

## SOME 19th Cent. SHIPPING RECORDS re BYERS

### *Liberty, 1802*

From ? arriving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 28 May 1802. Likely the brig, *Liberty*, built in Scarborough in 1785 by John Fowler.

Bartholomew Byers	mariner	age ?	Male
James Byers	mariner	age?	Male

### *George, 1816*

Sailing from Belfast, Ireland, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arriving on 24 June 1816 with 46 passengers.

Robert Byers	age ?	Male
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### *Sophia, 1816*

Sailing from Belfast, Ireland, on 26 June 1816 to New York with 82 passengers

David Byers	age ?	Male
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From the *Belfast News-Letter*, 23 March 1818

FOR PHILADELPHIA,  
The remarkably Fine Swift Sailing  
Ship DIADEM,  
CAPTAIN WILLIAM DODD,  
Copper Fastened and Coppered to the Bends,  
Burthen 700 Tons.

This delightful Ship will sail for the above Port, on the  
18th April next. Her accommodation for PASSENGERS, in Cabin  
and Steerage are very superior, being 7 feet between decks.  
The Captain is mild and gentle in his manners and has long  
experience in the passenger trade, and will do anything in  
his power to render the passage pleasing and comfortable  
to those who go out with him. Immediate application is  
necessary, as many Berths are already engaged.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JOHN SHAW & Co.  
No.6 Prince's Street.

### ***Thomas Gelston, 1818***

Sailing from Belfast, Ireland, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arriving 19 June 1818. The ship was built in New Brunswick in 1812.

James Byers            age?            Male

From the *Belfast News-Letter*, 31 March 1818

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS  
THOSE WHO have engaged PASSAGE on board the Ship THOMAS GELSTON, for PHILADELPHIA, are requested to be in BELFAST on SATURDAY, the 4th of MAY, pay the remainder of their passage money, and go on board, as she will positively sail first fair wind after.  
JOSEPH McCAMMON

### ***Thomson's Packet, 1818***

The schooner *Thomsons Packet* sailed from Dumfries to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania [and Saint John, New Brunswick], arriving on 13 July 1818 with 150 passengers.

James Byers            age ?            male            Steerage passenger

### ***William Ewing, 1833***

The barque *William Ewing* sailed from Londonderry, Ireland, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arriving on 17 June 1833. On board was one Byers:

Ellen Byers    aged 28            Female

### ***Jessie, 1834***

The brig *Jessie* sailed from Belfast to Philadelphia on 19 June 1834. On board was:

Alex Byers    aged 16            Male

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### ***Provincialist, 1844***

The ship *Provincialist* sailed from Londonderry to Philadelphia, arriving on 25 June 1844 with:

Anne Byers	aged 20	Female	
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### ***Silas-Holmes, 1846***

From Liverpool to the Port of New York

Mary Byers	aged 58	Female	wife
Robert Byers	aged 34	Male	carpenter

### ***Franconia, 1846***

The *Franconia* sailed from Liverpool to New York, arriving on 11 December 1846.

Its accommodation was advertised as “fitted with the utmost regard for the convenience of passengers, and being a first-rate sailer, presents a desirable opportunity for those wishing a quick and comfortable passage across the Atlantic.” Also mentioned was that “The Farming classes are informed that we sell and refer to Lands in the western Territories of the United States, which possess the desirable advantages of a good climate and a fertile soil.”

Passengers Nos. 28-31 were named Byers and are most likely a mother with her three children. They were identified as being from Ireland and intending to live in New York. All were described as servants.

Perhaps the father had travelled on ahead, though I have not yet found any trace of him. Equally he may have been a victim of the famine.

Sarah Byers	aged 45	Female	a servant
John Byers	aged 16	Male	son
Ellen Byers	aged 13	Female	daughter
Margaret Byers	aged 11	Female	daughter

### ***Marchioness of Clydesdale, 1847***

From Londonderry, Ireland to Saint John, New Brunswick

Catherine Byers	age ?	Female	from Ramelton
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### ***Londonderry, 1848***

From Londonderry, Ireland to Saint John, New Brunswick

Ann Jane Byers	aged 12	Female	from Tempo
Eliza Byers	aged 10	Female	from Tempo

### ***Garland Grove, 1848***

From London to New York, arriving 2 June 1848

James Byers	aged 27	Male	
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### ***Industry, 1848***

From Dublin to New York, arriving 5 June 1848

- (?) Byers	aged 24	Female	farmer
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### ***Eliza Morrison, 1848***

From Belfast to New York, arriving 8 July 1848

David Byers	aged 18	Male	labourer
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### ***St George, 1848***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 21 August 1848

Mary Byers	aged 26	Female	-
William Byers	aged 3	Male	child
Robert Byers	aged 2	Male	child

### ***Emma Watts, 1848***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 25 September 1848

Sarah Byors ( <i>sic</i> )	aged 11	Female	spinster
Samuel Byors	aged 9*	Male	child

\* might be 9 months?

