

The Ship's History Explained

The Ship's History is a tool prepared by HBCA archivists to provide basic information about watercraft owned or chartered by HBC. The term "ship" has been used to refer to every kind of vessel.

UNIT NUMBER:

A unique number that identifies the ship; rarely available

PRINCE RUPERT (V) [VI] Name of the ship

When a number in brackets is included, this was applied by HBCA to distinguish between multiple vessels with the same name; it is not part of the name of the ship.

AREA OF SERVICE: Geographical location(s) where the ship operated (sometimes with accompanying dates)

HUDSON BAY (1841-1850)
LONDON – ST. LAWRENCE (1853)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Construction/rigging details, engineering data, number of passengers and crew, etc.
Barque (with the *Prince Albert*, was built to the same "draught" as *Vancouver* (II))

Construction:

Designer and builder: Green, Wigram & Green, Blackwall

Dimensions: Length - 103'; Breadth - 25'6"; Depth - 11'; Height between decks – 6'6"

Draft:

Number of passengers: Number of crew:

Plans:

Power:

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage: 303 30/94 T.

Reading HBCA Reference codes

C.1/934: C. – Ship's record

1 – Ship's log

934 – Volume / File

HISTORY: Significant events during the service of the ship

1840 Contract made with builders

1841 Launched. R.M. Ballantyne sailed in her to York Factory

1853 Sold for £3,000 (HBCA A.1/69, p.14)

MASTERS: Captains

Information source (HBCA Reference code)

1841-1849 David J. Herd C.4/1

1850-1853 W. B. Mannock C.4/1



BIBLIOGRAPHY: Published books and/or articles

R.M. Ballantyne, *Hudson Bay: or, Everyday Life in the Wilds of North America...* (Edinburgh, 1848), pp. 14-42 *several times reprinted.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART: Photos, drawings and paintings relating to the ship

Black and white engraving by unknown artist, "Sailing of...the *Prince Albert* and the *Prince Rupert* from Gravesend, 8 June, 1845." HBCA Picture Collection P-158

Oil painting by W.B.S., "*Prince Rupert*, Barque" (not certainly this ship), HBCA Picture Collection P-209

REFERENCES: HBCA records that include information about the ship

MICROFILM REELS:

C.1/934-964 Logs 1842-1850, 1853 (2M100-2M105)

C.7/117 Includes contract with builders & notice of sail for sister ship, *Prince Albert*

C.7/136 "Magnetic Observations by William Hendry" 1841 (2M139)

C.7/137 Protest 1842 (2M139)

Search File: "Ships – *Prince Rupert* (V) [VI]"

"Search files" are accessible in the Archives of Manitoba research room, and may contain a collection of references, articles and other types of information on a topic.

See descriptions in [Keystone](#) for more information about HBCA records.

Many records are available through the [Microfilm Loan Program](#).