

Margate Surfboat 'Friend To All Nations' Crew Members and their Families

Scope

The crew of the Margate Surfboat 'Friend To All Nations', which went down off the Nayland Rock on 2nd December 1897.

Arrangement

There is a brief summary for each of the thirteen crew members, itemising information from the 1881 Census (transcript) and/or 1891 Census of Thanet (original).

There are several sources which give a good account of the disaster and identities of the crew, and 'identity' information from four of these is summarised on page 5.

Several members of the crew were related, and a chart illustrating the relationship between the five crew from the BROCKMAN and COOK families is also on page 5.

Abbreviations & Notations

References to Census Returns are of the form RG12/Piece/Folio ~ eg. RG12/728/34. The abbreviations used for marital status are :

m (married) u (unmarried) w (widowed)
and the usual 'Chapman Codes' are used for counties.

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Henry BROCKMAN junior (Survived). The son of Henry John BROCKMAN & Ellen Jane BROCKMAN née ANSELL

8 Sidney Place, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/123)

Henry J BROCKMAN	head	m	34	Mariner	KEN Margate
Ellen BROCKMAN	wife	m	33		KEN Margate
Ellen BROCKMAN	dau		9	Scholar	KEN Margate
Harry BROCKMAN	son		7	Scholar	KEN Margate
William BROCKMAN	son		5	Scholar	KEN Margate
Harriet BROCKMAN	dau		3		KEN Margate
John BROCKMAN	son		1		KEN Margate

8 Sidney Place, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/34)

Ellen BROCKMAN	head	w	43	Charwoman	KEN Margate
Harry BROCKMAN	son	u	17	Boatman	KEN Margate
William BROCKMAN	son	u	15	Errand Boy	KEN Margate
Harriet BROCKMAN	dau	u	13	Scholar	KEN Margate
Alfred BROCKMAN	son		9	Scholar	KEN Margate

Henry Richard BROCKMAN (Drowned). A first cousin of Henry John BROCKMAN, the father of Henry BROCKMAN junior

4 Neptune Square, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/148)

Mary BROCKMAN	head	w	77		KEN Sarre
Henry BROCKMAN	son	u	34	Mariner	KEN Margate

6 Sydney Place, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/34)

John BROCKMAN	head	m	52	Mariner	KEN Margate
Mary BROCKMAN	wife	m	44		KEN Margate
Henry BROCKMAN	son	u	17	Grocers Porter	KEN Margate
Florence BROCKMAN	dau	u	13	Domestic Servant	KEN Margate
Robert BROCKMAN	son		11	Scholar	KEN Margate
Annie BROCKMAN	dau		9	Scholar	KEN Margate
Alice BROCKMAN	dau		7	Scholar	KEN Margate
Jane BROCKMAN	dau		4		KEN Margate
Henry Richard BROCKMAN	brother	u	45	Mariner	KEN Margate

Robert Ernest COOK (Drowned). Son of William Philpott COOK senior

3 Cold Harbour, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/150)

see under William Philpott COOK senior

1891 Census

not located

William Philpott COOK junior (Drowned). Son of William Philpott COOK senior

3 Cold Harbour, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/150)

see under William Philpott COOK senior

Beaumont's Cottage, Union Court, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/36)

see under William Philpott COOK senior

William Philpott COOK senior (Drowned). The father of William Philpott COOK junior & Robert Ernest COOK. He married Ann Elizabeth ANSELL, sister of Ellen Jane BROCKMAN the mother of Henry BROCKMAN junior

3 Cold Harbour, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/150)

William Philpott COOK	head	m	35	Fisherman	KEN Margate
Ann Elizabeth COOK	wife	m	35		KEN Margate
John Ansell COOK	son		13	Scholar	KEN Margate
William Philpott COOK	son		11	Scholar	KEN Margate
Robert Ernest COOK	son		9	Scholar	KEN Margate
George Alfred COOK	son		6	Scholar	KEN Margate
Sarah Filmer COOK	dau		5		KEN Margate

Beaumont's Cottage, Union Court, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/36)

William COOK	head	m	45	Boatman	KEN Margate
Annie COOK	wife	m	44		KEN Margate
William COOK	son	u	22	Sailor	KEN Margate
George COOK	son	u	16	Grocer's Porter	KEN Margate
Sarah COOK	dau	u	15		KEN Margate

Edward Robert CRUNDEN (Drowned)3 Sollys Court, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/37)