### ***Mariane, 1848***

From Belfast to New York, arriving on 20 November 1848

Francis Byers	aged 18	Male	weaver
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### ***America, 1849***

From Belfast (?) [or Liverpool] to New York, arriving on 1 March 1849

Richard Byers	aged 25	Male	labourer
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Mary Byers	aged 24	Female	wife
Henry	aged 9 months	Male	infant – “died-at-sea”

### ***Sarah, 1849***

From Londonderry, Ireland to Saint John, New Brunswick

Joseph Byers	age ?	Male	from Ramelton
Nixon Byers	aged 12	Male	from Enniskillen

### ***Hannah Kerr, 1849***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving on 5 May 1849

William Byers	aged 20	Male
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### ***A.Z., 1849***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 5 June 1849

Simon Byres ( <i>sic</i> )	aged 35	Male	farmer
U. Byres	aged 30	Female	wife

### ***J.Z., 1850***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving on 10 January 1850

Ann-J. Byers	aged 30	Female		
Fra. Byers	aged 9	Female	child	
John Byers	aged 5	Male	child	
William	aged 11 months	Male	infant	“Died-at-sea”

### ***Huguenot, 1850***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 14 May 1850.

James Byers	aged 25	Male	Farmer
Joseph Byers	aged 20	Male	Farmer
Mary Byers	aged 17	Female	Farmer

### ***Annie, 1850***

From Belfast to New York, arriving 17 May 1850.

Robert Byers	aged 18	Male
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### ***West Point, 1850***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 20 May 1850

Matthew Byers	aged 26	Male	plasterer
Michael Byers	aged 22	Male	labourer

### ***Constellation, 1850***

The *Constellation* sailed from Liverpool to New York, arriving on 2 July 1850. On board were:

Victor Byer[s]	aged 9	Male	from Ireland
Ann Byer[s]	aged 8	Female	from Ireland

### ***Equator, 1850***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 16 August 1850

William Byers	aged 22	Male	labourer
Robert Byers	aged 20	Male	labourer
Mary Byers	aged 20	Female	-
Catherine Byers	aged 15	Female	-

### ***Arctic, 1851***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 2 January 1851

William Bryers (sic)	aged 23	Male	farmer
Fanny Bryers	aged 24	Female	farmer
Margaret Buyers ( <i>sic</i> )	aged 1 month	Female	infant – “Born-at-sea”

### ***St George, 1851***

The ship *St George* sailed from Liverpool to New York, arriving on 21 August 1851. Passengers Nos.31-33, presumably a mother and her two children, gave their “last place of settlement” as Belfast.

Mary Byers	aged 26	Female
William Byers	aged 3	Male
Robert Byers	aged 2	Male

It’s probably safe to assume that they were not related to Passenger No. 339 who travelled in a First Class cabin and was described as “Gentleman”:

John Byars	aged 19	Male
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### ***Colonel Cutts, 1851***

From Liverpool to New York, arriving 6 October 1851

David Byers	aged 12	Male	-
Isabella Byers	aged 16	Female	milliner

### ***Superior, 1853***

From Londonderry, Ireland to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Catherine Byers	age ?	Female	from Raphoe
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### ***Patience, 1853***

From Londonderry, Ireland to Saint John, New Brunswick

Catherine Byers	age ?	Female	from Ramelton
Margaret Byers	aged 13	Female	from Ramelton
Joseph Byers	aged 12	Male	from Ramelton

### ***Superior, 1853***

From Londonderry, Ireland, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Catherine Byers	age ?	Female	from Raphoe
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### ***Patience, 1853***

From Londonderry, Ireland, to Saint John, New Brunswick

Catherine Byers	age ?	Female	from Ramelton
Margaret Byers	aged 13	Female	from Ramelton
Joseph Byers	aged 12	Male	from Ramelton

