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Parmelia

The barque *Parmelia*, built in Quebec, Canada in 1825, 117 feet long and of 443 tons, was hired to transport Lieutenant-Governor James Stirling and the first group of free settlers to Swan River to establish a colony there in 1829. Escorted by H.M.S. Sulphur she left England in early February 1829 and hove to off Garden Island on the 31st May.

Two days later "*Parmelia*" was nearly lost when she ran aground on the southbank which bears her name. She was destroyed by fire in an English dockyard on the 1st May 1839.

The Barque "*Parmelia*" Arrived Swan River 31st May 1829 Captain J H Luscombe

Names

Captain STIRLING	Governor	
Mrs Ellen STIRLING		
Andrew STIRLING	His Son	3 yrs
Geo MANGLES		
Geo ELLIOT		
Thomas BLAKEY	His Servant	
Sarah do	do	
John KELLY	do	
Elizabeth do	do	
Mr P BROWN	**	Colonial Secretary
Mrs Caroline BROWN	His Wife	
Macbride BROWN	His Child	
Ann BROWN	do	
Richard EVANS	His Servant	
Margaret McLEOD	do	
Mary Ann SMITH	do	
Mr John MORGAN	Storekeeper	
Mrs Rebecca MORGAN	His Wife	

John do	Nephew	13 yrs
James C SMITH	Boatbuilder	
Sarah do	His Wife	

Source: *Passenger List Transcribed from AJCP Reel 294 CO18 Vol 3/19-20* **NOTES:**

- ** Peter BROWN appears on this document, a name he used for 15 years in the colony only to revert to the old family name of BROUN in 1843. For further information on this, see The Western Australian Historical Society, Journal and Proceedings Vol. II 1935 Part XVIII.
