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Historical or Biographical Note
The WILLIAM T. LEWIS was a 4-masted, steel hulled bark built in 1891 by Robert Duncan & Co. of Greenock, Scotland. The
vessel measured 279' x 42' x 24', and its gross tonnage was 2156 tons. The ship was originally named ROBERT DUNCAN
and its owner was the Robert Duncan Shipping Company of Glasgow. In 1910 the ship was sold to A.P. Rolph of Greenock
and renamed the WILLIAM T. LEWIS. In 1917, ownership transferred to J. Rolph Jr. of San Francisco.
The ship was operated by Hind & Rolph Co. and worked in lumber and general cargo trades to Australia and other
countries. In 1915, the ship was torpedoed by German warships off the coast of Ireland, but owing to its cargo of lumber it
stayed afloat. It was towed into Bantry Bay, repaired, and went back to sea. Its last voyage under sail was in 1921. It was
laid up for some years and eventually sold to Island Tug & Barge Co. in Victoria, B.C., where it was operated as a barge
under the name FIBREBOARD. The ship's figurehead is now in the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society collection in
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The hospitality book was kept by Carlsen who enjoyed entertaining. An account of life on board can be found in The Compass Magazine, Summer-Fall 1973 edition.

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