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1.0 Abstract

Since 2001 the Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit (MADU) has developed a database of vessels known to have wrecked around the coast of Wales.

This project is to discover information relating to the history of the schooner Duke (MADU Ref#293), built and launched at Runcorn Cheshire in 1848.

The Duke was a cargo schooner which sailed predominately between U.K. ports on the Irish Sea and Ireland. Cargos carried included slates, coal, stones and other general cargos.

On Dec 09th 1892, the Duke anchored off Cardigan Wales was driven ashore and wrecked at Black Rocks Cardigan Wales during a severe storm. The crew of 3 including the captain were rescued by lifeboat.

The research has been conducted from information gathered from MADU and on-line sites as I do not reside in the U.K.

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2.5 Abbreviations

MADU	Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit
MNL	Mercantile Navy List
LR	Lloyds' Registry

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3.0 Introduction

The schooner Duke was chosen as:

- it covered a period of sea history in the mid to late 19th century.
- it was a similar ship and time to other ships I had researched from the MADU Wreck list.
- I live overseas online information would be my priority research tool and similar to my previous research a ship from this period should be reasonably well documented online.

The following topics form the basis of the research:

- What were the vessel's specifications?
- What historical information is available relating to the vessel?
- Has any salvage, etc. been carried out?
- Have there been any previous reports produced relating to the vessel?

4.0 Background

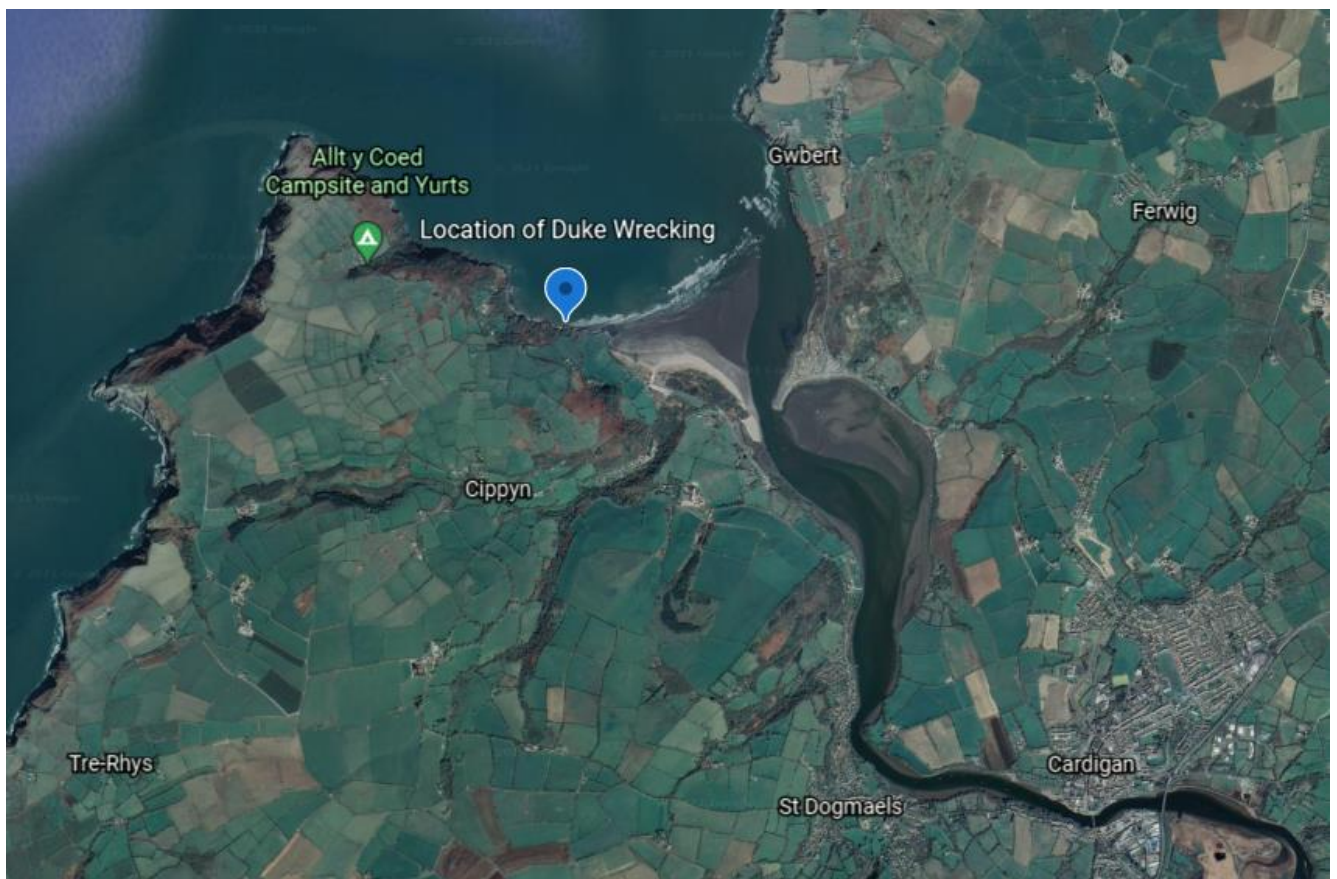
Prior to starting this research the only known data available to me was from the MADU Master Wrecksite Database Listing (Table 1) supplied by Mr Ian Cundy.

Table 1: Extract from MADU Master Wrecksite Database

MADU Ref. No.	Date Wrecked	Name	Location 1	Location 2	Details	Vessel Type	Matls	Ref.
293	09/12/1892	Duke	Cardiganshire	Cardigan Bar	lost entering harbour	Schooner	wood	rl

On Dec 09th 1892, the Duke anchored off Cardigan Wales was driven ashore and wrecked at Black Rocks Cardigan during a severe storm. The crew of 3 including the captain were rescued by lifeboat.

