

UNIT NUMBER:

ISABELLA

AREA OF SERVICE: LONDON-COLUMBIA RIVER (1829-1830)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Brig (Snow according to Dick Wilson)

Construction:

Designer and builder:

Dimensions: 90' x 26' x 16'

Draft:

Number of passengers: Number of crew: 3 Officers, 12 men

Plans:

Power:

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage: 195 T., with copper sheathing



HISTORY:

- 1825 Built at Shoreham, Sussex for Messrs Gilmour & Richardson. Worked in the British maritime trade to 1829 (SF:)
- 1829, 10 October Hudson's Bay Company bought it for £2,900 to replace the *William & Ann* (A.1/56, fo. 188).
- 1829, 30 October Left Blackwall for the Columbia via Sandwich Islands
- 1830, 3 May Arrived at Columbia, wrecked on the Columbia bar with no loss of life (E.E. Rich, *History...*, p. 624).
- 1830, 4 June Crew arrived at Fort Vancouver (C.1/355; B.223/b/6 fos. 13-14; B.223/d/31).
- 1831 Hudson's Bay Company recovered the insurance (A.6/22 fos. 98d-99)
- 1986 Wreck was discovered

MASTERS:

1829-1830 Captain William Ryan; 2 Mates -William Eales, James Scarborough, 12 men (A.6/22 fos. 45d-46)

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

REFERENCES:

- C.1/355 Ship's Logs 1829-1830
- C.7/69 Miscellaneous Papers 1830
- B.223/z/4 fo. 170a-b Crew List ca. 1830

MICROFILM REELS:

- (2M32)
- (2M137)

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