

'Scottish Hero' built in 1876 by W. Doxford & Sons, of Sunderland

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Scottish Hero

A two deck iron barque built in 1876 as yard no. 79 by W. Doxford & Sons, of Sunderland. Dimensions: 196.6ft. + 33.0 + 19.1 [length, breadth, depth] and tonnage 911 gross 869 net and 795 under deck. British Reg. No. 73670. Signal PWNM. Owned and managed by McIlwraith MacEacharn & Co. [The Scottish Line] 34 Leadenhall St. London from 1876 – 1893.

1876 August 8 - November 11

Sailed with emigrants from London to Rockhampton. Captain Neil McEachern, born Islay, Scotland 1813: Master's Cert. 1970 Glasgow 1849. A diary of this voyage was kept by Peter Higson aged 24 of Bolton, a copy is held in the John Oxley Library in Brisbane.

1877 September 14 - December 12

Sailed with emigrants from London to Rockhampton. Captain Neil McEachern. A diary of this voyage was kept by Walter Hingley aged 21 which is held in the Mitchell Library in Sydney, ML copy FM3/691

1878/79 December 14 - April 5

Sailed with emigrants from London to Maryborough. Captain Thomas Robertson Mowat. Born Stromness Orkney 1851: Master's Cert. 15014 Aberdeen.

1880 March 11 - June 29

Sailed with emigrants from Plymouth to Townsville.
Captain Thomas R. Mowat

1881 July 1 - October 19

Sailed from the Clyde to Bundaberg, Captain James Fraser. Born Aberdeen 1845: Master's cert. 92418, Aberdeen 1876.
Landed the Milliquin Refinery Plant

1882 January 1 - April 1

Sailed from Bundaberg to San Francisco. Around April 5 the Scottish Hero dragged her anchor and came in collision with the City of Paris; the latter's rigging very much damaged [San Francisco by cable]. During a strong breeze yesterday morning, the barque Scottish Hero and the ship City of Paris both anchored in the stream drifted foul of each other, the first named lost her jib-boom and head gear and stove in one of her bow plates; also lost an anchor and chain and had to ship a second. The City of Paris was damaged considerably aft. Her mizen topmast being carried away and the mizen-mast so badly injured that it will have to come out of her [San Francisco April 6]. In the case of the collision between the Scottish Hero and the City of Paris, the opinion of one of the leading marine lawyers here is that the accident was inevitable and the damages should fall on the ships that sustained the losses. The tug company's claim for \$4,000, assisting in separating the ships has been settled for \$3,000 but the distribution between the vessels has not been arranged. The City of Paris has since cleared 22/4/1882 for Queenstown.

1882 April 29 - September 26

Sailed from San Francisco to Fleetwood [Lancashire]

- 1882/83 October 20 - October 21**
Sailed from Fleetwood to Liverpool.
- 1882/83 November 8 - February 22**
Sailed with emigrants from Liverpool via Plymouth to Brisbane, Captain James Fraser. At Plymouth November 15, sailed from Plymouth November 20 to Brisbane. December 12 crossed the equator at Long. 31.50W. December 26 spoke to the Doune Castle 80 days out of San Francisco to Cork. January 11 passed the meridian of Cape Agulhas in Lat 42.40S. February 10 sighted Cape Otway. February 11th spoke to ship Loch Ryan from Glasgow to Melbourne.
- 1883 March 16 - May 11**
Sailed from Brisbane to Lyttelton [Christchurch], N.Z.
- 1883 May 15 - August 27**
Sailed from Lyttelton to Hull
- 1883 September 6 – September 10**
Sailed from Hull to London.
- 1883/84 October 11 - January 29**
Sailed with emigrants from London [Gravesend] to Rockhampton, Captain James Fraser, surgeon Dr. Stuart. In the Downs October 14. Put back to Gravesend. October 21st. 7.25 pm, the Scottish Hero [Fraser] London to Rockhampton has returned having been in collision with the barque Ella of Quebec yesterday at 8 pm, at anchor in the Downs. The Scottish Hero lost head gear, jib-boom head, forecastle rails, and whisker irons, and received other damage; not making any water. The Ella sustained slight damage and remained in the Downs. Sailed from London October 26, off the Wight, October 28 [landed channel pilot off Portland]. November 5 sighted the island of Madeira. November 12 sighted the island of Santo Antao [Cape Verde Islands]. November 18 spoke to the ship Auckland at 5N 29W. November 20, crossed the equator at longitude 32.10. November 24, sighted the Brazilian coast. December 2, sighted the Island of Trindade [Br]. December 19 crossed the meridian of Greenwich at Lat. 39.20. January 14 passed the south coast of Tasmania. Arrived Rockhampton January 29. A letter to her mother by Anna M. Cook describes in detail weather and onboard conditions on this voyage. The Anna M. Cook letter is held in the RAAM collection at the National Library of Australia, Canberra.
- 1884 March 24 - May 5**
Sailed from Brisbane to Melbourne [Queenscliff] arrived April 2, then sailed to Port Pirie, South Australia arrived April 4. Arrived Adelaide May 5.
- 1884 May 11 – September 15**
Sailed from Adelaide to Dublin.
- 1884 October 14 – October 15**
Sailed from Dublin to Liverpool.
- 1884/85 November 18 – March 9**
Sailed from Liverpool to Brisbane. Captain James Fraser.
- 1885 April 1 – April 14**
Sailed from Brisbane to Newcastle NSW
- 1885 May 29 – July 18**
Sailed from Newcastle to Valparaiso, Chile.

