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Sailing Ship Memories

D. Mackay, St. Kilda, writes:- I noticed in the Camera Supplement last week a letter from R.E.H. (Caulfield), referring to the Ticonderoga, and stating that he thought his aunt, Mrs. Ellen Bentley, was the last survivor of this ill-fated ship. A lady residing in Warrnambool is a survivor, and I am a survivor also. The interested article which appeared in the Camera Supplement on February 6 stated that one hundred and thirty passengers died on the voyage. I think this number is underestimated, for I remember my mother mentioning to me that the loss was between 200 and 300, including children and infants. She also mentioned that one of her saddest memories of this terrible voyage was the death of a girl who had eloped with her father's footman. Repentance came early, and she was seen daily in deep distress, until a leap overboard ended her sufferings. A long article on the Ticonderoga appeared in "The Argus" some years ago, and it stated that the survivors of the unfortunate ship were referred to the (sic) by the Health authorities as particularly fine types of emigrants.

M.R. (Sale) writes:- I have been interested in the articles in the Camera Supplement about sailing ships, the Ticonderoga in particular. I had a very dear friend who was one of the passengers, and I heard her speak many times about it. She was Mrs. Templeton, of Morwell, who died on November 12, 1931. She, as a little girl, with her parents and a baby brother, who died of fever, were in quarantine at, I think, Portsea, where a number of people died. A little cemetery there with some wooden headstones was burnt in a bush fire more than 20 years ago, and mention was made in the papers at the time of the fever ship. I should like to know if there are any people who remember the sailing ship Monarch, which arrived here in March, 1858. My mother was a passenger on it.