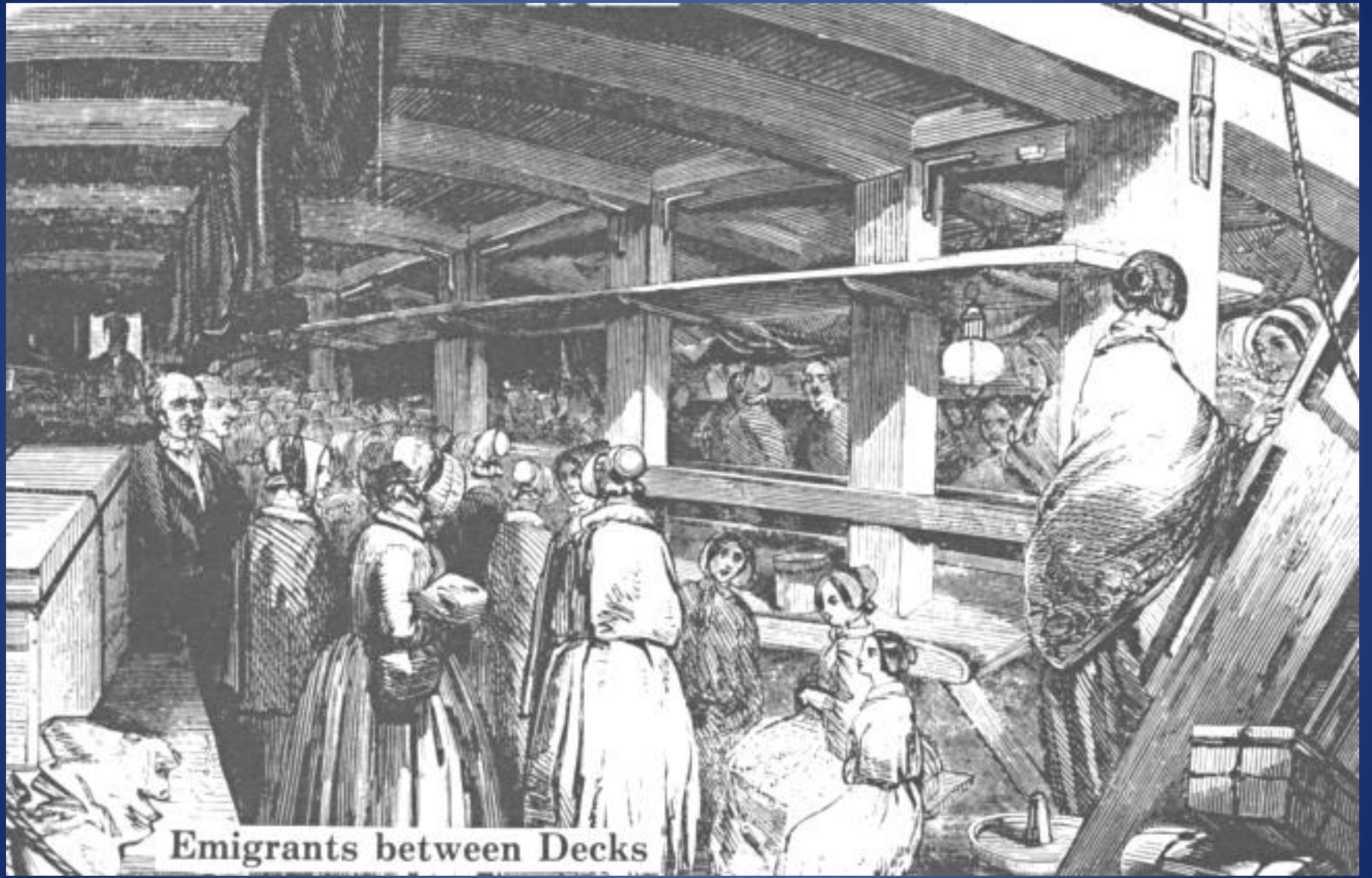


- Were interviewed by Immigration Board
- If they were deemed suitable Bounty paid to the Agent
- No payment for people unfit, too old or died on voyage
- Private employers who nominated individuals also received subsidies

Typical payments

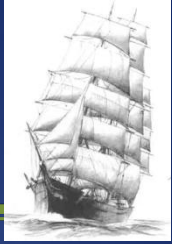


- £30 for a man and wife under 30 years
- £15 for each single female 15y to 30y with the approval of the settler or the agent, and under the protection of a married couple or to stay with the family till otherwise provided for
- £10 for each unmarried male 18y to 30y
- £5 for each child over 1y



Emigrants between Decks

The Wakefield Plan(SA)



- Edward Gibbon Wakefield - former Newgate prisoner
- Proposed 1829, adopted in SA Act 1834
- Wealthy purchased large areas of land
- This funded the transport of respectable labourers who would work the land
- Over time they would be able to buy small holdings
- But many would not work as labourers or servants

