

UNIT NUMBER:

CAM OWEN

AREA OF SERVICE: LONDON-HUDSON BAY

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Single-decked, two-masted, brigantine-rigged, carvel-built

Construction: Wood
Designer and builder: J. M'Dougall
Dimensions: Length: 126.15 Breadth: 28.7 Depth: 12.95
Draft:
Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans:
Power:
Registered: Charlottetown; London 85792
Speed:
Tonnage: Net: 329 Gross: 342 Under deck: 302

HISTORY:

1883, October Built at Grand River, Prince Edward Island
1884, 12 March William Welsh of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, sold her to Hudson's Bay Company for £2,800.
1884-1886 Voyages to Hudson Bay
1886 During night of 30-31 August was wrecked on rocks in heavy gale. Crew and passengers left for nearest shore in one of the ship's boats. On 5 September the first mate, G.F. Lovegrove and two men went in small boat to Churchill to obtain help.

MASTERS:

1883 Roderick McRae
1884 Alexander Main
1885-1886 John Hawes



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

HBCA Photo Collection 1987/13-43 & 44; 1983/26-N43-4 (of wreck in 1889)

REFERENCES:

C.7/24 Miscellaneous Papers 1884-1886
C.7/180 Agreement and Account of Crew 1884
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