



Captain  
Daniel TAPLEY  
1815 - 1881

## 155E Daniel TAPLEY (1815 - 1881)

Daniel TAPLEY was the youngest child of Richard TAPLEY (1770 - 1824), Tailor of Folkestone, and Elizabeth TAPLEY, nee STEVENSON. Daniel was born at Folkestone, Kent, in 1815, and was baptised there on 6 September 1815. (1)

Daniel grew up in Folkestone, and like his brothers became associated with the sea, and rising to Master Mariner, in the British Naval Service.

Captain Daniel TAPLEY was given charge of the Barque TENASSERIM, and was engaged in trade between India and China, working for the East India Company. For many years he was the Master Attendant at Moulmein, Burma, and filled various appointments in the service of the East India Company. He continued in the service when it was transferred to the British Government.

Captain TAPLEY took an active part in the second Burmese War, being in charge of a Flotilla, transporting troops to Martaban and Rangoon. He also engaged in storming parties, for which activities he was honorably mentioned to the British Government.(2)

**MOULMEIN-** A city in Burma, was the capital of the Tenasserim Division, on the Gulf of Martaban, an arm of the Andaman Sea, and was about 100 miles South East of Rangoon. Lying on the Salween River, 28 miles from the sea, it is at the confluence of the Ataran and Gyang Rivers. Moulmein is a road hub, also a Port, shipping chiefly Teak and Rice. The city and surrounds have many noted Pagodas and caves. Moulmein was the chief city of British Burma from 1827 to 1852. (3)

There were two vessels at the time that carried the name TENASSERIM, one of British Registration No 30718, a vessel of 216 tons of Calcutta, and another built at Moulmein in 1841 of 760 tons. This was a Steam vessel of 220 H.P., and carried variously 4 and 11 guns. The Marine Establishment, Senegal, comprised the Master Attendant and three Assistants. Captain TAPLEY was appointed Second Assistant to the Master attendant in the Maritime Service, and was in charge of the Port of Moulmein. (4)

It was while at Moulamein, Burma, that Daniel TAPLEY, Commander of the TENASSERIM, aged 26 years, on 12 June 1841, married Mary Jane KINSMAN, aged 17 years, at St Matthew's Church, Moulmein. The Chaplain who performed the marriage was Arthur HAMILTON, and the Witnesses were W.C. MCLEOD, E.A. BLUNDELL, and I. LOGAN. (5)

Daniel and Mary were to have three children over the next few years.

155E1 Daniel Thomas TAPLEY, born at Moulmein on 15 April 1844.

155E2 Edward Charles TAPLEY, born 29 September 1845, at Moulmein.

155E3 Mary Elizabeth TAPLEY, born 26 February 1847, at Moulmein. (6)

In November of 1861, Captain Daniel TAPLEY was put in charge of Kidder Force Dockyard, which then included Naval Storekeeper, Builder and Surveyor.

He resigned in April of 1862, due to ill health, having obtained leave to England on Medical Certificate. (7)

He had been approximately 30 years in Calcutta and Moulmein, and retired to England on a Pension, living at Ivy cottage, Worth, Kent. Worth is a village outside Sandwich in Kent.

His wife, Mary Jane, died there on 3 May 1866, at home of Heart Disease and Cerebral Congestion. She was aged 40 years at this time. (8)

After his wife died, Daniel TAPLEY, decided to emigrate to South Australia about 1869, with his children.

Shortly after his arrival in South Australia he was appointed a Warden of the Marine Board, and in spite of his poor health he was a regular attendee at the meetings of the Board, and dedicated to his duties with the board. (9)

The most common function of the marine Board, was to meet and adjudicate in Nautical matters, particularly to make enquiries into strandings, wrecks, and so on. (10)

As part of his duties with the marine board, he was on board the ship MUSGRAVE, only a few weeks prior to his death. (11).