Some other schemes



- Initially helped immigrants find work
- Later set up her own colonization scheme
- Did not support the Wakefield scheme
- Got free passages for emancipists' wives on 2 ships & for 75 children on another



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Family Colonization Loan Society

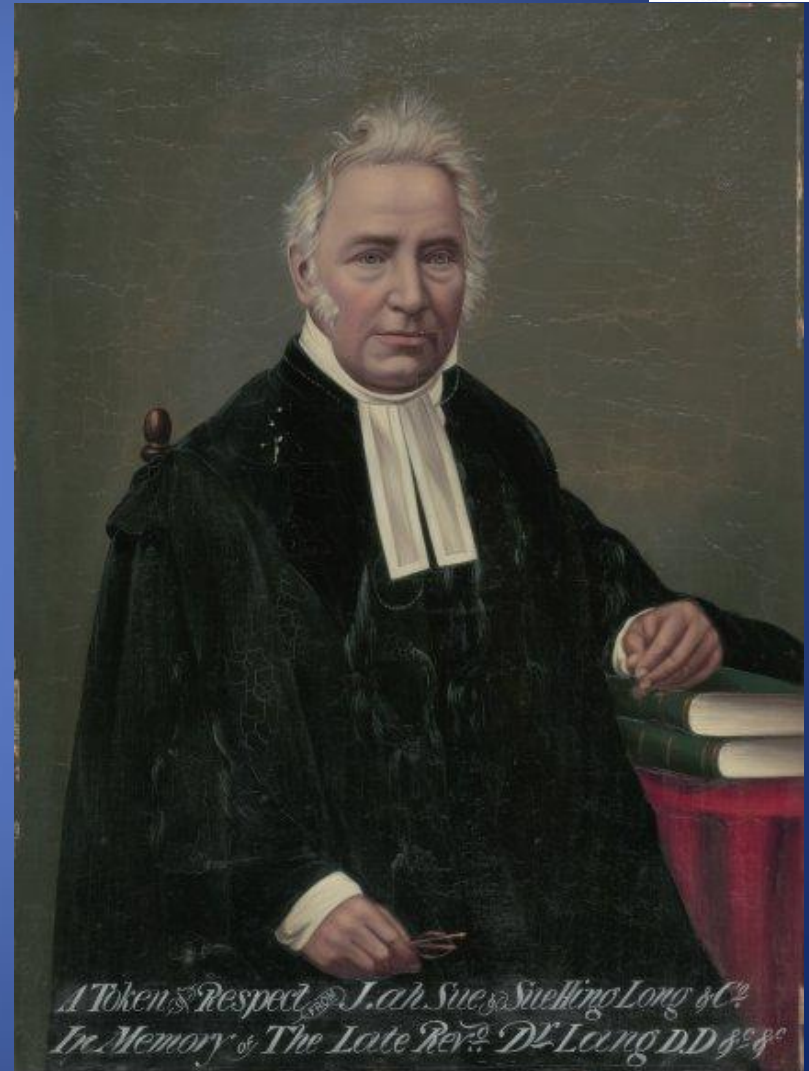


- Couldn't get official backing so set up her own scheme of family emigration - The Family Colonization Loan Society (1849)
- Society received the savings of intending emigrants and loaned them the balance of the passage money
- Australian agents found them employment and collected the repayment of the loan

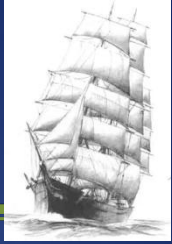
John Dunmore Lang



- Scottish Presbyterian clergyman
- Arrived in NSW in 1824
- Was in England in 1830 to promote education and struck by the poverty
- Thought emigration could help them & produce a moral reform in NSW

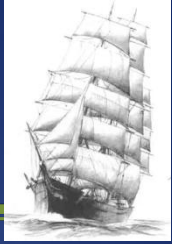


Dunmore Lang (cont)



- Lang selected about 140 people - mostly Scottish tradesmen and their families who could help build a college
- Fare to be repaid out of their wages building the college
- Later travelled to a lot of countries encouraging Protestants to emigrate

Dunmore Lang (cont)



- Cost of emigration a problem - cheaper to go to America, so..
- Proposed that reputable migrants who paid own fare receive free grant of land
- Brought out 270 migrants on the *Fortitude* in 1848 but no land
- Brought out 5 more ships - 1200 migrants
- To Sydney, Port Phillip & Moreton Bay
- Immigrants included Lutherans from Germany

Highlands & Islands



- Highlands and Islands Emigration Society
- Ran 1852-1857
- Money from benefactors
- 4910 men, women & children from Western Isles & Western Highlands
- Families - restrictions on age and number of children
- Emigrants paid a deposit & were loaned the balance
- Lists available on Scottish Archive Network
www.scan.org.uk

Female Emigration TO AUSTRALIA.

