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# German Shipping

You will not find all of the information in every passenger list you search but it should be a guide to the information available and the places to search for it.

In 1850 Hamburg City authorities made it law that all ships leaving the port were to be registered, to lodge manifests and a list of passengers as well as pay port dues. However, no official lists before 1855 are available. Some later ships carrying less than twenty passengers were not recorded and some official lists are missing.

There are a number of other lists available such as those compiled by agents such as Delius, an English speaking agent of the South Australian Company, those held by the Captain and the people to whom passage money was owed. A few names were recorded by passengers in their diaries and memoirs some of which were written from memory many years later—up to sixty years in one case.

Any official lists of passengers leaving Bremerhaven were burnt in a fire in the 20th century. There are a few privately held copies.

Years ago Lutheran pastors compiled passenger lists of some of the early ships using evidence gathered from various sources. Church records and historical books, diaries and family papers, shipping notices in newspapers and information given by descendants of the original migrants were used. Those lists were printed in Lutheran Year books. They have limited authenticity.

There have been lists that have been compiled, altered, added to or just copied without care. Often little or dubious research was undertaken to authenticate the information. These lists need to be confirmed using original records.

Newspaper lists are notorious for being a very questionable place to gain information on Germanic migrants disembarking in Australian ports.

## ***Disembarkation ports***

Check the records of ports of embarkation and those called at by particular ships before and after Port Adelaide. Some indexes available in Adelaide include lists of passengers on ships that did not call at Port Adelaide but there is nothing to indicate that fact.. Publications from the United States of America and some compiled from records held in Europe should be treated with caution. There is evidence of people who left their ship en route at Rio de Janiero or Cape Town South Africa or changed their minds about their destination port.

## Research sources in SAGHS Library.

- Blue Germanic Research Migrant folders.
- Other Germanic Research folders of all colours and topics.
- Index cards of Germanic settlers- Dulcie Love Germanic Collection.
- Migrants from the Harz by Renate Volmer.
- Ships from Germanic Ports to Pt Adelaide 1837-1886 by Dulcie Love & Shirley Kalisch.

## *Ships from Germanic ports to Port Adelaide 1837–1886*

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide (return)**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1838: Zebra [via ENG ?]  
 1839: Catharina [via ENG?]  
 1841: Skjold  
 1844: George Washington  
 1845: H R Patel  
 1846: George Washington  
 1846: H R Patel  
 1846: Pauline  
 1847: Heloise  
 1847: Gellert  
 1848: Pauline  
 1848: President Schmidt  
 1849: Steinwarder  
 1849: George Washington  
 1849: Louise  
 1849: Auguste & Meline  
 1849: Wilhelmina Maria  
 1849: Pauline  
 1850: Livonia (?)  
 1850: Sophie  
 1850: Leontine  
 1851: Helene  
 1851: Wilhelmine  
 1851: Susanne  
 1851: Herder  
 1852: Wilhelmine  
 1852: Alfred  
 1853: Dockenhuden  
 1853: Grasbrook  
 1853: Steinwarder  
 1853: Courier  
 1853: Hermann  
 1854: Iserbrook  
 1854: Helene  
 1854: Wandrahm  
 1854: Reiherstieg  
 1854: Steinwarder  
 1855: Australia  
 1855: Johann Cesar  
 1855: Wilhelmine  
 1858: Ohio  
 1858: Leontine  
 1863: Adolph  
 1863: Iserbrook  
 1870: San Francisco  
 1876: Lightning  
 1880: Herschel  
 1882: Justine Helene  
 1884: Catania  
**Official passenger lists:**  
 1855: La Rochelle  
 1855: Steinwarder  
 1856: August  
 1856: Vesta  
 1856: Victoria  
 1857: Cesar & Helene  
 1857: August  
 1858: Grasbrook  
 1858: Sophie  
 1859: Helene  
 1861: Iserbrook  
 1864: Susanne  
 1866: Adolph  
 1866: Reiherstieg

1866: Sophie  
 1867: Sophie  
 1868: Susanne  
 1869: Victoria  
 1876: Esther  
 1877: Cesar Godeffroy  
 1877: Herschel  
 1877: Papa  
 1877: Peter Godeffroy  
 1878: Eduard  
 1883: Marsala  
 1884: Sorrento

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide and Melbourne**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1849: Godeffroy  
 1849: G H Wappus  
 1849: Emmy  
 1851: Sophie  
 1852: Dockenhuden  
 1853: Wodan  
 1854: J W Lorenzen  
 1855: Johann Cesar  
 1855: Alster (?)

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1855: August  
 1855: Peter Godeffroy  
 1856: Helene  
 1856: Europa  
 1856: Henrich  
 1857: Peter Godeffroy  
 1858: Alfred  
 1858: Susanne  
 1859: Cesar & Helene  
 1860: Cesar Godeffroy

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide and Sydney**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1850: San Francisco  
 1850: Australia  
 1851: Sophie  
 1854: Cesar Godeffroy  
**Official passenger lists:**  
 1857: Malvina Vidal  
 1867: Wandrahm  
 1868: Cesar Godeffroy  
 1869: Cesar Godeffroy  
 1870: Wandrahm  
 1872: Helene  
 1873: Helene  
 1878: Elisabeth  
 1879: Sophie  
 1880: Elisabeth

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1881: Wappaus  
 1882: Etna  
 1882: Marsala  
 1882: Wodan  
 1882: Sorrento (2)  
 1882: Barcelona  
 1882: Etna (2)  
 1882: Catania (3)  
 1882: Amalfi  
 1883: Procida

1883: Catania  
 1883: Amalfi  
 1883: Kehrwieler  
 1883: Marsala  
 1883: Etna  
 1883: Procida (2)  
 1884: Taormina  
 1884: Amalfi (2)  
 1884: Marsala  
 1885: Sorrento  
 1885: Taormina  
 1885: Pemptos  
 1885: Marsala  
 1885: Catania  
 1886: Amalfi  
 1886: Catania

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1885: Procida

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide, Portland and Melbourne**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1865: Iserbrook

### **Ports of call: Cape Town and Port Adelaide**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1858: Victoria  
 1861: Alster  
 1861: Peter Godeffroy  
 1861: Sophie & Friedericke  
 1862: Grasbrook  
 1862: Wandrahm  
 1863: Steinwarder  
 1864: Iserbrook  
 1864: Helene  
 1865: San Francisco  
**Ports of call: Cape Town, Port Adelaide and Melbourne**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1854: John R Moller

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1859: Alfred  
 1860: Cesar Godeffroy  
 1862: San Francisco

### **Ports of call: Cape Town, Port Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1881: Catania  
 1881: Amalfi

### **Ports of call: Cape Town, Port Adelaide and Sydney**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1860: Peter Godeffroy

### **Ports of call: Port Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart**

#### *No official passenger lists*

1851: Susanne  
 1851: Helene

### **Ports of call: NZ and Port Adelaide**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1844: Joseph Albino  
 1845: Palmyra (2)

### **Ports of call: Melbourne and Port Adelaide**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1855: Alice Brooks

### **Ports of call: ENG and Kangaroo Island**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1837: Solway  
 1838: Bengalee

### **Ports of call: ENG and Port Adelaide**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1838: Prince George  
 1850: Ceres

### **Ports of call: possibly ENG and Port Adelaide**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1838: Zebra [may have come direct]

1839: Catharina [may have come direct]

### **Ports of call: ENG, Port Adelaide and Melbourne**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1850: Alfred

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1856: Adele

### **Ports of call: Rio de Janeiro and Port Adelaide**

#### *No official passenger lists:*

1847: Hermann V  
 Beckerath

1848: Leontine

1848: Victoria

1848: Alfred

1849: Princess Louise

1849: Australia

1849: Wolga

### **Ports of call: Rio de Janeiro, Port Adelaide and Melbourne**

#### *Official passenger lists:*

1849: Dockenhuden  
 1850: Pribislav

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