Fig 2: Location of Duke Wrecking, Dec 09 1892



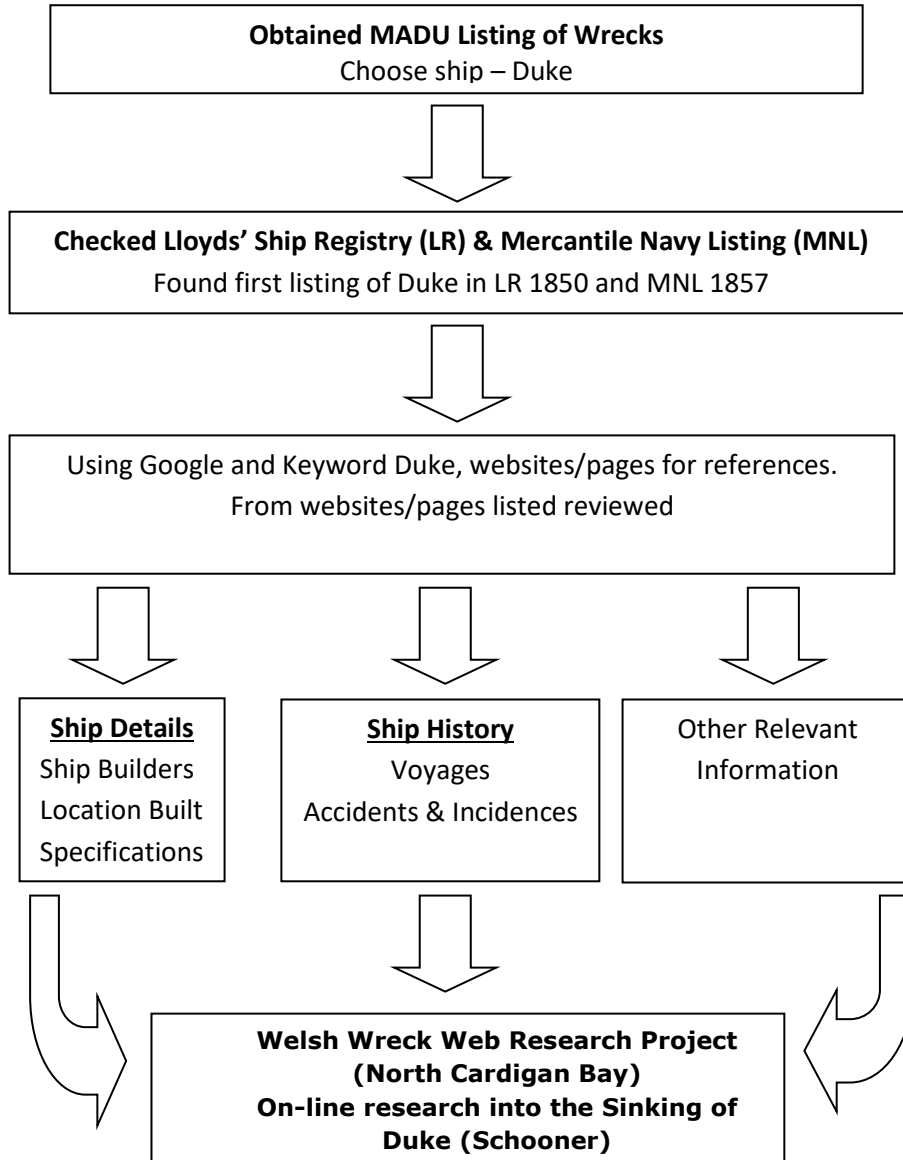
5.0 Research Methodology

Computer System

Acer Desktop 64 bit OS; 8 GB Memory, wireless connection.
Windows 10Pro
Microsoft Office 2007

Search engines used: Google Chrome

Methodology



See Section 9 for list of websites viewed

6.0 Results

Table 2: Duke (Schooner) Specification and History

Vessel	Name/s	Duke
	Type	Sailing Ship – Schooner
		General cargo
Built	Date	Launched: 1848 Delivered: Jun 1848
	Builder	Brundrit & Whiteway Runcorn
Construction	Materials	Wood
	Decks	1
	Bulkheads	N/A
	Others	N/A
Propulsion	Type	Sail
	Details	2 masts
Dimensions	Length	N/A
	Beam	N/A
	Draught	N/A
Tonnage	Gross	74 grt
	Net	55 nrt
Owners	1848	D. Brundrit and P. Whiteway, Runcorn Cheshire
	1875	J. Brundrit, Runcorn Cheshire
	1885	W. Darragh, Wicklow
Registry	Port	1848: Runcorn
	Flag	GBR
	Number	24117
	Code	N/A
History	Routes	U.K. ports, Ireland.
	Cargo	Slates, coal, stones and other general cargos
Sunk	Date	09/12/1892
	From	Point of Ayr, Wales
	To	Cardigan, Wales
	Captain	W. Morgan
	Crew	3
	Cargo	120 tons coal
	Location	Black Rocks, near Cemaes head Cardiganshire Wales 52.06.30N 04.42.30W
	Cause	Blown ashore from anchorage in wind conditions N force 9
	Loss of life	0
	Outcome	Grounded and wrecked

7.0 Analysis

- The Duke was built, launched and registered at Runcorn in 1848 for Brundrit & Whiteway (Appendix A, B, C).
- The Duke was a cargo schooner which sailed predominately between U.K. ports on the Irish Sea and Ireland. Cargos carried included slates, coal, stones and other general cargos.
- The Duke was involved in a number of incidences (see Appendices).
- On Dec 09th 1892, the Duke anchored off Cardigan Wales was driven ashore and wrecked at Black Rocks Cardigan during a severe storm. The crew of 3 including the captain were rescued by lifeboat (Appendix K).

