
Finding Aid to the Beaver (Passenger Vessel) Photograph, 1870

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Summary

Title: Beaver (passenger vessel) photograph,

Date: 1870

Collection No: P05-003

Creator: Provincial Archives of British Columbia

Extent: 1 item.

Repository: San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (Calif.)

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Abstract: The collection consists of 1 (8 x 10 in.) photographic print of the steamer BEAVER, in 1870.

Physical Location: Historic Documents Department

Language: In English.

Indexing Terms

The following are indexing terms related to the description of this collection.

Beaver (Steamship)

Photography of ships

Photographic print

Access Information

Access

This collection is open for research.

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Condition Restrictions

The print is in fair condition and should be handled with care.

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Processing/Project Information

Processing and Cataloging

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ANCS+ Catalog No. SAFR 20075.

The collection is cataloged in the National Park Service (NPS) Automated National Catalog System (ANCS+). A portion of the ANCS+ catalog record can be viewed on the *NPS Museum Collections on the Web Catalog* by searching on the catalog number 20075 at <http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm>. Do not include the acronym "SAFR" in the search.

Administrative Information

History

Historical Note

The steamer BEAVER was built in 1835 in London by Green, Wigrams & Green, for the Hudson's Bay Company. After sailing around Cape Horn as a Brigantine, she was refitted as a steamship at Fort Vancouver, and became the first steamship on the west coast of North America in 1836.

BEAVER worked chiefly in the Gulf of Georgia and Puget Sound, and her home port was moved from Fort Vancouver to Fort Victoria (now Victoria) on Vancouver Island in 1846. In 1853, she was relegated to passenger and cargo work.

She was laid up from 1860 to 1862, and was chartered by the Royal Navy for survey work along the coasts of Vancouver Island and British Columbia from 1863 to 1870. In 1874, she was sold to the British Columbia Towing and Transportation Company. BEAVER towed barges, log booms and sailing vessels lying off Cape Flaherty until February 1883, when she went aground off Burrard Inlet. She was sold several times, but not put back in service until 1888. On July 25, 1888, she ran aground on Prospect Point in the Burrard Inlet in Vancouver. She was gradually stripped of her machinery, and the hull eventually sank. The site of the wreck was mapped by the Underwater Archeology Society of British Columbia in the 1990s.

Custodial History

Accession No. SAFR-1 was transferred to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park from Golden Gate National Recreation Area which acquired the collection from the San Francisco Maritime Museum when it became a unit of the National Park Service. While the photographer is unknown the print was most likely acquired by the San Francisco Maritime Museum from the Archives of British Columbia.

Acquisition

Accession number SAFR-00001.

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of 1 (8 x 10 in.) photographic print of the steamer BEAVER, in 1870.

Hand-written on the back of the print is: "S.S. Beaver, 1870. Came to Victoria in 1839 around the Horn from England." The back of the print is also stamped "Archives of British Columbia."

Arrangement

No arrangement.
