

Assisted Emigration of Wiltshire Settlers 1820

After the Napoleonic wars and the return of many of the soldiers involved in the campaigns to civilian way of life, they found it increasingly difficult to find employment in the countryside and towns and cities.

Assisted emigration was conceived as a way of helping individuals start a new life in foreign lands. In the case of the emigration of many families to the Great Fish River area of the Eastern Cape of South Africa this served two purposes, firstly to reduce the number of families reliant on parish relief and secondly to create an alternative to setting up military posts in the area. The idea being that a greater number of settlers would ensure the safety of the area just as well as military deployment.

The county of Wiltshire assisted several groups to emigrate and many families were allocated land on the Western bank of the Kleine Mond River. Groups of families formed parties led by Miles Bowker, Edward Ford, Charles Hyman and Samuel James. All four parties set sail aboard the ship "Weymouth" from Plymouth arriving at Algoa Bay (present day Port Elizabeth).

The area of settlement was one of constant friction giving rise to a series of Kaffir Wars also known as Xhosa or Border Wars from 1779-1819. It wasn't until the attack on Grahamstown that the British Government fully enhanced its programme of assisted emigration eventually agreeing that strengthening the border with increased numbers of colonists would be cheaper than providing a full military presence there.

The table below list those families who took advantage of the assisted emigration programme.

It is not known from which parishes the families originated.

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	AGE	PARTY SAILED WITH	NOTES
Adams	Edward	21	Hyman	
Adams	Henry	36	Bowker	
Austen	G.	25	Bowker	
Banks	James	2	James	Son of William Banks
Banks	Sarah	22	James	Wife of William Banks
Banks	William	3 months	James	Son of William Banks
Banks	William	25	James	
Barter	William	22	James	
Besant	Charles	34	Bowker	Murdered by the Kaffirs in 1838
Bowker	Ann	38		Wife of Miles Bowker
Bowker	Anna Maria	Infant		Daughter of Miles Bowker

Bowker	Bertram Egerton	10		Son of Miles Bowker, followed family in 1822
Bowker	John Mitford	19		Son of Miles Bowker, followed family in 1822
Bowker	Mary Elizabeth	2		Daughter of Miles Bowker
Bowker	Miles	55		Head of Party
Bowker	Miles Brabbin	14		Son of Mile Bowker
Bowker	Octavius	4		Son of Miles Bowker
Bowker	Robert Mitford	8		Son of Miles Bowker
Bowker	Septimus	6		Son of Miles Bowker
Bowker	Thomas Holden	12		Son of Miles Bowker
Bowker	William M.	17		Son of Miles Bowker
Crouch	John	1	Ford	Son of Richard Crouch
Crouch	Richard	29	Ford	
Crouch	Sarah	30	Ford	Wife of Richard Crouch
Debnam	Ann	13	Hyman	Daughter of Isaac Debnam
Debnam	Eliza	17	Hyman	Daughter of Isaac Debnam
Debnam	Isaac	11	Hyman	Son of Isaac Debnam
Debnam	Isaac	38	Hyman	
Debnam	John	16	Hyman	Son of Isaac Debnam
Debnam	Mary	39	Hyman	Wife of Isaac Debnam
Dicks	Dinah	22	Ford	Wife of James Dicks
Dicks	Eliza	6	Ford	Daughter of James Dicks
Dicks	Ephraim	16	Ford	Son of Ephraim Dicks
Dicks	Ephraim	38	Ford	
Dicks	James	12	Ford	Son of James Dicks
Dicks	James	23	Ford	
Dicks	James	38	Ford	
Dicks	Jane	39	Ford	Wife of James Dicks
Dicks	John	Infant	Ford	Son of James Dicks
Dicks	Jonah	8	Ford	Son of James Dicks
Dicks	Joseph	5	Ford	Son of Ephraim Dicks

Dicks	Joseph	10	Ford	Son of James Dicks
Dicks	Robert	17	Ford	Son of James Dicks
Dicks	Uriah	14	Ford	Son of James Dicks
Down	G. Hooks	25	Bowker	
Farley	Daniel	28	Hyman	
Farley	Elizabeth	29	Hyman	Wife of Daniel Farley
Farley	Joseph	2	Hyman	Son of Daniel Farley
Farley	Sarah	3	Hyman	Daughter of Daniel Farley
Farley	William	5	Hyman	Son of Daniel Farley
Ford	Edward	38		Head of Party
Ford	Elizabeth	11		Daughter of Edward Ford
Ford	James	17		Son of Edward Ford
Ford	Jane	39		Wife of Edward Ford
Ford	John	16		Son of Edward Ford
Ford	Patience	13		Daughter of Edward Ford
Hayter	John	20	Bowker	
Hayward	Eliza	2	James	Daughter of James Hayward
Hayward	Elizabeth	4	James	Daughter of James Hayward
Hayward	James	39	James	
Hayward	John	13	James	Son of James Hayward
Hayward	Samuel	17	James	Son of James Hayward
Hayward	Selina	9	James	Daughter of James Hayward
Hayward	Tabatha	37	James	Wife of James Hayward
Hayward	William	4	James	Son of James Hayward
Henton	George	7	James	Son of Richard Henton
Henton	Jane	6 months	James	Daughter of Richard Henton
Henton	Leonard	4	James	Son of Richard Henton
Henton	Rebecca	10	James	Daughter of Richard Henton
Henton	Richard	33	James	
Henton	Sarah	33	James	Wife of Richard Henton
Hobbs	Charity	25	James	Wife of Philip Hobbs
Hobbs	Daniel	3	James	Son of Richard Hobbs