From newspaper articles the Duke was recorded:

1848

Jun-Oct: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Oct 08: Arrived Liverpool from Runcorn Cheshire (Owens).
 Oct 12-13: Sailed Liverpool for Drogheda Ireland (Owens).
 Nov 03: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Runcorn Cheshire, cargo 2100 cwts oatmeal.
 Nov 13: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Newry N. Ireland (Owen).
 Dec 22: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).

1849

Jan 08: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Owen).
 Feb-Aug: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Sep 11: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Frodsham Cheshire (Owen).
 Sep 28: Put in at Dartmouth Devon from Runcorn Cheshire for Emsworth Hampshire.
 Oct 09: Arrived Poole Dorset from Emsworth Hampshire (Owen).
 Oct 20: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Poole Dorset (Owen).
 Oct 15: put in at St Mawes Cornwall.
 Nov 07: Sailed Belfast for Larne N. Ireland N. Ireland (Owens).
 Nov 14: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Larne N. Ireland (Owen).
 Dec 27: Put in at Beaumaris Anglesey for Liverpool.

1850

Jan-Mar: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 May 08: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Pentewan Cornwall (Owen).
 May 29: Arrived Newport Wales from Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Jun 10: Sailed Cardiff for Liverpool (Owen).
 Jul: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Aug 01: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Woodend (Owens).
 Aug 08: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Penmaenmawr Wales (Owens).
 Aug 12: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Sep 02: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Woodend (Owens).
 Sep 06: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Penmaenmawr Wales (Owens).
 Sep 24: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Newry N. Ireland.
 Sep 27: arr Holyhead Anglesey for Newry N. Ireland (Owens).
 Oct 04: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Oct 01: dep Holyhead Anglesey.
 Nov 01: Arrived Lytham Lancashire from Newry N. Ireland (Owen).
 Nov 15-16: Sailed Lytham Lancashire for Newry N. Ireland (Owens).
 Dec 02: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owens).
 Dec 10: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Dec 20: Sailed Belfast for Ardrossan Scotland (Owens).

1851

Jan 12: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Ardrossan Scotland (Owen).

Jan 21-24: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire-Penmaenmawr Wales-Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Feb 03: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Feb 13: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Owen).
 Mar 09: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Mar 20: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Owen).
 May 01: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Dublin (Owen).
 May 17: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owens).
 Jun 08: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey for New Ross Ireland (Owens).
 Jun 11: Arrived Waterford/New Ross Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire (Owens).
 Jun 27-Jul 02: Sailed New Ross Ireland for Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Aug 04: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Dublin (Owen).
 Sep-Oct: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Oct 20: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Owen).
 Nov 22: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Ardrossan Scotland (Owen).
 Dec: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales.

1852

Jan 06: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Owen).
 Feb 06-15: Sailed Glasgow for Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Mar-May: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Jun 11: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Walney Cumbria (Owen).
 Jun 24: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Walney Cumbria (Owen).
 Jul 23-28: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Cardiff (Owen).
 Aug 05-16: Sailed Cardiff for Belfast (Owen).
 Aug 11/13: arr/dep Milford Wales.
 Aug 29: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Ardrossan Scotland (Owen).
 Nov 20: Sailed Hull for Fareham Hampshire (Owen).

1853

Feb 04: Arrived Glasgow from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Mar 01: Sailed Lytham Lancashire for Conway Wales (Owens).
 Mar 07-10: Sailed Beaumaris Anglesey for Glasgow (Owen).
 Mar 15: Sailed Glasgow for Ellesmere Cheshire (Owen).
 Mar 17: put in at Cairn Ryan Scotland.
 Mar 30: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Apr 19: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 Apr 25: Arrived Glasgow from Runcorn Cheshire (Abrams).
 Apr 28: Sailed Glasgow for Fleetwood Lancashire (Abrams).
 May 12: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Barrow Cumbria (Abrams).
 May 26: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 Jun 22: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Ramsey I.O.M (Abrams).
 Jul 11: Arrived Glasgow from Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 Jul 12: Sailed Glasgow for Fleetwood Lancashire (Abrams).
 Aug 12: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Aug 17: Put in at Beaumaris Anglesey from Conway Wales (Abrams).
 Aug 25: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Glasgow (Owen).
 Sep 06: Arrived Glasgow from Beaumaris Anglesey (Abrams).
 Sep 09: Sailed Glasgow for Runcorn Cheshire (Abrams).
 Sep 16: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 Sep 21: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 Oct 13: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 Oct 31: Sailed Glasgow for Runcorn Cheshire (Abrams).
 Nov-Dec: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales.

1854

Jan-Feb: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Mar 13: Sailed Glasgow for Runcorn Cheshire (Abrams).
 Apr-May: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).

Jun 20: Arrived Glasgow from Beaumaris Anglesey (Abrams).
 Jul-Sep: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).

1855

Feb 14: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Abrams).
 May 15: Arrived Gloucester from Wexford Ireland, cargo 1085 barrels oats.
 Sep-Dec: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales.

1856

Jan-Apr: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Jun 25: Arrived Par Cornwall from Plymouth Devon (Owen).
 Jul 23: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Londonderry N. Ireland (Owen).
 Oct 12: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Fleetwood Lancashire (Owen).
 Oct 14: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Fleetwood Lancashire (Owen).
 Nov 17: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast (Owens).

1857

Jan-May: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr Wales, stones.
 Nov 29: Arrived Dublin from Glasgow (Owen).

1858

Jan 29: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).

1859

Jan 07: Arrived Beaumaris Anglesey (Owen).
 Jan 21: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Owen).
 Feb 28: Arrived Pwllheli Wales from Penmaenmawr Wales for Bristol with foremast sprung and loss of mainboom (Owens).
 Aug 22: Arrived Liverpool from Glasgow (Owen).
 Nov 19: Arrived Lamlash Scotland from Glasgow for Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Nov 22: Sailed Lamlash Scotland for Runcorn Cheshire (Owen).
 Dec 23: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Glasgow (Owens).