Captain Daniel TAPLEY was described as a genial and active gentleman; an authority on Nautical matters, and an enthusiastic Yachtsman, being a Rear-Commodore of the South Australian Yacht Club. (12)

Apart from these activities, he was hardly ever seen outside of his house 'Cavendish', in the fashionable suburb of Caversham at Woodville. (13)

Daniel TAPLEY, Master Mariner, died on 27 February 1881, at his home at Woodville. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was listed as Diarrhoea. The death was notified by George HADDY of Port Adelaide. (14)

His death was attended by members of the S. Aust. Yacht Club, in full uniform. (15)

He was survived by his three children, Daniel Thomas, Edward Charles, and Mary Elizabeth

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#### REFERENCES:

1. Information from S.E. TAPLEY.
2. Obituary in Observer, Adelaide, 5 March 1881
3. Funk and Wagnell Encyclopedia, Vol 17, Page 26
4. Information from Dr. R. SAWERS
5. Marriage Register
6. Information from Dr. R. SAWERS
7. Ibid
8. Death Certificate of Mary Jane TAPLEY
9. Obituary in Observer.
10. Information from Ronald PARSONS 26 Jan 1980.
11. Obituary.
12. Representative Men of South Australia, by G.E. LOYAU, 1883-page 240
13. Information from Ronald PARSONS
14. Death certificate of Daniel TAPLEY
15. Information from Ronald PARSONS.

## Captain Daniel TAPLEY- DESCENDANTS

Daniel TAPLEY Captain - 102 (6 Sep 1815 - 27 Feb 1881) & Mary Jane KINSMAN - 129 (About 1825 - 3 May 1866)  
 Daniel Thomas TAPLEY - 130 (15 Apr 1844 - 29 Jan 1909) & Clara Ann Maria HUMMERSTON - 139 (12 Aug 1855 - 10 Aug 1893)  
 Edith Charlotte TAPLEY - 141 (16 Aug 1879 - 3 Feb 1944) & Patrick McGIRR - 144 (About 1880 - )  
 Margaret Clare McGIRR - 145 (19 Jun 1919 - 30 Dec 1964) & John W TILLEY - 147 (About 1918 - )  
 Peter John TILLEY - 148 (24 Aug 1947 - 17 Apr 1984) & Loraine CAMDEN - 905 (About 1950 - )  
 Nola TILLEY - 906 (About 1970 - )  
 Donna TILLEY - 907 (About 1972 - )  
 Patricia Ann TILLEY - 149 (7 May 1958 - ) & Allan WATSON - 150 (About 1950 - )  
 Nathan John WATSON - 904 (14 Dec 1974 - )  
 Denis Patrick McGIRR - 146 (About 1922 - 24 Nov 1983)  
 Olive Mary TAPLEY - 142 (16 Dec 1880 - 13 Sep 1908)  
 Ida Herse TAPLEY - 143 (14 Jun 1886 - 23 Nov 1943) & Ronald L William SAWERS - 155 (1882 - 1926)  
 Ronald John SAWERS Dr - 157 (26 Oct 1919 - ) & Mary HARMAN - 159 (About 1925 - )  
 Anthony John SAWERS - 1003  
 Ian Andrew SAWERS - 1004  
 Donald Alexander SAWERS - 158 (26 Oct 1919 - ) & Peggy HEYES - 160  
 Rowan Dewar SAWERS - 1005  
 Gabrielle Ann Dewar SAWERS - 1006  
 Edward Charles TAPLEY - 131 (26 Sep 1845 - 25 Apr 1884) & Mary Harriet BROCK - 167 (8 Apr 1855 - 15 Sep 1927)  
 Harold Livingstone TAPLEY - 168 (25 Jan 1875 - 21 Dec 1932) & Jean Brodie BURT - 171 (About 1880 - Before 1932)  
 Reginald K. Livingstone TAPLEY - 172 (About 1901 - 9 Jan 1977) & Mary MACLEAN - 178  
 Halcombe TAPLEY - 179 (About 1957 - )  
 Reginald TAPLEY - 180 (About 1957 - )  
 Guy Livingstone TAPLEY - 173 (About 1902 - 6 Jul 1955) & May EVATT - 181  
 Richard Evatt Livingstone TAPLEY - 182 (About 1928 - ) & Hillary - 184 (About 1930 - )  
 Anthony David Livingstone TAPLEY - 183 (15 Nov 1928 - 11 Feb 1998)  
 Colin Edward Livingstone TAPLEY - 174 (7 May 1909 - 23 Nov 1995) & Patricia (Patsie) HAMBRO - 185  
 Un-known (son) TAPLEY - 3341  
 John Burt Livingstone TAPLEY - 175 (About 1909 - )  
 Brian Mark Livingstone TAPLEY - 176 (About 1916 - )  
 Jocelyn Livingstone TAPLEY - 177 (About 1921 - ) & Kenneth G KING - 186 (About 1920 - )  
 Maud Ethel TAPLEY - 169 (16 Mar 1877 - 6 Jun 1944) & Percival William James PRIEST - 191 (6 Mar 1873 - 11 Oct 1941)  
 Mildred Mary (Peggy) PRIEST - 195 (27 Jan 1908 - 26 Dec 1966) & Ronald INNES  
 WALKER - 198 (3 Dec 1901 - 3 Apr 1979)  
 David INNES WALKER - 3353 (20 Nov 1929 - ) & Barbara Joy WHITE - 3384  
 Vanessa Joy INNES WALKER - 3385 (3 May 1958 - ) & Anthony Osborne CULLINGWORTH - 3386  
 Jacqueline Joy CULLINGWORTH - 3387 (3 Dec 1984 - )  
 Pamela Kate CULLINGWORTH - 3388 (2 May 1988 - )  
 Julia Lynn INNES WALKER - 3389 (3 Nov 1967 - ) & Adam OXLEY - 3390  
 Michael INNES WALKER\* - 3343 (17 Apr 1931 - ) & Pamela Anne SILVESTER - 3391  
 Anthony Michael INNES WALKER - 3392 (12 May 1955 - ) & Janice Margaret BURNNAND - 3393  
 Michael INNES WALKER\* - 3343 (17 Apr 1931 - ) & Joanna NIBLOCK - 3394  
 Alistair Ronald INNES WALKER - 3399 (22 Aug 1962 - ) & Karen Ruth FRIEND - 3396  
 Emily Katherine INNES WALKER - 3397 (17 May 1994 - )  
 Jack Trevor INNES WALKER - 3395 (24 Jul 1997 - )  
 Allan David INNES WALKER - 3398 (4 Jun 1969 - ) & Sally SHAW - 3400  
 Joan Gwendolyn PRIEST - 194 (20 Sep 1909 - 30 Jan 1994) & Charles Roger Chydoch (Roger) HOBART-TICHBORNE - 196 (31 Jul 1912 - 2 Jan 1997)  
 Bryan Roger Hobart TICHBORNE - 3291 (26 Nov 1942 - ) & Nancy Margaret KEEDWELL - 3292 (27 Aug 1942 - )  
 Benjamin Richard Hobart TICHBORNE - 3346 (28 Dec 1967 - )