- 1885 July 21 – July 28**
Sailed from Valparaiso to Taltal, Chile.
- 1885/86 October 26 –February 12**
Sailed from Taltal to Antwerp.
- 1886 March 9 - March 11**
Sailed from Antwerp to London.
- 1886 April 1 - August 3**
Sailed from London via Plymouth to Maryborough, Qld. with emigrants. Captain James Fraser, surgeon W. B. Gooderidge. Passed Dover April 3. Sailed from Plymouth with emigrants April 13 to Maryborough. Passed the Island of La Palma, April 23, sighted Cape Sao Thome [Brazil] May 29. Becalmed in the Bass Strait from July 15 to July 21. A diary was kept on this voyage by Jane Beresford in which she describes the route, weather conditions and daily distances covered etc. The Beresford diary is held by Mrs. Joan Luck, Buderim, Queensland, Australia.
- 1886 September 6 - November 11**
Sailed from Maryborough to Portland Oregon, at Astoria about November 11, then sailed November 13 from Astoria to Portland .
- 1886/87 December 8 - June 2**
Sailed from Portland to Liverpool. At Astoria December 9, off Ft. Stevens Oregon December 17, then sailed from Astoria December 22. Off Point Lynas Anglesey June 2.
- 1887 July 26 - November 7**
Sailed from Liverpool to Adelaide. Captain James Fraser. Spoken August 23, 19N 28W.
- 1888 January 5 - May 17**
Sailed from Port Pirie to Queestown [Cobh]. Spoken January 18, 36S 119W. At Queenstown May 17.
- 1888 May - May 28**
Sailed from Queenstown to Bordeaux. Captain James Fraser.
- 1888 July 25 - November 9**
Sailed from Bordeaux to Valparaiso. Spoken August 12, 40N 13W.
- 1888 November 22 - November 29**
Sailed from Valparaiso to Pisagua [Chile]
- 1889 February 4 - May**
Sailed from Pisagua for U.K. & Cont. Spoken March 17, 35S 30W arrived Queenstown [Cobh].
- 1889 May 14 – May 29**
Sailed from Queenstown to Hamburg. Passed the Lizard May 17.
- 1889 June 26 – July 7**
Sailed from Hamburg to Liverpool. Passed Prawle Point July 3.
- 1889/90 August 7 - December 7**
Sailed from Liverpool to Brisbane, Captain James Fraser. Brisbane December 7, 1.40 pm the Scottish Hero's captain reports vessel got ashore in entering port, but afterwards got off and arrived; damage not yet ascertained, the bottom was sandy, will go into dock for examination. In port January 1/1/90, 10.55 am the Scottish Hero has docked and sustained no damage.
- 1890 February**
Sailed from Brisbane to Otago, New Zealand.

- 1890 February 22 - June 5**
Sailed from Otago to London. In port August 7.
- 1890 August 20 – January 25**
Sailed from Gravesend to Punta Arenas, Captain William Little.
Born Harrington in 1847 cert. No. 84675. Passed Dover
August 22, spoken August 30, 49N 5W. Spoken November 25 off the
Horn. Captain Fraser having taken command of the sailing barque
Frances Fisher [91852] on November 1st, 1990.
- 1891 - May 24**
Sailed from Punta Arenas to Portland. At Astoria May 24.
- 1891 July 11 – January 2**
Sailed from Portland to Queenstown. London 4th the Scottish Hero
which arrived at Queensown from Portland with wheat reports having
had a most protracted voyage. The vessel, which experienced severe
gales during the voyage lost a portion of her bullwarks and sails.
- 1892 January – January 30**
Sailed from Queenstown via Dublin [sailed from Dublin January 13] to
the Clyde.
- 1892 March 3 – June 8**
Sailed from Glasgow to Adelaide, Captain Little.
- 1892 July 23 – August 3**
Sailed from Adelaide to Newcastle NSW. Spoken July 29 off Cape
Otway. In port September 17.
- 1892 November 3 - February**
Sailed from Newcastle to Antofagasta Chile
- 1893 March 23 – August 3**
Sailed from Pisagua to London. Spoken June 10 6N 28W
- 1893** Sold to A.H. Arnold, Brake, Germany, and renamed **Saturnas**.
- 1914** Sold to Oscar Moden and partners, Simrisham, Sweden.
- 1915** October 13th Saturnas, abandoned 49.4N 29.48W flag Sweden from
Miramichi to Cork. Saturnas [s.v.] – Brow Head, Oct. 13th 11.50pm,
following the wireless message received from Valentia from steamer
Colorado; SW bq Saturnas from Cimbrishamn, abandoned at noon
today in 49.4N 29.48W dangerous to shipping, crew on board steamer
Colorado.