1861

Jan 23: Arrived Ramsey I.O.M from Ardrossan Scotland, cargo pig iron (Owen).
 Feb 01: Sailed Ramsey I.O.M for Liverpool (Owen).
 Nov 01: Sailed Dundalk Ireland for Whitehaven Cumbria.

1862

Jan 13: Sailed Glasgow for Belfast.
 Jan 15: put in at Lamlash Scotland.
 Feb 05: Collided in Belfast Lough (Owen) (Appendix D).
 Apr 09: Sailed Glasgow for Dublin.
 Jul 22: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo coal (Wilson).
 Aug 09: Arrived Bristol from Liverpool (Owen).

1863

Jan 26: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Newry N. Ireland (Owen).
 Feb 13: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Dundalk Ireland.
 Jul 22: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo coal (Wilson).
 Jul 29: Arrived Whitehaven Cumbria from Newry N. Ireland (Wilson).
 Aug 06: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Bowling Scotland (Wilson).
 Aug 13: Sailed Glasgow for Morecambe Lancashire (Owens).
 Aug 22: Arrived Barrow Cumbria from Morecambe Lancashire (Wilson).
 Aug 24-31: Sailed Barrow Cumbria for Ardrossan Scotland and Bowling Scotland (Wilson).
 Sep 03: Sailed Glasgow for Morecambe Lancashire (Owens).
 Sep 07: Parted her anchor and ran aground at Fleetwood Lancashire.
 Refloated with minor damage (Appendix E).

Nov 11: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Newry N. Ireland (Wilson).
 Dec 02-06: Sailed Newry N. Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland, ballast (Wilson).
 Dec 17: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Liverpool (Wilson).

1864

Jan 18: Seaman lost overboard near Ardrossan Scotland (Appendix F).
 Jan 28: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Liverpool (Wilson).
 Feb 10: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Wilson).
 Apr 15: Sailed Newry N. Ireland for Chester Cheshire, cargo stones (Wilson).
 May 20: Arrived Whitehaven Cumbria from Dublin (Wilson).
 May 24: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Saundersfoot Wales (Wilson).
 Jun 15: Arrived Poole Dorset from Chichester W. Sussex (Wilson).
 Oct 21: Collided with schooner Mary Jane Gregory at Dublin and lost her bowsprit (Appendix G).

1865

Feb 10: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast (Wilson).
 Feb 11-17: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Liverpool/Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Mar 03: Put in at Beaumaris Anglesey sailing for Newry N. Ireland (Wilson).
 Mar 13: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Jun 05: Arrived Exmouth Devon from Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Jun 09: Arrived Teignmouth Devon from Topsham Devon (Wilson).
 Jun 15: Arrived Exmouth Devon from Teignmouth Devon for Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Aug 03: Arrived Londonderry N. Ireland from Belfast (Wilson).
 Aug 07: Sailed Londonderry N. Ireland for Balinaes N. Ireland (Wilson).
 Sep 07: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo coal (Wilson).
 Sep 21: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Oct 09: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire (Owens).
 Oct 15: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast (Abrams).
 Oct 16: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Runcorn Cheshire (Abram).
 Oct 18: Picked up survivor from the Ann of Whitby off Ailsa Craig Scotland (Appendix H).
 Nov 10: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo rock salt (Wilson).
 Nov 23: Sailed Newry N. Ireland for Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Dec 21-22: Sailed Belfast for Ardrossan Scotland (Wilson).

1866

Mar 13: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Wilson).
 Apr 27: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Wilson).
 May 13: Sailed Garston/Liverpool for Conway Wales (Wilson).
 May 27: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Wilson).
 Jun 21: Put in at Holyhead Anglesey for Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire.
 Jul 08: Arrived Duddon Cumbria from Newry N. Ireland (Wilson).
 Jul 15: Sailed Duddon Cumbria for Ellesmere Cheshire (Wilson).
 Jul 25: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Wilson).
 Aug 24: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Wilson).
 Aug 31: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Penmaenmawr Wales (Wilson).
 Oct 01: Sailed Liverpool for Runcorn Cheshire (Wilson).
 Nov 24: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Brown).
 Dec 02: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Brown).
 Dec 20: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Brown).

1867

Jan-Sep: Sailed regularly between Liverpool and Penmaenmawr/Conway Wales.
 Oct 15: Arrived Dublin from Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).

1868

Jan-May: Sailed regularly between Liverpool and Conway Wales (Owen).
 Oct 19: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Ellesmere Cheshire (Brown).

Nov 06: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Brown).
 Nov 30: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Brown).

1869

Feb 04: Arrived Liverpool from Dublin, cargo 8 tons oil, 70 tons timber.
 Apr 23: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Conway Wales (Brown).
 May 12: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Londonderry N. Ireland (Brown).
 May 16: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Jun-Aug: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Conway Wales (Owen).
 Oct 21: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Brown).

1870

Jan 05: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo freestone (Brown).
 Jan 27: Sailed Belfast for Garston/Liverpool (Brown).
 Feb 09: windbound at Belfast.
 Mar 22: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Conway Wales (Abrams).
 Apr 01: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Apr 08: Arrived Whitehaven Cumbria from Belfast (Brown).
 Apr 16: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Ellesmere Cheshire (Brown).
 May 11: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo freestone (Brown).
 May 18: Sailed Belfast for Ditton Brook Cheshire (Brown).
 Jun 20: Sailed Belfast for Carnlough N. Ireland (Brown).
 Jun 25: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Larne N. Ireland (Brown).
 Jul 18: Sailed Belfast for Glenarm N. Ireland (Brown).
 Aug 08: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Aug 13: Arrived Whitehaven Cumbria from Belfast (Brown).
 Aug 19: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Ellesmere Cheshire (Brown).
 Sep 07: Arrived Belfast from Runcorn Cheshire cargo freestone (Brown).
 Sep 13: Arrived Dublin from Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Sep 21-28: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Liverpool (Brown).
 Sep 23: put back due to weather.
 Sep 26: sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Liverpool.
 Nov 17: Arrived Beaumaris Anglesey from Dublin (Brown).
 Dec 19: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Conway Wales (Brown).

