

UNIT NUMBER:

FORT CHURCHILL

AREA OF SERVICE: HUDSON BAY (1913-1922)
JAMES BAY (1923-1939)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Motor sailing vessel

Construction: Wood construction (C.7/57).
 Designer:
 Builder: R. Kitto & Son, Porthleven, Cornwall (A.5/110, fo. 250; A.5/111, fo. 342, 448).
 Dimensions: Length - 73.9 feet; breadth - 22.1 feet; depth - 9.87 feet (C.7/57).
 Draft:
 Number of passengers: Number of crew:
 Plans: [1913] - Plan of oil and water tanks (A.12/FT 341/[3], fo. 79).
 Power: 80 BHP, 100 IHP (C.7/57) Bolinder Engine
 Speed:
 Tonnage: Gross - 83.06 tons; registered - 56.48 tons (C.7/57).

HISTORY:

1913, July Registered at Falmouth, made maiden voyage across Atlantic to Hudson Bay (C.7/56).
 1915 Found washed up on South Belcher Island after being torn from her moorings
 (B.135/a/190, 12 August, 8, 14-17 September 1915)
 1921 & 1922 Replaced *Fort York* as supply vessel out of York Factory
 1923-1927 Based at Moose Factory
 1927-1931 Laid up
 1931-1939 James Bay supply vessel
 1939-1941 Laid up at Moose Factory
 1941 Burned



MASTERS:

J.O. Neilsen
 1823 R.H. Taylor
 Guy Cadney - Engineer

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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 W.B. Cameron, "Runaway Ship", *The Beaver*, June 1948, pp. 5-9

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

ca. 1926-1927 - anchored, in the stocks during winter, at Moose Factory
 Album 53, No. 227 - at Charlton Island, 8 August 1934
 1957/1-31 - view of stern in dry dock at Falmouth
 1983/13 - shipyard at Porthleven, ca. 1982
 1984/10-91, 106, 191, 112 - docked
 1986/37-58 - beached

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 A.10/431 Correspondence, James Pollock & Sons
 A.10/352 Correspondence with R. Kitto & Son, 1913-1914
 A.10/431 Information - Bolinder Engine
 A.12/FT 341/[3] London Inward Correspondence from Commissioners (853)
 C.1/331b Deck Log 1921-1922
 C.7/56 Official Log 1913 (2M147)
 C.7/57 Bill of Sale, January 1923 (2M147)
 E.93/29 "My Trip on the motor ketch *Fort Churchill*" by A.J. Bartlett (20 pp.)
 RG3/20F/3 Correspondence
 RG3/20C/1, 7 Ship's Logs 1913, 1921-1922
 RG3/5/6 Ship's Logs 1921-1922 (copies)
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MICROFILM REELS: