

UNIT NUMBER:**DRYAD***Dryade***AREA OF SERVICE: PACIFIC NORTHWEST (1826-1836)****PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Brig

Construction: 1 deck, 2 masts; square sterned carvel brig with trysail mast and fixed bowsprit; quarter badges, woman bust figure; 81'4" admeasured on stocks
 Designer and builder: James Brain, Fishbourne, Isle of Wight, 1825 (C.7/177; A.1/55 fos. 6-6d, 10d; BT 107/187 PRO, Kew)
 Dimensions: 82'4" x 23'11" x 14'9½"
 Number of passengers: Number of crew: 4 officers, 26 men in 1834 (C.7/42 fo. 12d)
 Tonnage: 203T.
 Guns: 6 Guns (C.7/42 fo. 12d)

**HISTORY:**

1825, 28 Dec. Launched, owners William Alfield & Robert Shepard (BT 107/187, PRO, Kew)
 1825 Chartered by the Hudson's Bay Company (A.1/55 fos. 6-6d, 10d)
 1826, 1 June Arrived on the Pacific Northwest coast (E.E. Rich, History p. 612)
 1826-1827 Sailed back to England
 1829 Bought by Hudson's Bay Company from Atfield & Shephard (A.1/56 fo. 105d)
 1830 Arrived on the coast with 8 apprentices from the Royal Hospital, Greenwich (A.6/22 fos. 53-54)
 1831 Captain forced to resign (Rich, p. 627)
 1831 Made an early winter voyage to California (Rich, p. 630)
 1834, Sept. Visited Nass, experienced Indian opposition (A.6/23 fo. 152d), then went to Stikine where they had an encounter with the Russians who had occupied the site. Statements of the Insurance broker Joseph Arnold of Clement's Lane are included with HBC Secretary and ship's officers (C.7/42 fo. 11-22)
 1836 Sailed back to England. Sold in June to Thomas Gillespy Jr., an agent for Peter Ainsley, for £1450 (A.1/60 fo. 21; A.7/1 fo. 68d; A.5/11; A.6/24 fo. 59d)
 1839, Nov A ship by that name sunk off coast of Cuba for insurance (British Library 6495.bb.42 – see Search File)

MASTERS:

1825	Master James Swinburn	(BT 107/187 PRO, Kew)
1825-1826	Capt. James Davidson	(died 19 December 1826, Valparaiso, Chile)
1826-1827	A. Dunn, Chief Mate	(A.1/56 fo. 8)
1829-1831	Capt. John Minors	(drunken, incompetent, Rich, p. 627)
1831	Aemilius Simpson	(died at Nass, September 1831, Rich, pp. 627, 630)
1832, March-October	Alexander Duncan	(C.1/281)
1834-1836	Charles Kipling	(C.1/281-282, B.239/k/2 pp. 72, 96; A.6/24 fo. 35d)

CHARTS:

G.3/891, 892 Route Map, 1830, 1835, 1836; G.3/887, 888 Route Map, 1830, 1836

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:**REFERENCES:**

C.1/218	Master's Log	1 July 1831-19 August 1831
C.1/281-282	Chief Mate's Logs	29 March 1832-9 April 1836
C.7/42, 187	Letters, Barter Book, etc	1831, 1836
B.223/z/4 fos. 170a-170b	Crew	ca. 1830
B.223/z/4 fo. 180	Customs Duty	1836
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 (2M136, 2M149-2M150)
 (1M242-1M243)