UNIT NUMBER:

LADY HEAD

AREA OF SERVICE:

- LONDON-MOOSE (1865-1875)
- LONDON-VICTORIA (1876-1885)
- LONDON-MOOSE (1886-1901)
- LONDON-CHARLTON ISLAND (1902-1903)

Named for wife of Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company
(Sir Edmund Walker Head, Bart. KCB)
(originally to be called WINNIPEG) (A.5/29, pp. 279-280)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
Barque; figurehead based on photograph of Lady Head (A.5/29, pp. 279-280).

Construction:
Designer and builder: Builders: George and John Mills, Southwick, Sunderland (A.10/64, fo. 195).
Dimensions:
Draft: 12'6" (A.10/61, fo. 195).
Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans: 
Power: 
Registered: 
Speed: 
Tonnage: 1050 tons (504 tons o.m. - 457 tons n.r.) (A.10/64, fo. 195)

HISTORY:
1865 Hudson's Bay Company purchased ship for £8,800 from builders (A.10/64, fo. 195)
1865-1875 Served as supply vessel for Moose Factory (A.10/61, fo. 335)
1876-1885 Sailed between London and Victoria, Vancouver Island
1886-1903 Supply vessel for Moose Factory
1903, September Stranded on the Gasket Shoals, James Bay, and abandoned. (C.4/1)

MASTERS:
1865-1872 John James A.1/77, p. 112
1873-1874 G.B. Galbraith C.3/17
1874-1876 H. Bishop 
1876-1877 James Henderson 
1878-1879 William Bayfield A.11/89
1879-1880 J. Anderson 
1881-1885 C.G. Conrad 
1886-1890 H. Bishop 
1891-1903 John Graham Ford A.11/48, 4 October 1903; C.4/1, fos. 34d-35, 37d-38

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L.F.S. Upton, "The Wreck of the Eldorado", The Beaver, Autumn 1968, pp. 27-31 (photo of Lady Head, 1903)

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:
The Beaver, Autumn 1968, pp. 27-31 - 1903
1987/363-L-8 and others

REFERENCES:
A.12/FT 251/2 Loss of 1903-1904 (857)
B.135/z/4, 7 Balances of Crew, regarding wreck 1903 (2M44-2M46, 2M143)
C.1/437-447 Logs 1865-1874 (2M147)
C.7/81 Miscellaneous 1866-1903 (2M149)
C.7/180 Crew Lists 1888-1900
E.188/100-127 Crew Lists, Logs 1865-1891
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