Additional information on the PERSIAN and Victorian immigration

The clipper ship PERSIAN sailed from Devonport, England on 18 September 1852, and arrived in Melbourne on 27th December, 1852. 625 passengers are listed in the PRO database (http://www.tools.prov.vic.gov.au/unassisted1.asp).

PRO Fiche 048, Book 7, Page 132, Assisted passengers from UK

(Transcription from fiche – online version is inaccurate)

Passenger #	Surname	First Name	Occupation	Region	Religion	Education	Age
212	Leggatt	Edward	Shoemaker	Kent	CofE	Read & Write	21
211	"	Ruth		"	CofE	Read & Write	22

The Argus, Melbourne, 9 March 1932: Emigrant Ships of the 'Fifties – Some Floating Horrors by C.R.C. Pearce "Brief items of shipping news in "The Argus" in 1852 tell tragic stories such as:- "The ship Persian brought 619 immigrants. Thirty-four deaths from fever and dysentery occurred. There is still much sickness on board, and the vessel went into quarantine"." See http://www.netspace.net.au/~ruzoz/Ticonderoga_12.htm for more details.

Corry & Co. from Ireland appears to have taken ownership of, and operated the 1132grt *Persian* in 1852. Source: **Merchant Fleets 21: Port Line by Duncan Haws** (includes a history of James P Corry & Co. and its' ships), and http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/lines/corry.htm