

Daniel Ross, son of Hercules Ross and Elizabeth Foord was born 11 November 1780 in Kingston, Jamaica and died in Bombay, India in October 1849.

Daniel Ross married Maria Therese Pepin in September 1810 in Macao, China. Maria and Daniel had 3 sons and 6 daughters. Sadly Maria died "at sea" in September 1829. Their children were:

William Hercules, born 1811 in Macao, China

Maria, born 1811 in Macao, China

Daniel, born 1812 in Macao, China

Eliza, born 1814 in Macao, China

Jane, born 1815 in Macao, China

Robert Scott, born 1817 in Macao, China

Anne Cotton, born 1818

Juliana, born 1820 in Woodford, Essex, England

Charlotte, born 1822 in Woodford, Essex, England

Daniel Ross captain of the Bombay survey vessel the *Discovery* and Captain Crawford of the *Investigator*, accompanied by the armed ship *Indiana* with Sir Stamford Raffles aboard, were surveying the Straits of Malacca when Raffles sent them to survey the Karimon islands as a possible site for a Port. Captain Ross, in a meeting with Raffles suggested that Singapore should be considered. The potential of the port became evident and negotiations began immediately. Ross and Crawford began a survey of the harbour, setting up base lines using sound from cannon fire to measure the distance between the two vessels.

Located in the Maldives is an inhabited island called Rasdhoo, also known as Ross Atoll. Ross Atoll is a small atoll in the admiralty chart with an almost round lagoon. It is located about 5 miles from the North East point of Ari Atoll.

This natural atoll was named by Captain Robert Mosely during his survey of the Maldivian Islands after Captain Daniel Ross of the Bombay Navy. Ross had been one of the first to survey the area and later became the East India Company's Marine Surveyor General in Calcutta.

In later years Daniel Ross became President of the Bombay Geographical Society.