

# Learning about the first immigrant ship to sail direct from the UK to Timaru

Can you find these symbols at the Caroline Bay Playground?

<b>STRATHALLAN</b>		LUGGAGE LIST	
FIRST IMMIGRANT SHIP TO SAIL DIRECT FROM UK TO TIMARU			
<b>LADIES</b>			
2 Gowns, 2 Petticoats, 2 Night Gowns, 6 Pairs of Bloomers, 6 Handkerchiefs, 2 Pairs of Shoes, 6 Pairs of Stockings, 6 Aprons, and 1 Bonnet.			
<b>GENTLEMEN</b>			
2 Jackets, 2 Pairs of Fustian Trousers, 2 Pairs of Duck Trousers, 12 Cotton Shirts, 6 Pairs of Socks, 6 Handkerchiefs, 6 Pairs of Underpants, 1 Pair of Boots With Hobnails, and 1 Pair of Shoes.			
<b>FURNITURE</b>			
1 Bed, 2 Blankets, 1 Bedspread, 2 Pillows, 1 Chamber Pot, 2 Drinking Mugs, 2 Spoons, 1 Looking Glass, 6 Pounds of Soap, 1 Brush and Shovel, and 1 Pint of Brandy (Medical Purposes).			
<b>OTHER</b>			
Family Bible, Wooden Cradle, Sewing Boxes, Tea Service, Camp Oven, Butter Churn, and Tin Bath.			
<b>COOKS</b>			
<b>SUPPLIES FOR INTERNATIONAL VOYAGE:</b> Preserved Meats, Salted Beef, Biscuits, Flour, Butter, Cheese, Suet, Raisins, Molasses (west India), Potatoes, and Fresh Carrots.			
OCTOBER 12 1858 JANUARY 14 1859	<b>20</b> CREW	<b>80</b> ADULTS	<b>2</b> <b>2</b> <b>5</b> UNDER 10

STRATHALLAN  
**1858**  
**90** DAYS



See if you can find the shipping crate that links the playground to our early European settlers.

Over 160 years ago, Timaru welcomed its first immigrants from the UK seeking a better life in New Zealand.

Departing from England in 1858 aboard the Strathallan, these families were brave leaving the life behind to start fresh in the new colony. They survived storms and illness during the 90-day voyage, arriving in Timaru in January 1859. Some had high expectations of a town a third of the size of London. Imagine their surprise when they arrived and there were only 5 houses in the barren coastal town.

Despite initial disappointments, Timaru saw growth within a year of their arrival, with houses springing up and a diverse range of professions emerging. By the late 1870s the towns population was 1000.

From clergy to shepherds, the town began to take shape, reflecting the skills of its residents. The anniversary of the Strathallan's arrival became a celebrated event, highlighting the enduring legacy of those early immigrants and their contribution to Timaru's community.

This packing slip gives you an idea of what they could pack to take to Timaru.