

## **SANCHO**

Type	Brig
Built	1866
Built by	Reay & Naizby, Sunderland
Official Number	56465
Gross tonnage	280
Dimensions (LxWxD) ft	109.3 x 26.2 x 16.0
Dent & Co ownership	~1873 - 1887
End of Life	Lost with all hands in 1887 (last reported 14 Dec 1887)

Ownership is difficult to follow in detail as Lloyds and the Mercantile Navy List are unclear between owners and managers. However, regardless of the detail we can show that the Dent family, including Captain John Dent of Blyth, his cousin Captain George Lawson and his son, John Dent jr of the broker firm Dent, Hodgson & Co (later Dent & Co) were involved throughout her life.

Until 1879, Sancho was owned in 1/64<sup>th</sup> shares. Ownership is recorded by Lloyds 1866 – 1871 as Lawson & Co. with George Lawson listed in MNL as managing owner. Lloyds listing changed to Dent & Co in 1871, with John Dent of Blyth as managing owner. This continued to be the case until 1878 when Lloyds shows “ownership” as the ship brokers Dent, Hodgson & Co. of Blyth This almost certainly refers to the management of the ship, as the MNL shows the owner as George Lawson and the firm Dent, Hodgson & Co did not own ships.. they were brokers and managers.

Phoenix Shipping Company Limited was incorporated in 1879 by the Dents and their associates to own all their sailing ship interests (10 vessel) and ownership of the *Sancho* was transferred into Phoenix Shipping around this time. Management of the company was with John Dent jr. In about May 1886, Phoenix Shipping sold *Sancho* to another, newly created, company managed by John Dent jr, - Sancho Shipping Co Ltd., for about £500.

Sancho's captains were T Cowans (1866), G Cowans (1867-70), Andrew Robinson (1870–73), William Robert Lord (1873–78), Battensby (1878), Henry Rhodes (1878-80), A Stephen (1880-1881), . C Newgreen (1881-82) and Edward Milgate (1883-87).

Captain Milgate was in command when she was posted missing, presumed lost with all hands. She had left the Tyne loaded with coal in Friday 9 Dec 1887 (reports below are incorrect in that respect) destined for Bonanza, Spain. *Sancho* was presumed to have sunk in severe weather in the Bay of Biscay on 26 December.

## SUPPOSED LOSS OF A BLYTH VESSEL AND ALL HANDS.

Grave fears are now entertained for the safety of the brig *Sancho*, of Blyth. The vessel sailed from the Tyne on December 16th, bound for Bonanza, Spain, and as now nearly sixty days have elapsed without any tidings of her whereabouts, it is the general supposition that she must have foundered during the severe hurricane in the Bay of Biscay, on the 26th of December. The *Sancho* was under the command of Captain Edward Milgate, who resided at Blyth, the chief officer being Mr Joseph Dunn, also a native of Blyth—both married men with families. Another member of the crew was a young man named Benjamin Manners, belonging to Blyth, and the remainder of the crew were shipped at Shields. The *Sancho* was a brig of 280 tons register, and was built at Sunderland in 1866. She is the property of Messrs Dent and Co., shipbrokers, of Blyth and Newcastle.

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## THE OVERDUE BRIG SANCHE. LIST OF THE CREW.

No tidings have come to hand yet concerning the brig *Sancho* of Newcastle, which has already been reported as being considerably overdue, and the gravest fears are felt for her safety. The *Sancho* left the Tyne on or about the 10th of December last, and it is reported that on the 14th of that month she was spoken off Gravesend, since which date nothing further has been heard respecting her. She was bound from the Tyne to Bonanza (Spain), and should have completed her voyage in not more than 28 days. The following is a list of the crew:—

Edward Milgate (50); 20 Eldon Street, Blyth, captain.

Joseph Dunn (47), Waterloo Street, Blyth, mate.

Nicholson Close (48), 1 Eastbourne Grove, South Shields, cook and steward.

Iquace Saingolet (25), 12 Gladstone Street, Blyth; Ben Manners (20), 19 Marine Road, Blyth; J. Barton (19), 2 Gregory Street, Blyth, able seamen.

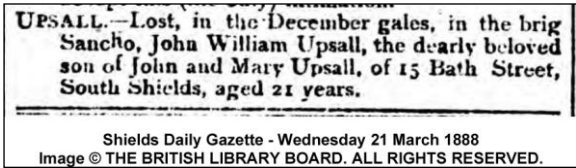
R. C. George (21), 197 Stephenson Street, North Shields; J. W. Upsall (19), 15 Bath Street, South Shields; Patrick Neo (16), 6 Bell Street, North Shields, ordinary seamen.

The *Sancho* was built at Hylton in 1886, and was a vessel of 286 tons register. She was owned by Messrs John Dent and Co., Newcastle.

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### Those who lost their lives on the Sancho.

The data in this table is taken from the Register of Deaths of Masters and Seamen in British Merchant Vessels

Name	Rating	Age	Last Address	Born	Author's Notes
<b>Edward Milgate</b>	Master	50	20 Eldon Street, Blyth	North Shields	
<b>Joseph Dunn</b>	Mate	47	Waterloo Street, Blyth	Ellington	
<b>Nicholson Close</b>	Cook & Steward	48	1 Eastbourne Grove, South Shields	Newcastle	
<b>Ignace Saingolet</b>	Able Seaman	25	12 Gladstone Street, Blyth	Guadaloupe	Name incorrect in newspaper reports.
<b>Ben Manner</b>	Able Seaman	20	19 Marine Road, Blyth	Blyth	
<b>J Barton</b>	Able Seaman	19	2 Gregory Street, Blyth	Blyth	Almost certainly <b>John Barton</b> , b 1869, son of Thomas and Charlotte. Apprenticed to Capt John Wright in 1884.
<b>R C George</b>	Ordinary Seaman	21	197 Stephenson Street, North Shields	North Shields	Almost certainly <b>Robert C George</b> , b 1866, son of Thomas Crass George.
<b>J W Upsall</b>	Ordinary Seaman	19 *	15 Bath Street, South Shields	South Shields	<p><b>John William Upsall</b>, born 26 Oct 1866. * Age incorrectly stated in death register. Correct in family notice of death below.</p>  <p>Shields Daily Gazette - Wednesday 21 March 1888 Image © THE BRITISH LIBRARY BOARD. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.</p>
<b>P Nee</b>	Ordinary Seaman	16	6 Bell Street, North Shields	North Shields	A contemporary newspaper report gives Christian name as Patrick, but this is probably incorrect. The birth registers only record a <b>Peter Nee</b> born at this time and the 1881 census records a Peter Nee of the right age at the address given.