

## **Bradley, Dan Beach (1804-1873)**

Bradley was an American missionary doctor, printer, and evangelist who is the most important individual Protestant missionary to serve in Thailand. He was born on 18 July 1804, in western New York, and after an informal education he graduated from New York Medical College in 1833. He married [Emelie Royce](#) on 5 June 1834. The Bradleys arrived in Bangkok in July 1835 and served as missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM). He played an important part in introducing Western medicines and medical practices into Siam, including the promotion of small pox inoculation and vaccination, and he also played a role in the introduction of printing as well. His press produced an important Christian literature including tracts, scriptures, hymnals, and theological works. He also edited both English and Thai-language newspapers including the *Bangkok Calendar* and the *Bangkok Recorder*.

Bradley was ordained in 1838, but the ABCFM removed him and his colleague, Rev. Jesse Caswell, from the mission in 1848 because they held certain unacceptable theological views. His wife, Emelie, died on 8 August 1845, and on a subsequent trip to the United States Bradley married Sarah Blachly on 3 November 1848. He returned to Siam to found a mission under the American Missionary Association. Bradley remained a deeply admired figure in Bangkok in later years and continued to have an influence in mission work. His vision for mission stations in Phet Buri and Chiang Mai were both fulfilled in the 1860s by his daughter, [Sophia Bradley McGilvary](#), and her husband, the [Rev. Daniel McGilvary](#). He died on 13 June 1873 in Bangkok.