

UNIT NUMBER:**OTTER****AREA OF SERVICE:** PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST (1853-1890)**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Propellor-driven screw steamer, schooner-rigged

Construction: Oak frame
 Designer and builder: Builder: Richard and Henry Green, Blackwall (A.1/67, fo. 206d).
 Dimensions: Length - 122'; breadth - 20'; depth - 12' (C.7/111).
 Draft:
 Number of passengers: Number of crew:
 Plans: screw shaft (A11/87b fo.94; A11/88 fo.132); crank of back engine (A.11/89 fo. 428)
 Power: Two oscillating engines built by Maudsley & Fields, Lambeth (A.1/67, fo. 216d).
 Registered:
 Speed:
 Tonnage: 219 tons.

HISTORY:

1852 Built in London by Richard & Henry Green at Blackwall for the Hudson's Bay Company
 1852, 28 December Left Gravesend at Ramsgate, then to Plymouth until 4 February 1853 (C.1/625)
 1853, 5 July Arrived in Victoria, first screw-propelled Hudson's Bay Company boat on the Pacific (C.1/625)
 1853-1858 Acts as supply ship for the Northwest coast, made frequent trips to San Francisco carrying coal and produce from Company farms (C.1/625; Hacking, *The Princess Story...*, p. 49).
 1858-1862 With gold rush on Fraser River, used as passenger and freight vessel, Victoria to Fort Langley (Hacking, *The Princess Story...*, pp. 54-55).
 1862-ca. 1880 With purchase of *Enterprise*, she returned to Northern route (Hacking, *The Princess Story...*, pp.68-70).
 1880, 21 August Ran on a rock near Bella Bella and sank, but was raised and continued work (Walbran, *B.C. Coast Names...*, pp. 367-368)
 1883 Sold to Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.
 1886 Converted to coal hulk by CPN Company (Hacking, *The Princess Story...*, p. 71).
 1890 Sold to San Francisco wrecker who burned her at Bentinck Island for her copper (Hacking, *The Princess Story...*, p. 71)
 1895 Vessel broken up and Registry closed

MASTERS:

1852-1854 Joseph Miller B.239/k/3, p. 60, 84; C.1/625
 1855, April-1862 William Mouat B.226/g/9; C.1/625
 1862-1863 Herbert Lewis B.226/g/10, fo. 2d
 1863-1865 William John Swanson B.135/k/1, p. 374; B.226/g/11-12
 1865-1875 Herbert G. Lewis B.226/g/13-22
 1875-1878 William McCulloch B.226/b/47, fo.720; B.226/b/48,fo.225, 336; B.226/b/49, fo.532; B.226/b/50,fo.637
 1879-1881 J.A. Gardiner A.11/90a, fo. 216; B.226/b/50, fo. 823; B.226/b/52, fo. 288
 1882 William McCulloch B.226/b/53, fo. 458
 1884 William Meyer

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 C.7/111 Licence, Specifications 1875-1883

MICROFILM REELS:

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