1871

Feb 09: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Brown).
 Mar 23: Sailed Morecambe Lancashire for Whitehaven Cumbria (Brown).
 Mar 28: Sailed Whitehaven Cumbria for Ditton Brook Cheshire (Brown).
 Apr-Jun: Sailed regularly between Runcorn Cheshire and Penmaenmawr/Conway Wales.
 Aug 20: Arrived Workington Cumbria from Dublin (Brown).
 Aug 28: Sailed Workington Cumbria for Liverpool (Brown).
 Sep 02: Sailed Liverpool for Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Sep 13: Arrived Dublin from Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Nov 25: Arrived Dublin from Conway Wales (Brown).
 Dec 07: Arrived Pwllheli Wales from Dublin (Brown).
 Dec 10: Sailed Pwllheli Wales for Liverpool (Brown).
 Dec 24: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Brown).

1872

Jan 25: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Conway Wales for Dublin (Brown).
 Mar 14: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Brown).
 Apr 13: Sailed Beaumaris Anglesey for Conway Wales (Brown).
 May 02: Arrived Belfast from Penmaenmawr Wales, cargo square setts (Brown).
 May 06: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast (Brown).
 May 13: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Ardrossan Scotland (Brown).
 May 25: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Brown).
 May 28: Sailed Liverpool for Penmaenmawr Wales (Brown).

Jun 05: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Brown).
 Jun 14: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo square setts (Brown).
 Jul 02: Arrived Liverpool from Workington Cumbria (Brown).
 Jul 11: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo square setts (Brown).
 Jul 20: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo square setts (Brown).
 Jul 22: Sailed Belfast for Conway Wales (Brown).
 Jul 31: Arrived Liverpool from Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Aug 14: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Brown).
 Aug 29: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales (Brown).
 Sep 16: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales (Brown).
 Oct 09: Arrived Pwllheli Wales from Dublin (Brown).
 Oct 19: Sailed Pwllheli Wales for Liverpool (Brown).
 Oct 23: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Brown).
 Oct 29: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Brown).
 Nov 23: Put in at Beaumaris Anglesey for Belfast (Brown).
 Nov 27: Sailed Belfast for Penmaenmawr Wales (Brown).
 Nov 29: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast (Brown).
 Dec 19: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo square setts (Brown).

1873

Jan 11: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast (Brown).
 Jan 22: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Runcorn Cheshire (Brown).
 Mar 27: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Runcorn Cheshire (Hughes).
 Apr 08: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales.
 Apr 16: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Hughes).
 Jun 24: Arrived Pwllheli Wales from Dublin (Hughes).
 Jul 29: Arrived Pwllheli Wales from Dublin (Hughes).
 Aug 02: Sailed Pwllheli Wales for Liverpool (Hughes).
 Sep 10: Arrived Dublin from Liverpool.
 Oct 28: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Belfast.
 Nov 04: Sailed Liverpool for Dublin.

1874

Jan 12: Arrived Liverpool from Llanelli Wales (Hughes).
 Apr 17: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Hughes).
 May 15: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales (Hughes).
 May 22: Arrived Belfast from Penmaenmawr Wales (Hughes).
 Jun 16: Damaged at Penmaenmawr Wales (Appendix I).
 Aug 09: Arrived Barrow Cumbria from Red Bay N. Ireland (Hughes).
 Oct 05: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo square setts (Hughes).

1875

Mar 20: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Davies).
 Mar 21: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales.
 Apr 03: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo slates (Davies).
 Apr 21: Sailed Dublin for Conway Wales.
 Apr 28: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo stone setts (Davis).
 May 08: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo stone setts (Davis).
 May 19: Arrived Runcorn from Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Jun 03: Sailed Runcorn for Newry N. Ireland (Davies).
 Jul 13: Sailed Milford Wales for Newry N. Ireland.
 Aug 09: Sailed Liverpool for Kingstown/Dublin.
 Aug-Sep: Sailed regularly between Liverpool and Conway Wales (Davis).
 Oct 14-18: Arrived Dublin from Runcorn Cheshire via Port Dinorwic Wales.
 Nov 17: Put in windbound at Pwllheli Wales from Dublin.
 Nov 19: Sailed Pwllheli Wales for Liverpool (Davis).
 Dec 15: Arrived Runcorn from Penmaenmawr Wales.

1876

Feb 06: Arrived Liverpool from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo salt.
 Apr 01: Arrived Liverpool from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo salt.
 Apr 07: Arrived Holyhead from Dublin for Conway (Davies).
 Jun-Jul 20: Sailed regularly between Liverpool and Conway Wales (Davies).
 Jul 27: Sailed Dundalk Ireland for Duddon Cumbria (Davies).
 Oct 05: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Davies).
 Oct 14: Arrived Dublin from Conway Wales.

1877

Feb 18: Arrived Liverpool from Pwllheli Wales (Davies).
 Mar-May: Sailed regularly between Liverpool and Conway Wales (Davies).
 Jun 02: Arrived Dublin from Conway Wales.
 Oct 05: Arrived Liverpool from Conway Wales (Davies).

1878

Jan 15: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Conway Wales (Davis).
 May 15: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales.
 May 31: Arrived Dublin from Penmaenmawr Wales.

