

UNIT NUMBER:

COLUMBIA

AREA OF SERVICE: PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SANDWICH ISLANDS

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Barque

Construction: Mainly of English Oak, also African Oak and English Elm; masts of Red Pine.
 Designer and builder: Green, Wigram & Green, Blackwall.
 Dimensions: Length-103' Breadth - 25'6" Depth - 11' Height between decks- 6'6"
 Number of passengers: Number of crew: 22
 Plans: Model from HBC Museum now at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site
 Power:
 Registered:
 Speed:
 Tonnage: 303 30/94



HISTORY:

1834 Contract made with builders
 1835 Launched (A.7/1 fo. 68d; A.1/59 fos. 65d-66)
 1835-1836 Sent to Pacific Northwest as escort to *Beaver*, although the *Beaver*, under sail the whole way, proved a better sailor.
 1835-1850 With London as home port, served on Pacific Northwest Coast, Sandwich Islands, Juan Fernandez (remained on coast March 1840 - December 841, May 1843 - December 1844, 1846 - November 1847, March 1849 - 1 November 1849)
 1850, April Company decided to sell her (HBCA, A.1/66, p. 183)

MASTERS:

1835-1836 William Darby (A.6/23 fo. 143d)
 1836-1837 Robert Royal (A.6/24 fo. 94d)
 1837-1845 Charles Humphreys (A.6/24 fos. 118-118d; B.239/k/2 p. 229, 333)
 1845-1848 Alex Duncan (B.239/k/2 p. 412, 333)
 1848-1850 James Cooper (A.67/30 fo. 74d)

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Sir Charles Piers, "Pioneer Ships on Pacific Coast...Part Five," *The Beaver*, September 1927, p. 68.
 Picture of model by A.S. Coburn with brief history, *The Beaver*, September 1942, p. 76.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

Model - HBCA Photo Collection 1985/44/59; 1987/363-S-48
 Picture in collection of Oregon State Archives - HBCA Photo Collection 1987/363-S-48
 Henry J. Warre "Cape Disappointment" (P-63) (*Columbia* in foreground, *Cadboro* in background)
 Photographs, ca. 1880 in Vancouver Maritime Museum

REFERENCES:

C.1/243-254 Logs, 1835-1850
 C.1/1064 Log (with log of *Vancouver*), 1844-1845
 E.316 Logs, 1840-1842 (copies)
 B.223/b/31-32 Voyages, 1842-1844
 C.7/29-32 Miscellaneous, 1835-1850
 C.7/177 fo.49-49d,53d-54d,63-64,65d-66d,77-78,83-83d ; Crew Lists, Bills of Lading, Destinations, 1836-1841
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MICROFILM REELS:

(2M7-2M13)
 (2M127-2M128)
 (1M231-1M232)
 (2M136)
 (2M140)