Hobbs	Philip	26	James	
Hobbs	Sarah	1	James	Daughter of Richard Hobbs
Hyman	Charles	21		Head of Party
Hyman	Elizabeth	26		Wife of Charles Hyman
Hyman	John Wheeler	14		Brother of Charles Hyman
Ingram	William	24	Bowker	Murdered by the Kaffirs
James	Edward	8		Son of Samuel James
James	Eliz.	33		Wife of Samuel James
James	Eliza	5		Daughter of Samuel James
James	Sam	Infant		Son of Samuel James
James	Samuel	31		Head of Party
James	Stephen	2		Son of Samuel James
James	Thomas	Infant		Son of Samuel James
James	William	Infant		Son of Samuel James
Jennings	Ephraim	16	Ford	Son of James Jennings
Jennings	James	3	Ford	Son of James Jennings
Jennings	James	28	Ford	
Jennings	Joseph	5	Ford	Son of James Jennings
Jennings	Mary	30	Ford	Wife of James Jennings
King	Eleanor	24	Hyman	Wife of John King
King	John	2	Hyman	Son of John King
King	John	23	Hyman	
King	Sarah	1	Hyman	Daughter of John King
Lanham	Elizabeth	27	James	Wife of Thomas Lanham
Lanham	Mary Ann	10 months	James	Daughter of Thomas Lanham
Lanham	Thomas	30	James	
Limes	Richard	20	Bowker	
Miles	Ann	20	Ford	Wife of Robert Miles
Miles	Robert	27	Ford	
Miles	William	2	Ford	Son of Robert Miles

Neat	Jane		Hyman	Daughter of William Neat
Neat	Susan	23	Hyman	Wife of William Neat
Neat	William	22	Hyman	
Payne	Elijah	25	Ford	
Payne	Mary	1½	Ford	Daughter of Elijah Payne
Payne	Mary	22	Ford	Wife of Elijah Payne
Pincock	Betsy	26	James	Wife of Philip Pincock
Pincock	Harriet	3	James	Daughter of James Pincock
Pincock	Joseph	1	James	Son of Philip Pincock
Pincock	Philip	32	James	
Ralph	Elizabeth	28	Ford	Wife of Richard Ralph
Ralph	Harriet	4	Ford	Daughter of Richard Ralph
Ralph	Richard	29	Ford	
Ralph	Samuel	1	Ford	Son of Richard Ralph
Ralphs	Elizabeth	28	Ford	Wife of Joseph Ralphs
Ralphs	Joseph	3	Ford	Son of Joseph Ralphs
Ralphs	Joseph	27	Ford	
Ralphs	Mary	9 months	Ford	Daughter of Joseph Ralphs
Rogers	Emma	1	James	Daughter of Robert Rogers; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Rogers	Rebecca	4	James	Daughter of Robert Rogers; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Rogers	Robert	25	James	Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Rogers	Sarah	26	James	Wife of Robert Rogers; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Stanford	Jane	2	Bowker	Daughter of John Stanford; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Stanford	John	7	Bowker	Son of John Stanford; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Stanford	John	35	Bowker	Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Stanford	Letitia	5	Bowker	Daughter of John Stanford; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Stanford	Maria	28	Bowker	Wife of John Stanford; Killed in the 6th

				Kaffir War of December 1834
Stanford	Sophia	Infant	Bowker	Daughter of John Stanford; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Trollip	Alfred	1	Hyman	Son of William Trollip
Trollip	Benjamin	16	Hyman	Son of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	Elizabeth	20	Hyman	Wife of John Trollip
Trollip	Hester	18	Hyman	Daughter of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	Jacob	11	Hyman	Son of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	John	22	Hyman	
Trollip	Joseph	9	Hyman	Son of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	Joseph	38	Hyman	
Trollip	Mary	20	Hyman	Wife of Stephen Trollip
Trollip	Mary Ann	7	Hyman	Daughter of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	Patience	22	Hyman	Wife of William Trollip
Trollip	Rhoda	13	Hyman	Daughter of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	Stephen	19	Hyman	
Trollip	Susan	39	Hyman	Wife of Joseph Trollip
Trollip	William	24	Hyman	
Usher	Ann	4	James	Daughter of James Usher
Usher	Elizabeth	16	James	Daughter of James Usher
Usher	Fanny	2	James	Daughter of James Usher
Usher	James	5	James	Son of James Usher
Usher	James	36	James	
Usher	John	7	James	Son of James Usher
Usher	Joseph	14	James	Son of James Usher
Usher	Sarah	36	James	Wife of James Usher
Usher	Sophia	9	James	Daughter of James Usher
Warren	James	14	James	Son of Thomas Warren; Killed in the 6th Kaffir War of December 1834
Warren	Mary	42	James	Wife of Thomas Warren
Warren	Thomas	44	James	
Weakly	Emma	26	Hyman	Wife of Joseph Weakly

Weakly	John	1	Hyman	Son of Joseph Weakly
Weakly	Joseph	3	Hyman	Son of Joseph Weakly
Weakly	Joseph	27	Hyman	
Weakly	Mary	5	Hyman	Daughter of Joseph Weakly

This list is by no means a definitive one and is meant to provide a guide to finding potential lost ancestors. Perhaps the ships passengers lists could provide further information.

If anyone has further information they can add to this item please contact Teresa Lewis (Administrator) who will update this information. It would be great to name some if not all of these assisted paupers.