1879

Jan 24: Put in windbound at Beaumaris Anglesey from Liverpool (Davies).
 Jan 31: Arrived Dublin from Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Jun 13: Arrived Dublin from Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Dec 13: Run in to by steamer Glamorgan from Boston and sustained damage in the Mersey (Appendix J).

1880

Feb 23: Sailed Liverpool for Conway Wales.
 Jun 26: Arrived Dublin from Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Aug 30: Arrived Belfast from Penmaenmawr Wales, cargo stone setts (Davis).
 Sep 06: Arrived Belfast from Penmaenmawr Wales, cargo stone setts (Davies).
 Sep 07: Sailed Belfast for Penmaenmawr Wales (Davies).

1881

Mar 14: Arrived Belfast from Penmaenmawr Wales, cargo stone setts (Davies).
 Mar 15: Sailed Belfast for Penmaenmawr Wales (Davies).
 Mar 27: Arrived Belfast from Conway Wales, cargo stone setts (Davis).
 Mar 21: arr Holyhead Anglesey.
 Sep 27: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Davies).
 Oct 03: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo salt (Davis).

1882

Jan 04: Arrived Newry N. Ireland from Runcorn Cheshire, cargo slates (Davis).
 Jan 23: Sailed Newry N. Ireland for Runcorn Cheshire (Davis).
 Nov 01: Arrived Belfast from Penmaenmawr Wales, cargo stone setts (Davis).
 Nov 13: Sailed Beaumaris Anglesey for Penmaenmawr Wales.
 Dec 22: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Davies).

1883

Jan 20: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Penmaenmawr Wales (Davies).
 May 23: Arrived Glasgow from Runcorn Cheshire (Davies).
 Jul 05: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Dublin (Davies).
 Aug 18: Arrived Glasgow from Dublin.
 Aug 23: Sailed Glasgow for Saltney Wales (Davies).
 Sep 24: Arrived Belfast from Saltney Wales, cargo coal, anchor, chains (Davis).

- 1885** Bought by William Darragh of Wicklow Ireland, but remained registered at Runcorn Cheshire.
- 1887**
Sep 15: Put in at Holyhead from Liverpool for Wicklow Ireland (Morgan).
- 1888**
Mar 09: Arrived Westonpoint Cheshire from Wicklow Ireland (Morgan).
Mar 25: Arrived Ayr from Runcorn Cheshire.
- 1889**
Aug 18: Arrived Swansea Roads Wales (Duke of Runcorn).
Aug 25: Passed west of Mumbles Lighthouse Wales (Duke of Runcorn).
Sept 04: Sailed Swansea Wales for Dublin (Morgan).
- 1890**
Sep 24: Arrived Cardiff from Youghal (Morgan).
Oct 06: Sailed Cardiff for Passage (Morgan).
Oct 27: Sailed Swansea Wales for Dublin (Morgan).
- 1892**
Apr 16: Sailed Swansea for West Bank Cheshire (Morgan).
Dec 08: Ran aground at Black Rocks Cardigan Wales (Appendix K).

8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

The project took approximately 4 working days with half of that time spent on on-line research.

Having read the report sufficient information has been collated to compile a comprehensive history of the schooner Duke.

The Duke was a cargo schooner which sailed predominately between U.K. ports on the Irish Sea, Ireland and South England. Cargoes carried included slates, coal, iron ore, salt and other general cargoes.

A major problem experienced while researching the Duke was the name as it was very common. However this was overcome by using specific search words such as the ship name and known captain at the time.

Many different WebPages were viewed ranging from large organisations to smaller WebPages such as local history or people with a given interest in a subject (See Section 9.1). The quantity and quality of the WebPages appeared depended on the targeted audiences and the amount of work undertaken. Some of the historical and interest in a subject WebPages were extremely useful. Newspaper archives were also very helpful in giving an overall picture of the operation of the ship and filling in information gaps.

Much of the data collated between websites checked out with some discrepancies observed.

A few WebPages viewed led to pay to view pages. However in most cases the information was obtained from other sources.

From the research conducted, setting a goal and how to reach that goal should be mapped out first. Careful use of specific words in search engines is very important. Due to the name a more specific search through archived newspapers was made using specific newspapers to view e.g. Lloyd's List. This vastly reduced the number of articles but keep the search focused.

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Appendices:

Appendix A: Lloyd's Register 1850, Duke

No.	Ships	Masters.	Tons.	BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Destined Voyage.	Classification	
				Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull & St.
6	Duilius Bk YM.50YM.48	Maxton	308 327	Brkwr	1840	Codner &	Drtmth	Lon. Canton	12 A 1	11 40
7	Duke Sw I. B.	Dowson J. Dewson	159 151	Lynn	1841	Everard	Lynn	Hpl. Lynn Lon. Baltic	9 A 1	40 3
8	— Sr I. B.	R. Owen	80	Rncrn	1848	Brundrit	Runcrn	Liv. Coaster	8 A 1	3
9	— of Athol Bn pt I. B.	T. Hunter	86 84	Livrp'l	1794	T. Clark	Rams'y	Liv. Cadiz	—	Æ 1 3

Appendix B: Appropriation Book, Duke

Official Number.	Name of Ship.	Tonnage.	Whether Steam or Sailing Ship.	Port of Registry.	Date of Registry.	Occasion of Appropriation.	Date of Appropriation.
24115	<i>Deputy</i>	<i>465</i>	.	.	<i>30 Nov 1837</i>	.	.
24116	<i>Tromont</i>	<i>216</i>	.	.	<i>23 Mch 1838</i>	.	<i>15</i>
24117	<i>Duke</i>	<i>80</i>	.	<i>Runcorn</i>	<i>2 June 1848</i>	.	.
24118	<i>Luthianist</i>	<i>319</i>	.	<i>Liverpool</i>	<i>23 Jan 1837</i>	.	.
24119	<i>Brazilian</i>	<i>227</i>	.	<i>Dumree</i>	<i>14 Mch 1843</i>	.	.

