

UNIT NUMBER: 35,110

MARY DARE

DISTRICT: COLUMBIA
AREA OF SERVICE: LONDON-PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST
(1846-1854)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Brigantine, rigged with standing bowsprit, square-sterned, carvel built, no galleries or figurehead (Essex Record Office).
Construction: Coppered and copper-fastened (A.10/35 fo. 500). In 1854: one deck, two masts
Designer and builder: Built at Bridport, Dorset (West Bay), by John Cox 1842 (A.7/1 fo.68d; Dorset Record Office).
Dimensions: 77.6' x 19.5' x 12.4' (A.10/35 fo. 500)
Plans: Surveyor's report (A.10/35 fo. 498-499)
Registered: London in 1846; Colchester 3500 in 1854 (Essex Record Office, Colchester & N. Essex Branch)
Tonnage: 148 tons (163 tons in A.7/1, fo. 68d; 168 tons in A.10/35 fo. 500).

HISTORY:

1842 Originally a brig named Brieses, with female figurehead, 14 gun ports (Lloyd's survey Weymouth #73, April 11, 1842)
1842, 7 May Resurveyed and renamed Mary Dare for owner's sister (Gun Dock Port of London)
1842 Built at Bridport, Dorset (Lloyd's Register, 1860).
1845 Felted (Dorset Record Office via Brian Plato, 2002)
1846, 14 Aug. Purchased by the Hudson's Bay Company for £2000 from Robert H. Dare (Lloyd's Register, 1860; A.1/64; A.7/1, fo. 68d; A.10/22 fo. 143).
1846, 3 Nov.-1847, 23 May Sailed to Fort Victoria (C.1/504).
1847-1853 Employed on the coast, mainly in the conveyance of supplies between Forts Vancouver and Victoria and Honolulu in the Sandwich Islands.
1848, April "Met with a serious accident in attempting the passage of the Columbia "Bar" the wind failed & she drifted so near the sands that her hull caught and kept striking heavily, as she lay in that position nearly four hours before she was extricated from the danger. Vessel apparently sustained no material damage but Captain Scarborough drew up a protest suffering the Copper and false keel to be bruised and otherwise injured" (A.11/72 fo. 56-56d)
1848, Oct. Reduced and converted to brigantine (A.11/72 fo. 56-56d)
1851, 28 Nov. Seized and held at Olympia to Jan. 24 1852 (Notes by L.F. Frank from BC Archives in 1922).
See also B.226/b/8 fos. 23-24 d., microfilm reel 1M234.
1853, 14 Dec.-1854, 27 May Sailed Victoria to England.
1854, July Purchased for £1350 by William Sadler [and John Pratt, and later John Green Chamberlain] of Wivenhoe, near Colchester, Essex with a reduction of £8:5:6 per ton for 5 tons (it was 148 tons, but listed as 168 tons) (A.1/69; A.10/36 fo. 53; Lloyds Register 1860; Essex Record Office).
1854 Registered at Colchester
1858 Lost (Essex Record Office, Colchester & N. Essex Branch)

MASTERS:

ca. 1842-1846	R. Dare	Dorset Record Office
1846-1847	James Cooper	B.226/a/1, 25 May 1847; C.1/504; C.1/507
1847-1851	James Allen Scarborough	B.239/k/1, p. 412, 438, 465, 488
1851-1854	William [Mouat]	B.239/k/3, p. 15, 39, 60; C.1/459-462
1854	William Sadler	Essex Record Office, Colchester Branch

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

Oil Painting by J.M. Huggins Jr. circa 1842 (British National Trust Museum at Overbecks Museum and Garden)



REFERENCES:

C.1/459-462 Ship's Logs, 1850-1854
C.7/92 Letters, wages, 1846-1848
G.3/893, 888 copy 1 Map of Route, 1846-1847
Search File: "Ships - *Mary Dare*"
*1849-1850 log at Oregon Historical Society

MICROFILM REELS:

(2M47-2M49)
(2M138)

Filename: Mary Dare JHB/ 1988/02; Revised AM, DA/1993/09; JHB 2002/09; 2002/12; MHD/1999/04; DJ/2007/11

