

UNIT NUMBER:

LABRADOR

AREA OF SERVICE: LONDON-ST.LAWRENCE RIVER, LABRADOR COAST (1866-1887)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Screw steamship/barque

Construction: Wood, reinforced with iron bark and yellow metal bolts.
Designer and builder: Builder: William Watson, Sutherland, 1866.
Dimensions: Length - 139'8"; breadth - 29'2"; depth - 17'.
Draft: Light - 10'6"; loaded - 15'8".
Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans:
Power: 70 ("will work up to 150-200").
Registered:
Speed: Under steam - 7 knots; under sail - 11 knots.
Tonnage: Gross - 391 tons; net - 261 tons.



HISTORY:

1866 Built by William Watson of Sutherland
1866-1887 Sailed for the Hudson's Bay Company from Britain (usually Peterhead or London) to St. Lawrence River and the Labrador Coast. Sometimes she sailed to Greenland for the whale & seal fishery.
post-1887 The two Labrador vessels, *Diana* and *Labrador*, were replaced by *Erik*.
1888 Sold to W.P. Gaskell on behalf of Phoenix Merchant Adventurers for £2,000 (A.1/187, fo. 83)

MASTERS:

1866-1868 Robert B. Wood
1869-1870 Andrew Walker
1871, May/November James Birnie
1871-1882 Alexander Gray [February/April - Master; 1871, May/November - Chief Mate]
1883-1885 James L. Dunn
1886-1887 W. Neill Shaw

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P-159 Pencil drawing by Captain Dunn

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MICROFILM REELS:

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(2M138), (2M149)