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STEPHEN BRENNAND

Diary, 1883

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Diary kept on a voyage from London to Adelaide on the clipper *Harbinger*, 16 August-12 November 1883

The diary records the preparations for the voyage, the departure from London (18 August), shipboard routine, meals, conversations with seamen and fellow-passengers, ships sighted, sightings of porpoises, turtles, sharks, albatrosses and other birds, church services, fighting among passengers, storms, the heat of the tropics, deaths of passengers, concerts, sighting of Kangaroo Island, and the ship's arrival at Port Adelaide (12 November 1883). At the end of the diary are notes on the characteristics of Brennand's messmates, the texts of some rope songs, and a list of the second and third class passengers on the *Harbinger*.

Stephen Brennand (1851-1944) came from Rossendale, near Manchester. He possessed considerable literary skills and his descriptions of wild seas, storms and skies are very powerful.

The original diary was owned by Miss Phoebe Brennand of Rawtenstall, who had lent it to the Rawtenstall Libraries for copying.

Letters from Rossendale emigrants, 1842-61 (typescripts)

An unsigned letter written from Heathcote, Victoria, 15 Feb. 1860: life in Australia, poor results at the gold diggings, swags and rations, travels in northern Victoria.

A.J. and E.A. Preston (Heathcote) to uncles and aunts, 1861: Australian climate, living in a tent, fruit crops, prices

Hopkinson-Livesey letters: 15 letters from America, 1842-57

***Rossendale emigrants 1842-1883*, edited by Jon Elliott, Rawtenstall Libraries, 1969**

The volume contains transcripts of the diary of Stephen Brennand and the letters of Rossendale emigrants in Australia and the United States.