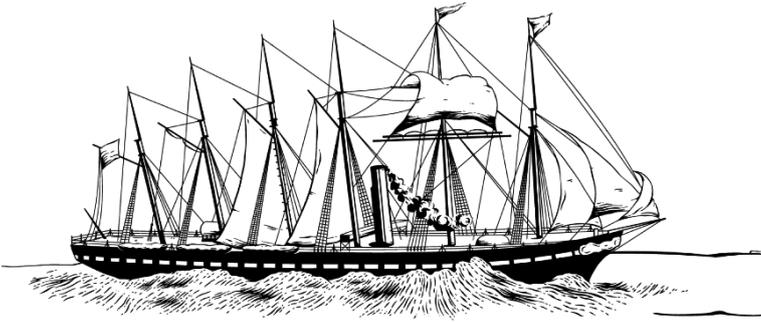


Passenger Diaries

Annie Henning



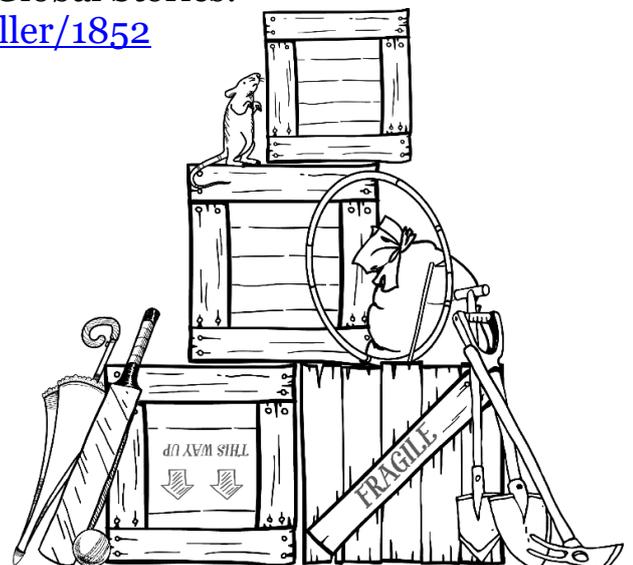
Departed: Liverpool, United Kingdom on 11 August 1853

Arrived: Melbourne, Australia on 21 October 1853

Annie Henning, her brother Biddulph, and his dog Gipsy went to Australia together in 1853. They enjoyed everything their journey in the First Class After Saloon had to offer – fine dinners with the captain, dancing and concerts on the deck, and making friends with their fellow travellers. Annie enjoyed learning about navigation from the second mate and walking on deck to breathe the fresh air and watch flying fish and porpoises.

Learn more about Annie and her journey using Global Stories:

https://globalstories.ssgreatbritain.org/_traveller/1852



24th September 1853

Several of the passengers are ill, Mrs McDermot, Miss Smythe's sister for one and a Dutchman, Mr Pit with rheumatic fever. Almost all the passengers have had colds from going out of the heated Saloon into the draughty passages below.

25th September 1853

Went on deck in the morning, very cold and frosty... Everyone went on deck after lunch and again between dinner and tea and walked as usual round the deck in the Grand Circle as we call it "two by two". This way of walking is great fun, but the noise is very great in the Saloon, however for those who are foolish enough to stay there. It sounds like a regiment of soldiers marching overhead.

14th October 1853

On going downstairs to bed yesterday we heard that Mrs Cohen was just dead. No one had an idea that she was so really ill. She had always complained so when there was little or nothing the matter, we thought it was the same now. She was at dinner on Sunday. It is terribly sudden, and her husband is almost distracted. He came home from Melbourne by the Great Britain last time on purpose to bring her out, as they had been engaged before, and they were only married three weeks before. It was bronchitis she died of. As we are so near Melbourne she is not to be buried at sea. She was only nineteen and her husband is twenty one.

