

Frederick GOLDING

Date of Birth (<i>Baptism</i>)	02/06/1826
Place of Birth (<i>From</i>)	Cornwall
Role on Ship	Chief Cabin
Journey Outcome	Lost

Notes:

Frederick Golding was a 29-year-old draper from Callington, Cornwall, and the son of William Golding and Ann Treweek. His father was a wine and spirit merchant in Callington, and the family was well-connected within the local community; his brother Thomas managed "The Hotel" (Golding's Hotel) in Callington, while another brother practiced as a chemist in Regent's Park, London. Frederick was one of at least seven children, with his mother's family coming from the Treweek and Hawking families of St. Dominick, Cornwall and his father originating from Stanton St, John in Oxforshire..

His decision to leave Cornwall was, at least in part, motivated by a plan to join a brother-in-law already in New Zealand, where Frederick intended to settle permanently. His sister, Anne Treweek Golding was wife to Richard Carey Dangar, who held land in New South Wales and who's relation Henry Dangar, one time surveyor of the Hunter River, owned a the "Dangar Mill" at Auckland. He was traveling as a Chief Cabin passenger in the company of his close friend, George Andrew, a young farmer also from Cornwall.

On the night of February 3, 1856, Frederick was asleep in his cabin when the *Josephine Willis* collided with the steamer *Mangerton* off Folkestone. Having retired for the evening with his clothes on, he was able to reach the deck immediately after the impact. As the ship began to founder, Frederick took hold of a small child, whose name was not recorded, and sought safety in the mizen rigging.

For upwards of an hour, Frederick remained in the rigging, shielding the child from the freezing conditions. When the ship began to settle further into the water, he and George Andrew attempted to move along the mizen mast, which was then resting horizontally upon the sea. However, as the hull made its final plunge, the resulting surge of water swept both Frederick and the child from the mast. George Andrew, who survived the disaster, later recounted seeing his friend and the child "swept into the deep."

The news of Frederick's death was received with great distress in Callington, where he was "deeply lamented." The shock of the event was such that his brother Thomas reportedly suffered a fit upon hearing the news. Frederick Golding perished just hours into his journey.