Appendix C: Mercantile Navy List 1857, Duke

Duc to Dun		Dun to Eag		Eag to Ear		Ear to Ech	
Off. No.	Name of Vessel and Port.	Off. No.	Name of Vessel and Port.	Off. No.	Name of Vessel and Port.	Off. No.	Name of Vessel and Port.
19653	Duff, Portsmouth	8598	Dutchman, Waterford	9287	Earl Gower, Dublin	37943	Eastern State, Yarm., N. S.
12406	Duke, Lynn	17616	Dwina, Montrose	1216	Earl Grey, Ayr	15400	Eastfield, Liverpool
24117	Duke, Runcorn	32928	Dykes, Maryport	23837	Earl Grey, Hartlepool	7905	Eastwood, Harwich
22811	Duke of Argyle, Glasgow	20972	Dynamene, Teignmouth	1915	Earl Grey, Liverpool	22844	Eaton, Beaumaris
10711	Duke of Argyle, Newcastle	869	Dyson, Dumfries	6142	Earl Grey, London	13752	Ebba Brahe, London

Appendix D: Aground at Belfast, Feb 1862

COLLISION IN BELFAST LOUGH.—In the forenoon of Wednesday, as the screw-steamer *Arbutus* was proceeding on her voyage to Bordeaux, from this port, into which she had been obliged to put in order to re-coal, from stress of weather in the Irish Channel, she unfortunately came into collision with a coal-laden schooner named the *Duke* of *Runcorn*, near the entrance of the Victoria channel. The *Duke*, which, at the time, was being towed by a tug-steamer, and was very deep in the water, immediately began to take in water so rapidly that it was found necessary to beach her upon the slope of one of the Twin Islands, where she remains, and will, probably, be discharged before being brought up to the slip or graving dock for repair. The *Arbutus* (formerly on the Belfast and Morecambe station, and lately trading between Glasgow and Bordeaux) was so slightly injured by the collision that she was able to proceed on her voyage.—*Belfast News-Letter*.

S H I P P I N G N E W S .

We make the following extracts from the *Shipping Gazette*:
 Report of *Captain S. Owen*, master of the schooner *Duke*, of *Runcorn*, 74 tons register, from Glasgow for Belfast (coals):—Left Glasgow, Jan. 13, weather fine, wind moderate. Jan. 15, at 8 A.M., put into Lamlash in consequence of head wind; sailed thence at noon, Jan. 29. Owing to a continuance of head wind put into Campbeltown at midnight same day. Sailed from Campbeltown at 10 A.M. of the 4th inst., and reached Belfast Lough at 6 A.M. on the 5th inst. At 8 30 A.M. on the same day, being fine and clear, and the wind N. W., moderate, the *Duke* was, together with a smack named the *Ellen*, taken in tow by the steam-tug *Queen*, off Holywood. Got pilot on board at 9 A.M., and proceeded up the Victoria Channel at 10 A.M., observed the *Arbutus* (s.s.), of Lancaster, coming down. When about 100 yards off the master, fearing a collision, put his helm hard aport and hailed the *Arbutus* to port helm and reverse engines. The steamer, apparently at half-speed, came straight on, and when about sixty yards off the tug, to avoid a collision, ran on shore on a bank at the north-west end of the North Twin Island. The *Duke* was immediately afterwards struck by the *Arbutus* amidships on port side, breaking one stanchion, covering plank, timbers, bulwarks, &c., the force of the blow sending the smack on shore on the island. She was towed off shortly afterwards. The *Arbutus*, seemingly uninjured, proceeded on her course without stopping or making any inquiry as to the damage the *Duke* had sustained, and fearing she was going down fast, tried pumps and found her making water rapidly, then hoisted canvas and ran her aground on the N. W. end of the North Twin Island at 10.20 A.M. same day, where at high tide the water flowed over the top of the rail. At ebb, 7 A.M. same day, water being below the bilge, discovered that the *Arbutus* had made a hole 2 feet square in the hull, amidships, in the *Duke*. Then commenced discharging into lighters, got 20 tons out, pumped all the water away, nailed some canvas over the hole, and at midnight same day got her afloat, and at 1 A.M. on the 6th inst. had her towed to Belfast Harbour.

THE ARBUTUS (S.S.), OF LANCASTER.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved for a fiat against this screw steamer, in a cause of collision. He moved on the affidavit of Samuel Owen, of Runcorn, in England, which averred as follows:—On the 5th of February instant, the **Duke of Runcorn**, on her voyage from Glasgow, with coal, to Belfast, when coming up Belfast Lough in tow of a tug steamer, was run into by the Arbutus screw steamer, then on her voyage from Belfast to Bordeaux, the consequence of which was that, being found to make water fast, the master of the **Duke** was obliged to run her ashore on one of the Twin Islands to keep her from sinking, which she was in immediate danger of doing, and when the tide flowed, she was covered with water to the rail, two feet over the deck. At ebb, the master was obliged to get part of her cargo out into lighters, and by nailing tarpaulins over her port side, he was enabled to get her up to Belfast. The injuries, which were all below water, were calculated at £200.

The motion was granted.

Mr. HAMERTON appeared for the owner of the Arbutus, and made motion to bail the Arbutus; and also, that the petitioners, when proceeding, should give security for costs.

The COURT granted the motion.

Appendix E: Grounded at Fleetwood, Sep 1863

Fleetwood, Sept. 7.—The schooner **Duke**, of Runcorn, from Ardrossan, with pig iron, parted her chain this morning and drove on to the sands. She has since got off without much damage.

Appendix F: Drowned Seaman, Jan 1864

MAN DROWNED.—On Monday evening last, when the schooner Duke of Runcorn was about 3 miles distant from Ardrossan, a seaman, named David Matthews was knocked overboard by the boom, and owing to the darkness, although the master brought the vessel to, they were unable to save him. He leaves, we are sorry to learn, a widow and two children at Cardigan, to deplore his loss.