Hugo Peter Hobart TICHBORNE - 3347 (26 Jul 1970 - )  
 Guy Roger Hobart TICHBORNE - 3348 (11 Apr 1972 - )  
 Richard Percival HOBART-TICHBORNE - 197 (30 Jun 1945 - ) & Stephanie  
     Jane KING - 3401 (3 Feb 1948 - )  
 Bethan Joan HOBART-TICHBORNE - 3402 (5 Sep 1984 - )  
 Alice June HOBART-TICHBORNE - 3403 (24 Jun 1987 - )  
 Cecil Brock TAPLEY - 170 (25 Dec 1879 - 14 Oct 1965) & Mary Evangeline CORBETT - 201 (About  
     1881 - About 1960)  
 Edward Cecil TAPLEY - 203 (About 1910 - ) & Kitty HAZLETT - 205  
 Anetta (Anita) TAPLEY - 204 (About 1911 - ) & Jack Luke HAZLETT - 206 (About 1910 - )  
     Denis HAZLETT - 207 (About 1932 - )  
 Mary Elizabeth TAPLEY - 132 (26 Feb 1847 - 3 Feb 1908) & Stephen Peter HALL - 210 (28 Nov 1844 - 9 Nov  
     1911)  
 Shelley Prentis HALL - 211 (11 Jan 1870 - 18 Jul 1943) & Mary Ellen (Nellie) TAPLEY - 215 (13 Jul  
     1867 - 10 Apr 1957)  
 Dorothy Tapley HALL - 217 (13 Mar 1904 - ) & Arthur Cecil CROSS - 218 (About 1900 - )  
 Daniel Richard Charles Walter HALL\* - 212 (About 1873 - 13 Aug 1928) & Gertrude COOKE - 2709 ( - 1904)  
     Walter Tapley HALL - 216 (29 Mar 1898 - )  
     Madeline Gertrude HALL - 219 (About 1902 - 11 Jan 1931) & UNKNOWN - 3325  
         Mary UNKNOWN - 3326  
         Ron UNKNOWN - 3327  
 Daniel Richard Charles Walter HALL\* - 212 (About 1873 - 13 Aug 1928) & Eliza Catherine  
     CHARNSTROM - 4237 (1872 - )  
     Maxwell HALL - 221  
 Cyril HALL - 213 (16 Aug 1881 - 18 Aug 1952) & Ethel Maude SOWTER - 222 (13 May 1883 - 24 Jul  
     1962)  
 Isla Constance HALL - 223 (About 1911 - ) & Jack Sabine ADAMSON - 224 (24 Mar 1904  
     - About 1975)  
     Peter ADAMSON - 4131 (About 1935 - )  
 Percy Robert Warren HALL - 214 (About 1885 - 1921)