Harriet CRUNDEN	head	w	45	Laundress	BEL Osten B.S.
Henry W CRUNDEN	son	u	16	Coal Merchants Lab	KEN Margate
Edward R CRUNDEN	son	u	15	Sailor (MS)	KEN Margate
James R CRUNDEN	son		13	Sailor (MS)	KEN Margate

1891 Census
not located

John Benjamin DIKE (Drowned)16 Paradise Street, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/147)

John Benjamin DIKE	head	m	24	Mariner	KEN Margate
Charlotte DIKE	wife	m	27		KEN Margate

5 Charles Square, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/23)

John Benjamin DIKE	head	m	34	Boatman	KEN Margate
Charlotte DIKE	wife	m	36		KEN Margate
John Benjamin DIKE	son		9	Scholar	KEN Margate
Thomas Lionel S DIKE	son		8	Scholar	KEN Margate
Emily Gertrude DIKE	dau		4	Scholar	KEN Margate

Joseph EPPS (Survived). Possibly the Joseph William EPPS, mariner, who baptised a child of the same name at St John's on 8th January 1860.

41 King Street, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/100)

Joseph W EPPS	head	m	42	Mariner	KEN Margate
Sarah Ann EPPS	wife	m	41	Mariner Wife	KEN Margate
Alfred M EPPS	son	u	18	Porter	KEN Margate
William T EPPS	son	u	16	Porter	KEN Margate
Stephen E EPPS	son		13	Scholar	KEN Margate
Charles J EPPS	son		8	Scholar	KEN Margate
John M EPPS	son		4	Scholar	KEN Margate
John MARTIN	father-in-law	w	82	Mariner	KEN Margate
Jessie PULL	serv	u	19	Domestic Servant	KEN Margate

10 Paradise Street, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/61)

Joseph W EPPS	head	m	53	Mariner	KEN Margate
Sarah A EPPS	wife	m	52		KEN Margate
Stephen E EPPS	son	u	23	Labourer	KEN Margate
John M EPPS	son	u	14	Sailor	KEN Margate

John James GILBERT (Survived). In view of his age and occupation in the 1891 census, the identification of John GILBERT of Spellers Court as the person who crewed the Margate surfboat in 1897 is uncertain

3 Spellers Court, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/141)

John GILBERT	head	m	50	Boatman (On Seas)	KEN Margate
Sophia GILBERT	wife	m	35		KEN Margate
Maria GILBERT	dau		9		KEN Margate
John GILBERT	son		6	Scholar	KEN Margate
Thomas GILBERT	son		3		KEN Margate
Jane GILBERT	dau		8m		KEN Margate

3 Spellers Court, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/49)

Sophia GILBERT	head	w	40		KEN Margate
Maria A GILBERT	dau	u	19	Dom Servant	KEN Margate
John J GILBERT	son	u	18	Hawker	KEN Margate
Jane GILBERT	dau	u	10		KEN Margate
Harriet GILBERT	dau	u	5		KEN Margate

William Richard GILL (Drowned). Possibly the William Richard GILL baptised at St John's on 10th May 1863, son of William Richard GILL, a mariner

Crew of the 'Acastus', Stranton, Durham ~ 1881 Census (RG11/4912/154)

Edward MAXTED		m	49	Master	KEN Whitstable
William F MANN		u	23	Mate	KEN Whitstable
William GILL		u	22	AB Seaman	KEN Margate
Edward KEMP		u	20	O Seaman	KEN Whitstable
Thomas HAWKINS		u	17	O Seaman	KEN Whitstable
Frank GIBSON		u	15	Boy	MDX London

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*continuation*4 Belgrave Cottages, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/727/82)

William C SMITH	head	m	43	Painter	KEN Deptford
Charlotte L SMITH	wife	m	38	Charwoman	KEN Margate
William R GILL	head	m	29	Fisherman	KEN Margate
Emily E GILL	wife	m	31	Charwoman	KEN Margate

George Robert William LADD (Drowned). Probably the George Robert William LADD baptised at St John's on 10th April 1859, the son of Robert LADD a mariner ~ he may, then, be the brother of Robert William LADD

5a Charlotte Place, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/75)

George LADD	head	m	22	Mariner	KEN Margate
Mary LADD	wife	m	21		SSX Punsted
Arthur LADD	son		2m		KEN Margate