Appendix G: Collision at Dublin, Oct 1864

DUBLIN, Oct. 22.—The Mary Jane, Gregory, from Liverpool to Arklow, was run into at Kingstown, during the gale, by the Duke of Runcorn, and lost bowsprit.

Appendix H: Rescued Seaman off Ailsa Craig Scotland, Oct 1865

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE — THREE LIVES LOST.—On the 17th instant, at about 4 p.m., the small smack Ann, of Whiting Bay (Isle of Arran), when on a voyage from Ayr to Whiting Bay (coal), was capsized near to Ailsa Craig, and the following morning, at 9.30, a man named James Stewart was taken off the wreck by the schooner Duke, of Runcorn. Stewart states that there were on board his brother, Charles Stewart, who with himself were owners of the boat; James Cook, a blacksmith of Whiting Bay, and his daughter, passengers; that the young woman disappeared immediately on the boat being capsized; that the three men got on the top side of the vessel, but about midnight Charles Stewart died from exhaustion, and about two hours afterwards Cook perished; and that he, the survivor, managed to make himself fast, and continued in that perilous condition for 17 hours, until taken off by the Duke, of Runcorn, Wilson, who treated him with the greatest kindness, and subsequently landed him at Portpatrick, from whence he has been forwarded home by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society. [This is evidently the smack which was passed bottom up about 9 miles S.S.W. of Ailsa Craig by the tug Flying Meteor on Thursday morning.]

Appendix I: Damaged at Penmaenmawr Wales, Jun 1874

DUKE.—Report of Thomas Hughes, Master of the schooner **Duke**, 74 tons, of and from Runcorn, for Penmanmaur (124 tons channel stones):—Proceeded, and arrived off Penmanmaur about 1 P.M. on the 15th inst., and placed the vessel alongside the stage to load about 11 o'clock same night, and had cargo all in at 6 A.M. of the 16th inst. At 11 A.M., tide flood, weather clear, wind N.E., fresh, the said schooner in lifting to the tide began to thump heavily on her keel, starting butts and huddings, which caused the vessel to make a quantity of water. When the vessel was freely afloat, got her off, and sounded the pumps and found one foot of water in her. Kept the pumps going as far as Friar's Roads, and ran the vessel to Beaumaris to repair damages. On arrival there, at 1 P.M., sounded the pumps, and found three feet of water in the vessel. Ran her on the beach to stop the leak.—Beaumaris, June 17.

Appendix I: Collided in River Mersey, Dec 1879

DUKE.—**GLAMORGAN**—The master of the Duke, of Runcorn, reports having been run into by steamer **Glamorgan**, on 13th, and sustained damage.

Appendix J: Sunk at Cardigan Wales, Dec 1892

A SCHOONER ASHORE IN CARDIGAN BAY.

CREW RESCUED BY THE LIFEBOAT.

A terrific storm was experienced in Cardigan Bay on Thursday night, accompanied by heavy rain. On the previous evening the schooner Duke, of Runcorn, laden with coal, from Point of Ayr, Flintshire, bound for Cardigan, was anchored in the bay. The wind was blowing from N.N.W. during the night, and between three and four o'clock on Friday morning the vessel began to drag her anchors, and soon was ashore on the Pembrokeshire coast, under what are known as the Black Rocks. This is a very dangerous spot. The sea was washing over the schooner, and rapidly filled her. The attention of the coastguard on duty having been called to the position of the vessel, the lifeboat crew were summoned by rocket, and every effort was made to bring the life-saving apparatus to bear on the unfortunate vessel, which had a crew of three on board. The coastguards succeeded in throwing a life-saving line by means of a rocket over the vessel, but before the necessary arrangements for landing were completed the lifeboat pulled up alongside, and the crew preferred landing in the boat to using the apparatus. About 7 a.m. on Friday, the crew, consisting of Captain Morgan and two men, were landed safely. The vessel carries about 120 tons, and is lying in a precarious position, doubts being entertained as to the possibility of saving her from becoming a total wreck. The wind abated a little in the morning, and subsequently changed its quarter, which made things more favourable, but the sea was running high during the day. Efforts will be made to save the vessel and her cargo.

CARDIGAN.

SHIPWRECK.—A terrific storm was experienced in Cardigan Bay on Thursday night, accompanied by heavy rain. On the previous evening the schooner Duke, of Runcorn, laden with coal, from Point of Ayr, Flintshire, bound for Cardigan, was anchored in the bay. The wind was blowing from N.N.W. during the night, and between three and four o'clock on Friday morning the vessel began to drag her anchors, and soon was ashore on the Pembrokeshire coast, under what are known as the Black Rocks. This is a very dangerous spot. The sea was washing over the schooner, and rapidly filled her. The attention of the coastguard on duty having been called to the position of the vessel, the lifeboat crew were summoned by rocket, and every effort was made to bring the life-saving apparatus to bear on the unfortunate vessel, which had a crew of three on board. The coastguards succeeded in throwing a life-saving line by means of a rocket over the vessel, but before the necessary arrangements for landing were completed the lifeboat pulled up alongside, and the crew preferred landing in the boat to using the apparatus. About 7 a.m. on Friday, the crew, consisting of Captain Morgan and two men, were landed safely. The wind abated a little in the morning, and subsequently changed its quarter, which made things more favourable, but the sea was running high during the day. Efforts were made to save the vessel and her cargo.—On Friday hopes were entertained that the vessel and cargo might be saved, but during the night the schooner went to pieces on the rocks, and the cargo lost. The cargo, it is understood, was insured, but not the vessel. The crew lost all their effects, and were cared for and forwarded home by Mr D. M. Jones, local agent for the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society.