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The Committee for promoting the Emigration OF Single Women

To AUSTRALIA, &c. &c. under the Sanction of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies. HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, That

THE SPLENDID TEAK-BUILT SHIP

"David Scott," of 773 Tons Register,

Carrying an experienced Surgeon, and a respectable Person and his Wife as Superintendants to secure the Comfort and Protection of the Emigrants during the Voyage, is to sail

GRAVESEND

On Thursday 10th of July next,

(Beyond which day she will on no account be detained) direct for

SYDNEY.

Single Women and Widows of good Character, from 15 to 30 Years of Age, desirous of bettering their Condition by Emigrating to that healthy and highly populous Colony, where the number of Females compared with the entire Population is greatly deficient, and where consequently from the great demand for Servants, and other Female Employments, the Wages are comparatively high, may obtain a Passage

On payment of FIVE POUNDS only.

Those who are unable to raise even that Sum here, may, when approved by the Committee, go without any Money Payment whatever, as their Services if not will be taken, payable in the Colony within a reasonable time after their arrival, when they have acquired the means to do so; in both cases the Parties will have the advantage of the Government Grant in aid of their Passage.

The Females who proceed by this Conveyance will be taken care of on their first Landing at Sydney. They will find there a List of the various Situations to be obtained, and of the Wages offered, and will be perfectly free to make their own Election; they will not be bound to any person, or subjected to any restraint, but will be, to all intents and purposes, perfectly free to act and decide for themselves.

Females in the Country who may desire to avail themselves of the important advantages thus offered them, should apply by Letter to "The Emigration Committee, London," under Cover addressed to "The UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, COLONIAL DEPARTMENT, LONDON." It will be necessary that the Applicant be accompanied by a Certificate of Character from the Resident Minister of the Parish, or from some other respectable persons to whom the Applicant may be known; that the Certificate of the Resident Minister is in all cases most desirable. Such Females as may find it expedient may, when approved by the Committee as fit persons to employ, be conveyed by the boarded temporarily in London, prior to Embarkation, on Payment of 7s. per Week.

All Applications made under cover in the foregoing manner, or personally, will receive early Answers, and all necessary Information, by applying to
JOHN MARSHALL, Agent to the Committee, 26, Birchin Lane, Cornhill, London.
EDWARD FORSTER, Chairman.

NOTE.—The Committee have the satisfaction to state that of 217 Females who went out by the "Bussorah Merchant," 180 obtained good Situations within three Days of their Landing, and the remainder were all well placed within a few Days, under the advice of a Ladies' Committee, formed in the Colony expressly to aid the Females on their arrival.

LONDON, 1st Mar, 1831

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State Records NSW



- Indexes for immigrants to Sydney, Port Phillip, Moreton Bay and Newcastle
- Immigration Agents' Lists & Immigration Board's Lists - look at both
- Images of some passenger lists

www.records.nsw.gov.au

Other Sources at SRNSW



- Immigration deposit journals, 1853-65, 1875-1900
- Reports by the Immigration Board on complaints of immigrants about their passage, 1838-87
- Reports by the Immigration Agent on condition of immigrants and ships on their arrival, 1837-95

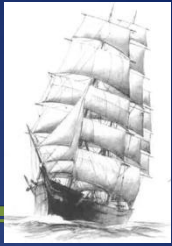
Victoria



- Online at PROV
 - Unassisted overseas passengers 1852-1923
 - Assisted passengers 1839-1871
- Government sponsored immigration phased out in the 1870s and stopped altogether by 1883
- Assisted passengers after 1871 listed in Inwards Overseas Passenger Lists

<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/>

Bound for South Australia



- Ships to SA 1836 to 1851
- Lists ships by year - no global name search
- Includes inter-colonial and overseas arrivals

www.slsa.sa.gov.au/fh/passengerlists/BoundforSouthAustralia.htm

Queensland



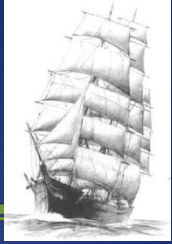
- QLD State Archives indexes to Assisted Immigration 1848-1912
www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/indexes.asp
- Also information in Ancestry.com

What's on Ancestry.com



- Victoria unassisted 1839 - 1923 (with gaps)
- Victoria unassisted 1839 - 1871
- NSW unassisted 1826-1922
- NSW assisted 1828 - 1896
- NSW Bounty immigrants list 1828 - 1842
- Queensland passenger lists 1848 - 1912

Other web sites



- Mariners and Ships in Australian waters
mariners.records.nsw.gov.au/
- Ozships (Convictions)
www.blaxland.com/ozships/
- Passenger ships arriving in Australia
Ports
members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/shipping/