## References for Daniel TAPLEY (1815 - 1881)

## **MARRIAGE REGISTER-**

Marriages within the Chaplaincy and Station of Moulmein in the Archdeaconry of Calcutta and Diocese of Calcutta.

Year/Month/Day.....1841 / June/ 12  
Names.....Daniel TAPLEY Mary Jane KINSMAN  
Condition.....Bachelor Spinster  
Profession.....Commander Br Tenasserim ----  
Father..... Not Stated T. C. KINSMAN  
Age..... Of age 17 years  
Witnesses.....W.C. McLEOD E.A. BLUNDELL I. LOGAN  
Banns or Licence...Licence  
Where Solemnised...Church of St. Matthew  
Minister.....Arthur HAMILTON, Chaplain.

# DEATH CERTIFICATE

No 53 ... 1881 ....District of Port Adelaide  
When Died.....27 February 1881  
Name.....Daniel TAPLEY  
Sex and Age.....Male 66 years  
Rank or Profession..Master Mariner  
Usual residence.....Woodville  
Cause of Death.....Diarrhoea  
Place of Death.....Woodville  
Informant.....George Edward HADDY, Port Adelaide.  
Asst Registrar.....Richard THOMPSON, Lefevre Peninsula  
Registered.....9 March 1881  
E.W. GRAY

## OBITUARY Notice-- Adelaide Observer 5 March 1881.

## DEATH OF CAPTAIN TAPI FY

Our Obituary notices this week contain the record of the death of Captain Daniel TAPLEY, who for some years has taken an active interest in all matters connected with the maritime affairs of the colony.

In early life the deceased gentleman traded between India and China in command of the Barque *Tenessarim*.

For many years he was master attendant at Moulmein in Burma, filled various other appointments in the service of the Honourable East India Company, and continued in the service when it transferred to the British Government.

Captain TAPLEY took an active part in the second Burmese war, being in charge of a Flotilla transporting troops to Martaban and Rangoon, and also having been engaged in storming parties, for which services he was honourably mentioned to the Government.

After over thirty years residence in Moulmein and Calcutta, and becoming invalided he retired to England on a well earned pension. Finding however, the winters at home too severe for

his constitution, he decided to come out to South Australia, and he reached the colony about ten years ago.

Shortly afterwards he was appointed a Warden of the Marine Board and notwithstanding his impaired health was a regular attendant at the meetings, and most assiduous in all the duties appertaining to the office. He was on board the MUSGRAVE during the last annual inspection, a few weeks ago, and in spite of weakness took part in all the examinations and work of the board. Captain TAPLEY died at his residence, Caversham, Woodville, on Saturday, at the age of sixty-six. He leaves two sons and a daughter, all resident in South Australia.

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**REFERENCE:** Representative Men of South Australia, by G.E. LOYAU, page 240

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**Reference: Information from Dr. R. SAWERS- 1986**

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Son of Richard TAPLEY-(Tailor/Draper in Folkestone)

Daniel a Master Mariner, Ho. East India Co., and latterly replace his brother Richard on the S.A. marine Board.

