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 1841, 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 (2M7-2M13)
C.1/1064 Log (with log of Vancouver), 1844-1845 (2M127-2M128)
E.316 Logs, 1840-1842 (copies) (1M231-1M232)
B.223/b/31-32 Voyages, 1842-1844 (2M136)
C.7/29-32 Miscellaneous, 1835-1850 (1M221-1M222)
C.7/177 fo.49-49d,53d-54d,63-64,65d-66d,77-78,83-83d; Crew Lists, Bills of Lading, Destinations, 1836-1841 (2M140)
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