



Emigration

Erlestoke

Assisted Immigrant Passengers to South Africa, on the ship "Weymouth", arriving 15 May 1820.

A party of 42 from Wiltshire led by Edward Ford from Longbridge Deverill, sailed in "Weymouth". The group were assisted by the parish authorities, who were anxious to assist emigration. The returns and deposits were submitted by the vicar of Deverill, the Rev. Henry Goddard. Changes occurred in the party list up to the last moment, and Robert Miles and family, of Erlestoke, were a late addition. The party had a long wait at Portsmouth in December 1819, before the ship sailed on the 5th of January. James Jennings was ill in Portsmouth and died at the Naval Hospital. Three children died on the journey, and Ephraim Dicks died the day the ship reached Table Bay. The ship arrived at Table Bay on 26 April 1820, and reached Algoa Bay on 15th May. The group was moved twice before they were finally settled on the right bank of the Lynedoch River. Their land is now called Ford's Party.

Family No.	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Occupation	Relationship
1	Crouch	Richard	29	Labourer	Head
	Crouch	Sarah	30		Wife
	Crouch	John	1		Son (Died At Sea)
2	Dicks	Ephraim	38	Labourer	Head
	Dicks	Ephraim	16		Son
	Dicks	Joseph	5		Son
3	Dicks	James	23	Labourer	Head
	Dicks	Dinah	22		Wife
	Dicks	John			Son
4	Dicks	James	38	Labourer	Head
	Dicks	Jane	39		Wife (Died 3 May, At Sea)
	Dicks	Uriah	14		Son
	Dicks	James	12		Son
	Dicks	Joseph	10		Son
	Dicks	Jonah	8		Son

	Dicks	Eliza	6		Daughter
5	Ford	Edward	38	Labourer	Head
	Ford	Jane	39		Wife
	Ford	James	17		Son
	Ford	John	16		Son
	Ford	Patience	13		Daughter
	Ford	Elizabeth	11		Daughter
6	Harris	Robert	17		Nephew of James Dicks, Snr.
7	Jennings	James	28	Labourer	Head (Died at Portsmouth)
	Jennings	Mary	30		Wife
	Jennings	James	3		Son
8	Miles	Robert	27	Weaver	Head (Family from Erlestoke)
	Miles	Ann	20		Wife
	Miles	William	2		Son (Died at Sea)
9	Payne	Elijah	25	Labourer	Head
	Payne	Mary	22		Wife
	Payne	Mary	1		Daughter
10	Ralph	Joseph	27	Labourer and Naval Pensioner	Head
	Ralph	Elizabeth	28		Wife
	Ralph	Joseph	3		Son
	Ralph	Mary			Daughter (Died at Sea)
11	Ralph	Richard	30	Labourer	Head
	Ralph	Elizabeth	28		Wife
	Ralph	Harriet	4		Daughter
	Ralph	Samuel	1		Son

Source: The Settler Handbook by M.D. Nash