

Stanhope VICKERS

Date of Birth (<i>Baptism</i>)	16/06/1838
Place of Birth (<i>From</i>)	Streatham Hill, Surrey
Role on Ship	Chief Cabin Passenger
Journey Outcome	Lost

Notes:

Stanhope Vickers was born in July 1838 in Marylebone, London, and was the youngest son of John Vickers and Eliza Austin of Richmond Lodge, Streatham Hill. His family was established in the London business community; his father and uncle, Joseph Vickers, were the co-owners of the Vickers' Gin distillery company. Stanhope was seventeen and a half years old when he boarded the *Josephine Willis*.

It is possible but unconfirmed that he was traveling to New Zealand to join Samuel Vickers, the brother to his grandfather's second wife, Angela Vickers. Samuel Vickers was a merchant in New Plymouth and an agent for H. H. Willis and Co., the firm that part-owned the *Josephine Willis*. Samuel had previously been employed with Lloyd's underwriting in London and later represented New Plymouth in the Provincial Council.

Stanhope died in the wreck of the vessel off Folkestone on February 3, 1856. A notice published in the *Patriot* on February 15, 1856, stated that his loss was "deeply lamented" and included the detail that he "loved and believed in Jesus."

Stanhope was survived by his family, including his older brother Stanley Vickers, who later served as the Conservative Member of Parliament for Wallingford from 1868 until his death in 1872.