

SARAH

Type	Snow
Built	1862 (~July)
Built by	W Ratcliffe of Sunderland
Official Number	44305
Gross tonnage	243
Dimensions (LxWxD) ft	100.5 x 25.7 x 15.4
End of Life	Lost on or abt 10 Nov 1878

Bought new in about July 1862 by Lawson & Co., managing owner George Lawson of Blyth. Most of Lawson and Co's vessels were co-owned by John Dent sr of Blyth and some by his brother Roger Dent of Newcastle. Membership of the syndicate has not yet been found in this case.

George Lawson is still shown as managing owner until 1876, when the listing changed to John Dent jr. who established a ship broker's business in Blyth in 1872 (Dent, Hodgson & Co) and subsequently took the management of all his father John Dent sr's and cousin George Lawson's vessels. At the time of her loss in 1878, she was under the management of Dent, Hodgson & Co.

Captains included T Knight (1862–66), M Elliot (1866–70), Aitkenhead (almost certainly Thomas) (1870-73), G Cowens (1873-74), James Good (1875-78).

Foundered in the North Sea on or about 10 Nov 1878. All hands lost.

SUPPOSED FOUNDERING OF A BRIG.
The brig Sarah, Captain Good, from Villanova to Copenhagen, with cork, is supposed to have foundered in the North Sea.

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THE MISSING SHIELDS VESSEL.
Respecting the above, the following letter written by the owners has appeared in the *Shipping Gazette*:—Sir,—In your impression of yesterday, under Copenhagen, the Sarah, Good, from Villanova for Copenhagen, is reported “supposed to have foundered in the North Sea.” She left Yarmouth Roads on the 9th inst., and several bales of corkwood having been picked up outside the cross sands: we have been making inquiries at Copenhagen about the marks, &c., on the bales, and no doubt this is how the report has arisen. The greater portion of her cargo was loaded at Villanova, marked with two “V’s” inverted, and, so far as we can learn, none of this mark has been picked up. We, therefore, still hope she is all right.

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THE LOSS OF THE BRIG SARAH.
There is now no reason to doubt that the report recently circulated respecting the foundering of the brig Sarah is correct. Nearly all her cargo, consisting of cork wood, with a quantity of wreckage, has been cast ashore at Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Judging from the time the vessel left port, she would be off that coast at about the time when the recent gales were prevalent, and it is greatly to be feared that during them the brig foundered with her crew of eight men. The vessel was 243 tons register, and belonged to Mr George Lawson, Waterloo-road, Blyth. She was built at Sunderland in 1862, and the following comprised the crew:—James Good, High-street, Blyth, captain; Alfred Smith, mate; D. Oldroyd, cook; Karl Nes, Ed. Spence, and Albin Edmund, able seamen; Robert Edwardson and Edward Clark, ordinary seamen.

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SUPPOSED LOSS OF A BLYTH VESSEL AND ALL HANDS.

Much painful excitement was created in the neighbourhood of Blyth at the beginning of the present week, by a report which appeared in the *Shipping Gazette*, and copied by us, to the effect that the brig Sarah, of that port, from Villanova to Copenhagen, loaded with corkwood, was supposed to have foundered with all hands in the Cross Sands, near Yarmouth, during the storm which prevailed at that part about the 10th inst. The rumour was discredited for a day or two by many persons, and Messrs Dent, Hodgson, and Co., of Blyth, who had the management of the ship's affairs, wrote to the *Gazette*, stating that the marks on the bales which had washed ashore scarcely tallied with those in the bill of lading, and they expressed the hope that the vessel was still all right. From information received by the firm, however, at a late hour on Thursday, there cannot now be any doubt that the vessel has succumbed to the storm which it would encounter after leaving Yarmouth Roads, the greater portion of the cargo having washed ashore at Lowestoft and Yarmouth—and it is greatly to be feared that all on board have perished with the ship. The Sarah was the property of Mr George Lawson, Waterloo Road, Blyth; was built at Sunderland in 1862, had a registered tonnage of 243 tons, and was manned by the following crew:—James Good (captain), Alfred Smith (mate), D. Oldroyd (cook), Karl Nes, Edward Spence, and Albin Edmund, able seamen, Robert Edwardson and Edward, ordinary seamen. Captain Good, who resided in High Street, Blyth, and who has left a widow and one child behind, was a comparatively young man, and was much respected in the district. It is not known whether any part of the vessel has floated ashore.

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Details of those who perished from the Register of Deaths at Sea are shown below.

<u>Name of Ship</u>	<u>Official Number</u>	<u>Date of death</u>	<u>Name of deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Last Abode</u>	<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Passenger or Crew?</u>
Sarah	44305	Wrecked 10-11-78	James Good	36	Master	Suffolk	High St, Waterloo, Blyth	Drowned	Crew
			Alfred Smith	35	Mate	N Shields	52 Stephenson St, N Shields	Drowned	Crew
			David Oldroyd	46	Cook & Stew'd	N Shields	Seaton Sluice, Blyth	Drowned	Crew
			Karl Nes	23	AB	Sweden	--	Drowned	Crew
			Edward Spencer	21	AB	N Shields	22 Alma St., S Shields	Drowned	Crew
			Albin Edmund	23	AB	Sweden	9 Linskill St., N Shields	Drowned	Crew
			Robert Edwardson	18	OS	N Shields	78 Reed St., N Shields	Drowned	Crew
			Edward Clark	17	OS	S Shields	18 Gardner, S Shields	Drowned	Crew

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