3 White Hart Court, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/727/91)

George R W LADD	head	m	32	Mariner Boatman	KEN Margate
Mary A LADD	wife	m	31		HAM Prinsted
Arthur G LADD	son		10	Scholar	KEN Margate
Daisy M LADD	dau		9	Scholar	KEN Margate
George W A LADD	son		6	Scholar	KEN Margate
Emily R LADD	dau		?	[dau changed to son ?]	KEN Margate
Sidney L LADD	son		<1m		KEN Margate

Robert William LADD (Survived). Probably the Robert William LADD baptised at St John's on 9th February 1868, the son of Robert William LADD a mariner ~ he may, then, be the brother of George Robert LADD

3 Mansion Street, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/151)

Robert LADD	head	m	44	Mariner	KEN Margate
Hannah LADD	wife	m	42		KEN Littlebourne
Matilda LADD	dau	u	20		KEN Margate
Walter LADD	son		16	(U) ?	KEN Margate
Robert LADD	son		13	Scholar	KEN Margate
Edward LADD	son		10	Scholar	KEN Margate
Jane LADD	son		5	Scholar	KEN Margate
Arthur LADD	son		4		KEN Margate

33 Brockley Road, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/729/15)

Robert LADD	head	m	23	Fisherman	KEN Margate
Minnie LADD	wife	m	23		LND Notting Hill Gate

Charles Edward TROUGHTON (Drowned). The son of Charles Skinner TROUGHTON of Ramsgate, born on 5th March 1857 (from the booklet 'Friend To All Nations').

46 Addington Street, Margate ~ 1881 Census (RG11/985/103)

Charles J BUCK	head	w	35	Brewers Clerk	MDX St Pancras
Francis C BUCK	son		10	Scholar	KEN Margate
Edith A BUCK	dau		8	Scholar	KEN Margate
Ethel M BUCK	dau		6	Scholar	KEN Margate
Annie BRANSTON	sister-in-law	u	33	Housekeeper	LEI Market Harborough
Charles E TROUGHTON	boarder	u	24	Brewers Clerk	KEN Belvedere

46 Addington Street, Margate ~ 1891 Census (RG12/728/14)

Charles J BUCK	head	w	46	Brewery Manager	LND
Francis C BUCK	son	u	20	Brewery Clerk	KEN Margate
Edith A BUCK	dau	u	18		KEN Margate
Ethel M BUCK	dau	u	16		KEN Margate
Annie BRANSTON	sister-in-law	u	43		LEI Market Harboro'
Charles E TROUGHTON	boarder	u	34	Bankers Clerk	KEN Belvedere

Thanet Times transcript 4th December 1897	Daily Graphic 4th December 1897	St James's Budget 10th December 1897	Friend To All Nations booklet, 1997
Harry William BROCKMAN junior, age 24, survivor	Henry BROCKMAN junior age 26, survivor	Henry BROCKMAN junior survivor	Henry John BROCKMAN junior, survivor
Henry Richard BROCKMAN	Henry Richard BROCKMAN age 50	Henry Richard BROCKMAN	Henry Richard BROCKMAN age 50
William Philpott COOK senior	William Philpott COOK age 54 COOK senior	William Philpott COOK senior, age 54
William Philpott COOK junior	William Philpott COOK junior, age 28	William Phillpot COOK junior	William Philpott COOK junior, age 28
Robert Ernest COOK	Robert Ernest COOK age 26	Robert Ernest COOK	Robert Ernest COOK age 26
Edward Robert CRUNDEN	Edward Robert CRUNDER (sic), age 31	Edward Robert CRUNDEN	Edward Robert CRUNDEN age 31
John Benjamin DYKE	John Benjamin DIKE age 41	John Benjamin DYKE	John Benjamin DIKE age 41
..... EPPS survivor	J EPPS survivor	Joseph EPPS survivor	Joseph EPPS age 62, survivor
John James GILBERT survivor	John James GILBERT age 20, survivor	John James GILBERT survivor	John GILBERT survivor
William Richard GILL	William Richard GILL age 35	William Richard GILL	William Richard GILL age 36
George Robert LADD age 37	George William LADD age 38	George Robert LADD	George Robert LADD age 38
Robert William LADD, of 33 Brockley Road, survivor	Robert LADD survivor	Robert LADD survivor	Robert LADD age 40, survivor
Charles Edward TROUGHTON	Charles Edward TROUGHTON, age 40	Charles Edward TROUGHTON	Charles Edward TROUGHTON, age 40