Married mary Jane KINSMAN, dau of Thomas C. KINSMAN and Mary.. on 12 June 1841, Moulmein

From Transcriptions of Ecclesiastical Records at India House, London.

a. Vol 65 p 212 Sengal Baptisms

Born 15/4/1844 Baptised 20/6/1844 Daniel Thomas to Daniel and Mary Jane TAPLEY. Daniel TAPLEY- Master Attendant.

b. Vol 68 p 208

Born 26/9/1845 Baptised 21/12/1845 Edward Charles to Daniel and Mary Jane TAPLEY

c. Vol 71 p 158

Born 26/2/1847 Baptised 24/5/1847 Mary Elizabeth to Daniel and Mary Jane TAPLEY

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## **Spouse of Daniel TAPLEY**

### **Mary Jane KINSMAN (1825 -1866)**

Mary Jane KINSMAN was born in 1825, and was the daughter of Thomas C. KINSMAN, a Captain in the H.E.I.C.S, and her mother was Mary KINSMAN (1798 - 1868). (1)

The family were living in Moulmein, Burma by the 1840s when Mary Jane married in 1841.

Mary Jane KINSMAN married at the age of 16 years on 12 June 1841, to Daniel TAPLEY, Commander of the Tenasserim, at the Church of St Matthew, at Moulmein. Her father, Thomas C. KINSMAN, signed the register giving his consent to the marriage. Witnesses were W.C. McLEOD, E.A. BLUNDELL, and J. LOGAN. The Minister was the Chaplain, Arthur HAMILTON. (2)

Mary Jane and Daniel TAPLEY were to have three children, all born at Moulmein, during the next few years.

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155E2 Edward Charles TAPLEY, born 29 September 1845.

155E3 Mary Elizabeth TAPLEY, born 26 February 1847. (3)

In 1862, the family moved to England, and went to live at Ivy Cottage, Worth, in Kent.

Mary Jane was in poor health, and had contracted a heart disease, and died at home on 3 May 1866, of a longstanding Heart disease, and Cerebral Congestion. She was aged only 40 years. (4)

She was survived by her husband Daniel and their three children.

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### **REFERENCES:**

1. Information from Marriage and Death Certificate
2. Marriage Register Extract
3. Birth Register Extracts.
4. Death Certificate.

## **CERTIFICATE INFORMATION:-**

## KINSMAN FAMILY

### Thomas C. KINSMAN and Mary .....(1798 -1868)

Thomas C. KINSMAN was married to Mary .... they had only one known child, Mary Jane KINSMAN born in about 1825. (1)

By 1841, they were living at Moulmein in Burma, when their daughter Mary Jane married Captain Daniel TAPLEY, in St Matthew's Church at Moulmein.

Thomas C. KINSMAN signed the Register to give his consent to his daughter's marriage at this time. (2)

It seems that Thomas KINSMAN was also in the Service of the East India Company, as on his wife's death certificate she was described as the widow of Thomas KINSMAN Captain in the H.E.I.C.S. These letters would have stood for the Honorable East India Company Service. (3)

Thomas KINSMAN had died some time prior to 1868.

His wife Mary had been living at Harriet Street, Sandwich, in Kent, England prior to her death. She died on 23 April 1868 at the age of 70 years, of Tuberculosis of long standing and natural decay. (4)

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#### REFERENCES:

1. Death certificate of Mary Jane.
2. Marriage Register entry
3. Death certificate of Mary KINSMAN
4. Ibid.

#### CERTIFICATE DETAILS

1868 Death in the Sub-District of Sandwich in the County of Kent

No..... 339

When and where died.23 April 1868, Harriet Street, Sandwich

Sex and Age..... Female 70 years

Occupation..... Widow of Thomas KINSMAN, Captain in the H.E.I.C.S.

Cause of Death..... Tuberculosis some long standing

Natural decay

Informant..... Sarah LONGLEY, present at the death,

Harriet Street, Sandwich

Registered..... 29 July 1868

Registrar.....I.L.LASS

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