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No. 1356 Survey held at Sunderland Date June 1839  
 on the Ship "Messenger" Master Ch. Donat  
 Tonnage 216 Built at Sunderland When built 1839  
 By whom built W. Wilkinson Owners W. Thompson  
 Port belonging to Sunderland Destined Voyage London  
 If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock Building

Length aloft	Feet.	Inches.	Extreme Breadth	Feet.	Inches.	Depth of Hold	Feet.	Inches.
<b>Scantlings of Timber.</b>								
Timber and Space	each	12	inches.	Keel to Bilge	3 1/2	Foot Waling	3	
Floors	average	sided	11	Moulded	12 9	Bilge Planks	4	
1 <sup>st</sup> Foothooks	"	9 1/2	"	Bilge to Wales	3 1/2	Ceiling in Flat	2 1/2	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ditto.	"	8 9	"	Wales	4	Ditto Bilge to Clamp	2 1/2	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ditto.	"	8	"	Topsides	2 1/2	Hold Beam Clamps	4	
Top Timbers	"	7	"	Sheer Strakes	3	Deck Beam Ditto	3	
Deck Beams N°. of	full	8 1/2	"	Plank Sheers	3	Ceiling 'twixt Decks	2	
Hold Beams N°. of	9	10	"	Water-Ways	4	Hold Beam Shelves	1 1/2	5
Keel	G. A. Elm	10	"	Upper Deck	3	Deck Beam Ditto	7 1/2	3
Kelsons	"	11	"					
<b>Size of Bolts in Fastenings.</b>								
<b>Copper.</b>								
Heel-Knee, and Dead Wood abaft	1 1/8	inches.	<b>Copper.</b>					
Scarps of Keel	N°. 21	3/4	Bolts thro' the Bilge and Foot Waling	3/8	Hold Beam	7/8		
Floor Timber Bolts	1	7/8	Butt End Bolts	5/8	Deck Beam	5/8		
Kelson ditto	1	1	Lower Pintle of the Rudder	2 1/2	same in Iron above the Copper			
Transoms and throats of Hooks	1 1/2	3						
Arms of Hooks	7/8	3						
<b>Thickness of Plank.</b>								
<b>Outside.</b>								
Keel to Bilge	3 1/2	inches.	<b>Inside.</b>					
Bilge Planks	4		Foot Waling	3				
Bilge to Wales	3 1/2		Bilge Planks	4				
Wales	4		Ceiling in Flat	2 1/2				
Topsides	2 1/2		Ditto Bilge to Clamp	2 1/2				
Sheer Strakes	3		Hold Beam Clamps	4				
Plank Sheers	3		Deck Beam Ditto	3				
Water-Ways	4		Ceiling 'twixt Decks	2				
Upper Deck	3		Hold Beam Shelves	1 1/2	5			
			Deck Beam Ditto	7 1/2	3			

**Timbering.**—The Space between the Floor Timbers and Lower Foothooks in this Vessel is 1 to 3 Inches. The Space between the Top-timbers is 4 Inches. The Stem, Stern Post, are composed of English Oak the Transoms, Aprons, Knight Heads, Hawse Timbers, of English Oak and are fully free from all defects. The Floors and first Foothooks are composed of English Oak. The other Foothooks and Top Timbers of English Oak. The Shifts of the first and second Foothooks are not less than 3/9 N. B. When less than prescribed by the Rule, state how many. The rest of the Shifts of the Frame are fair. The Frame is fairly squared from the first Foothook Heads upwards, and fairly free from sap, and from thence downwards, the frame is fairly squared. The alternate Frames are not bolted together every 4 1/2 ft. N. B. If not, state how bolted. To 2 1/2 inches. The Butts of the Timbers are closely close together; their thickness not less than 10 to 14 of the entire moulding at that place. The Frame is chocked with one Butt at each end of the chock. The Main Kelson is composed of Foreign Oak and the False Kelson of Foreign Oak. The Scarps of the Kelsons are not less than 6 feet inches. The Deck and Hold Beams are composed of English Oak.

**Planking Outside.**—From the Keel to the first Foothook Heads the Plank is composed of American Elm. From the first Foothook Heads to the Light Water Mark of American Elm. From the Light Water Mark to the Wales of Dantzic Oak part ends English Oak. The Wales and Black-strokes are of Foreign Oak. The Topsides of English Oak. The Sheer-strokes and Plank-sheers of Dantzic Oak. The Water-ways of Dantzic Oak. The Decks of Yellow Pine State of. The Shifts of the Planking are not less than 4 Feet Inches. N. B. If less than prescribed by the Rule, state whether general or partial, and if partial, in what part of the Ship. The Planking is wrought 2 and 3 between.

**Planking Inside.**—The Limber-strokes are composed of American Oak the Bilge Planks of American Oak. The Ceiling, Lower Hold, of American Oak midships, ends English Oak Between Decks of English Oak. Shelf Pieces of American Oak Clamps of American Oak.

**Fastenings.**—To Hold Beams, Four ledger knees, stringers and four knees each side below. Deck Beams Double Word knees and stringers below. Number of Breasthooks Two One pair Pointers One Iron Crutches 2 Fourteen knees each side. Butts End Bolts are of Iron in the Bottom, and one Bolt in each Butt End through and clenched. Bilge and Footwaling is bolted through and clenched. General Quality of Workmanship rough.

We certify that the preceding is a correct description of the above-named Vessel.

Builder's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surveyor's Name St. Brunton

Her Masts, Yards, &c. are in good condition, and sufficient in size and length.

She has SAILS.		CABLES, &c.		ANCHORS, and their weights.	
Nº.	Fathoms.	Inches.	Nº.		
2	Fore Sails,	180	Chain .....	1 1/8	3 Bower, 10 1/2 - 10 9
1	Fore Top Sails,	75	Hempen Stream Cable .....	7 1/2	1 Stream, 3 1/2
2	Fore Topmast Stay Sails,	63	Hawser .....	3 1/4	1 Kedge, 1 1/2
1	Main Sails,	80	Towlines .....	5 1/2	
2	Main Top Sails,	50	Warp .....,	4 1/2	
	and Suff in the sail		All of <u>good</u> quality.		

Her Standing and Running Rigging well fitted sufficient in size and good in quality.

She has One Long Boat and Two

The present state of the Windlass is Capstan which is up and Rudder Blaces stiff.

#### General Remarks—Statement and Date of Repairs.

Frame of good Scantling and generally of good quality. Several of the Top timbers on each side run wavy and sappy; Drawers and Counter Timbers generally wavy and sappy; a few of the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Foot-holds are not stepped down and run thin points. Part of the Beams run wavy and sappy but are of good Scantling and on the whole a fair set for the class; Some of the Deck rails shot in the coms and sappy.

Quality of outside planking generally good and well-seasoned; tolerably well wrought and sheathed and fairly clean of sap; Grains of the Oak

Part of the ceiling plank poor and inferior quality; Hollobeam Strong is not continued far enough aft.

Beams, knees, posts &c fairly secured

Comence building in February 1839 Launched June 1839 was Surveyed at  
the following rates  $\frac{96}{3} : \frac{6}{4} : \frac{13}{5} : \frac{20}{6}$

If Sheathed, Doubled, Felted, or Coppered \_\_\_\_\_ When last done \_\_\_\_\_

I am of opinion this Vessel should be Classed partly

*John Brunton*

The Amount of the Fee.....£ 3 : 3 : 0 is received by me,

Special .....£ : : :

Committee's Minute 5 July 1839

Character assigned A 1 for 7 Years