

Elizabeth Ann Hannah AUSTIN (née STOCKS)

Date of Birth (<i>Baptism</i>)	27/11/33
Place of Birth (<i>From</i>)	Norfolk
Role on Ship	Steerage Passenger
Journey Outcome	Lost

Notes:

Elizabeth Ann Hannah Stocks was born around 1832 in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, to George William Stocks, a mariner, and his wife, Elizabeth. She was baptized on November 27, 1833. In the 1851 census she was living in Rye, Sussex, where she was employed as a servant. On April 12, 1852, she married John Austin, a mariner from Rye.

Elizabeth, who was described as "a fine looking woman," was traveling aboard the *Josephine Willis* to Auckland, New Zealand, to join her husband, who had been sailing out of that port for some time.

She was listed as an emigrant to New Zealand by order of Alexander. F. Ridgway, agent for the provincial government of Auckland. This implies her travel was subsidised or she was expected to fulfil a specific role when she arrived in the colony..

Her father reportedly received a letter from John Austin on the morning of the accident advising Elizabeth not to travel as he planned to return home, but the message did not reach her in time. Additionally, her mother reported having a dream that night that her daughter had met with misfortune. Elizabeth died on February 3, 1856, in the wreck of the *Josephine Willis*.

John George Austin (1853–1856)

John George Austin was born in Rye, Sussex, in 1853. He was the son of John Austin and Elizabeth Ann Hannah Stocks. He was three years old when he died at sea with his mother on February 3, 1856, during the sinking of the *Josephine Willis*.

Captain John Austin (1825–1899)

John Austin was born on November 24, 1825, in Rye, Sussex, the son of John and Mary Austin. A mariner by trade, he eventually became a captain and ship owner in Auckland. Following the death of his first wife, Elizabeth, he remained in New Zealand and remarried. He died in Auckland on August 5, 1899, at the age of 75.

On October 12, 1858, he married **Anne Wilcox** at St Barnabas Church in Auckland. Anne was born around October 1841 in Somerset, England and died on April 28, 1923, in Auckland. They had ten children:

1. **Mary Jane Austen**: Born October 16, 1859, in Auckland; died July 21, 1932.
2. **John James Austen**: Born March 17, 1861, in Auckland; died November 23, 1898.
3. **George Austen**: Born June 8, 1864, in Invercargill; died August 23, 1922.
4. **William Austen**: Born November 22, 1866, in Onehunga; died September 2, 1911.
5. **Annie Austen**: Born June 22, 1870, in Onehunga.
6. **Caroline Austen**: Born September 26, 1872, in Onehunga; died October 15, 1908.
7. **Elizabeth Kezia Austen**: Born September 24, 1876, in Thames; died January 21, 1960.

8. **Alfred Edward Austen**: Born September 30, 1879, in Auckland; died November 26, 1957.
9. **Joseph Austen**: Born June 6, 1881, in Auckland; died November 12, 1951.
10. **Arthur Wellesley Austen**: Born March 22, 1885, in Auckland; died December 24, 1958.