### ***Miner, 1854***

From Londonderry, Ireland, to Saint John, New Brunswick

Mary Byers	aged 28	Female	from Ramelton
James Byers	aged 8	Male	from Ramelton

### ***Emerald Isle, 1854***

The ship *Emerald Isle* sailed from Liverpool to New York, arriving on 10 July 1854. These were most probably three sisters:

Agnes Byers	aged 25	Female	seamstress	from Ireland
Ann Jane Byers	aged 23	Female	seamstress	from Ireland
Ellen Byers	aged 21	Female	seamstress	from Ireland

### ***City of Baltimore, 1862***

The steam ship *City of Baltimore* left from Liverpool and Queenstown, Ireland (actually Cobh, Co. Cork, which was renamed Queenstown between 1849 and 1922 in honour of a visit by Queen Victoria), en route to New York, arriving on 18 April 1862. On board, travelling steerage, were:

John Byers	aged 19	Male	labourer	said to be from the U.S.
Thomas Byers	aged 11	Male	child	said to be from the U.S.

### ***Tarifa, 1866***

The steam ship *Tarifa* left from Liverpool bound for New York, arriving on 27 June 1866. On board was:

John Byers	aged 22	Male	labourer	from Scotland
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### ***Columbia, 1867***

The steam ship *Columbia* travelled to New York from Glasgow via Londonderry, arriving on 3 May 1867. On board was:

Hugh Byer[s]	aged 75	Male	labourer	from Ireland
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### ***Etna, 1867***

The steam ship *Etna* travelled to New York from Liverpool via Queenstown (Cobh), arriving on 25 May 1867. On board was:

John *Byer[s]	aged 48	Male	farmer	from Ireland
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\* The surname is indistinct.

### ***John Bright, 1867***

The ship *John Bright* left Liverpool for New York, arriving there on 10 June 1867. On board were:

Joe Byer[s]	aged 50	Male	labourer	from Ireland
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Ann Byer[s]            aged 50            Female            wife            from Ireland

### ***City of Boston, 1867***

The steam ship *City of Boston* left Liverpool for New York, arriving there on 2 September 1867. On board was:

James Byers            aged 20            Male            labourer            from Ireland

### ***France, 1868***

The steam ship *France* travelled to New York from Liverpool via Queenstown (Cobh), arriving on 7 March 1868. On board, travelling steerage, was:

William Byers            aged 18            Male            labourer            from Ireland

### ***Caledonia, 1868***

The steamer *Caledonia* travelled from Glasgow to New York, arriving on 30 March 1868. On board were:

Sarah Ann Byers	aged 30	Female		from Ireland
George Byers	aged 12	Male		from Ireland
Sarah Ann Byers	aged 7	Female		from Ireland
Johnson Byers	aged ?	Male		from Ireland

### ***Caledonia, 1868***

The steamer *Caledonia* travelled from Glasgow to New York, arriving on 14 May 1868. On board, travelling steerage, was:

Nancy Byers            aged 23            Female            [domestic] help            from Ireland

### ***Wyoming, 1872***

The steamer *Wyoming* travelled from Liverpool and Queenstown (Cobh) to New York, arriving on 22 April 1872. On board, travelling steerage, was:

James Byers            aged 24            Male            labourer            said to be from England

### ***Bolivia, 1883***

The steam ship *Bolivia* travelled from Glasgow via Merville, Ireland, to New York, arriving on 2 June 1883. On board, travelling steerage, was:

Mary Ann Byer[s]      aged ?      Female      servant      from Ireland

### ***City of Rome, 1888***

The steam ship *City of Rome* travelled from Liverpool and Queenstown (Cobh) to New York, arriving on 26 October 1888. On board was:

Jane Byers      aged 17      Female      wife      said to be from England

### ***Michigan, 1891***

The steam ship *Michigan* travelled from Liverpool to Boston, arriving on 10 June 1891. On board, Room No.4 starboard side, was:

Katie Byers      aged 25      Female      spinster      from Ireland

### ***City of Rome, 1893***

The steam ship *City of Rome* travelled from Greenock, Scotland and Merville, Ireland, to New York, arriving on 2 September 1893. On board was:

James Byers      aged 25      Male      labourer      from Cavan, Ireland  
bound for Philadelphia

### ***Furnessia, 1893***

The ship *Furnessia* left Glasgow and arrived in New York on 14 August 1893. On board was:

Jane Byers      aged 38      Female      [Marital status was left blank]      from Ireland