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1.0 Abstract

The “www Research Project” is about, discovering by on line research details of ships, on the MADU data base of wrecks of North Wales , the circumstances of their loss ,details of the owners and crew, the cargo carried and their history.

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2.4 Contributors

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2.5 Abbreviations

GAT	Gwynedd Archaeology Trust
IJNA	International Journal of Nautical Archaeology
MADU	Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit
NAS	Nautical Archaeology Society
NPRN	National Primary Resource Number
OS	Ordnance Survey
RCAHMW	Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales
URL	Uniform Resource Locator

3.0 Introduction

This was the third vessel I decided to select and research during the lock down, I selected her because she was larger than the previous sailing vessel I researched and was likely to appear in Lloyds register. The name I hoped was not popular so I could identify her in reports and was likely to visit places abroad and appear in Lloyds lists. I hoped to find crew lists on line.

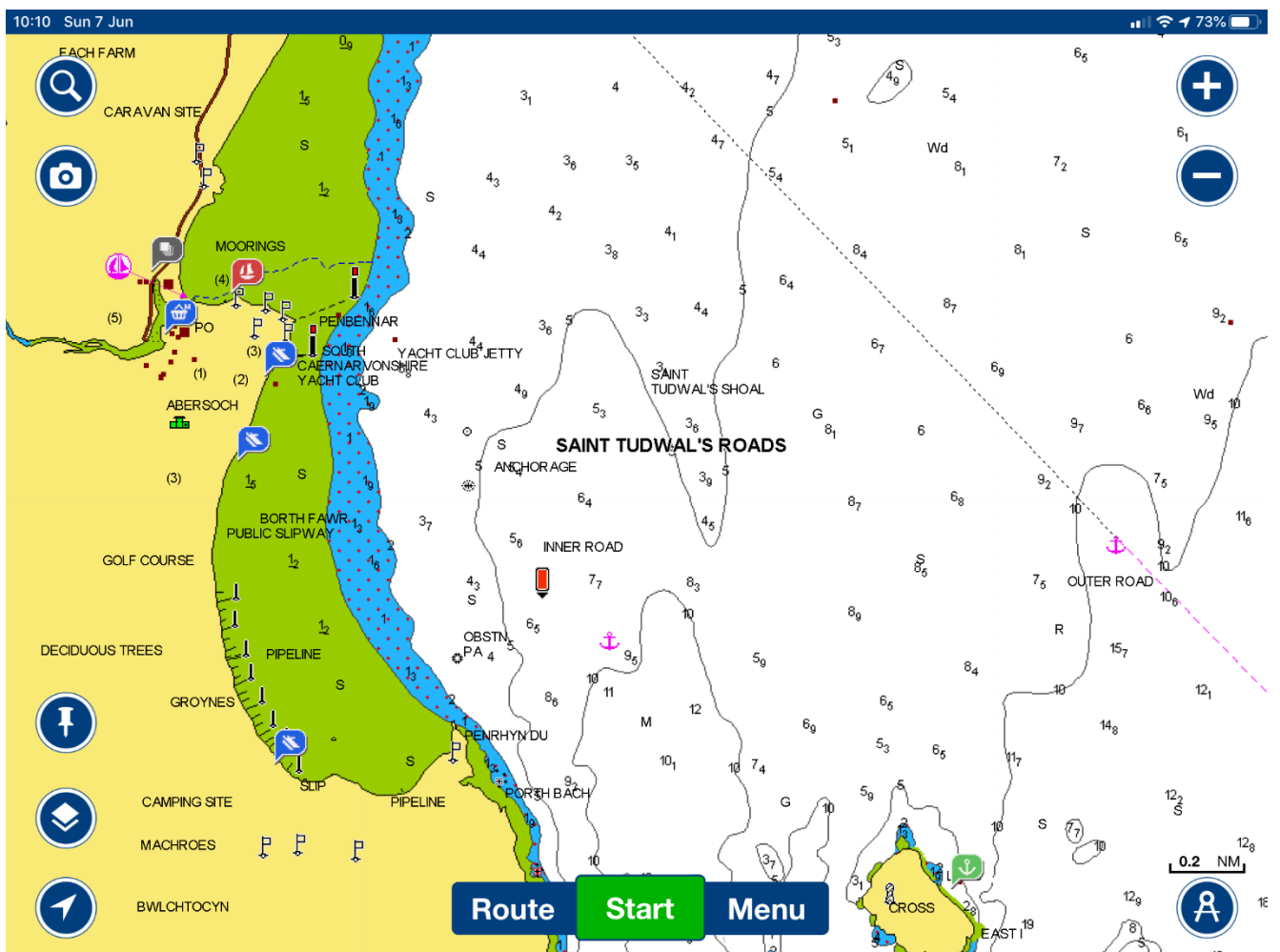
- The Laura Griffith official number 52522 or Griffiths as she was sometimes called was a schooner of 100 tons, 76ft long and 20ft wide. She was built at Pwllheli in 1864/5 and registered at Caernarfon.
- The vessel was named after the landlady of the Tower Inn near where it was built
- The Laura Griffith was driven onto a lee shore in a gale and broken up by the action of the sea.
- The vessel was in ballast, but I am sure anything of value was salvaged from the shore.
- There is no dive site, the vessel being broken up on shore. The coflein web site suggest there may be remains on the shore but none identified.
- The wreck is mentioned in various books of wrecks but I found no research of the vessel and its history or published reports.
- I wanted to work out the rig and number of masts fitted.
- To use Lloyds Register to check for repairs or alterations and understand her description.

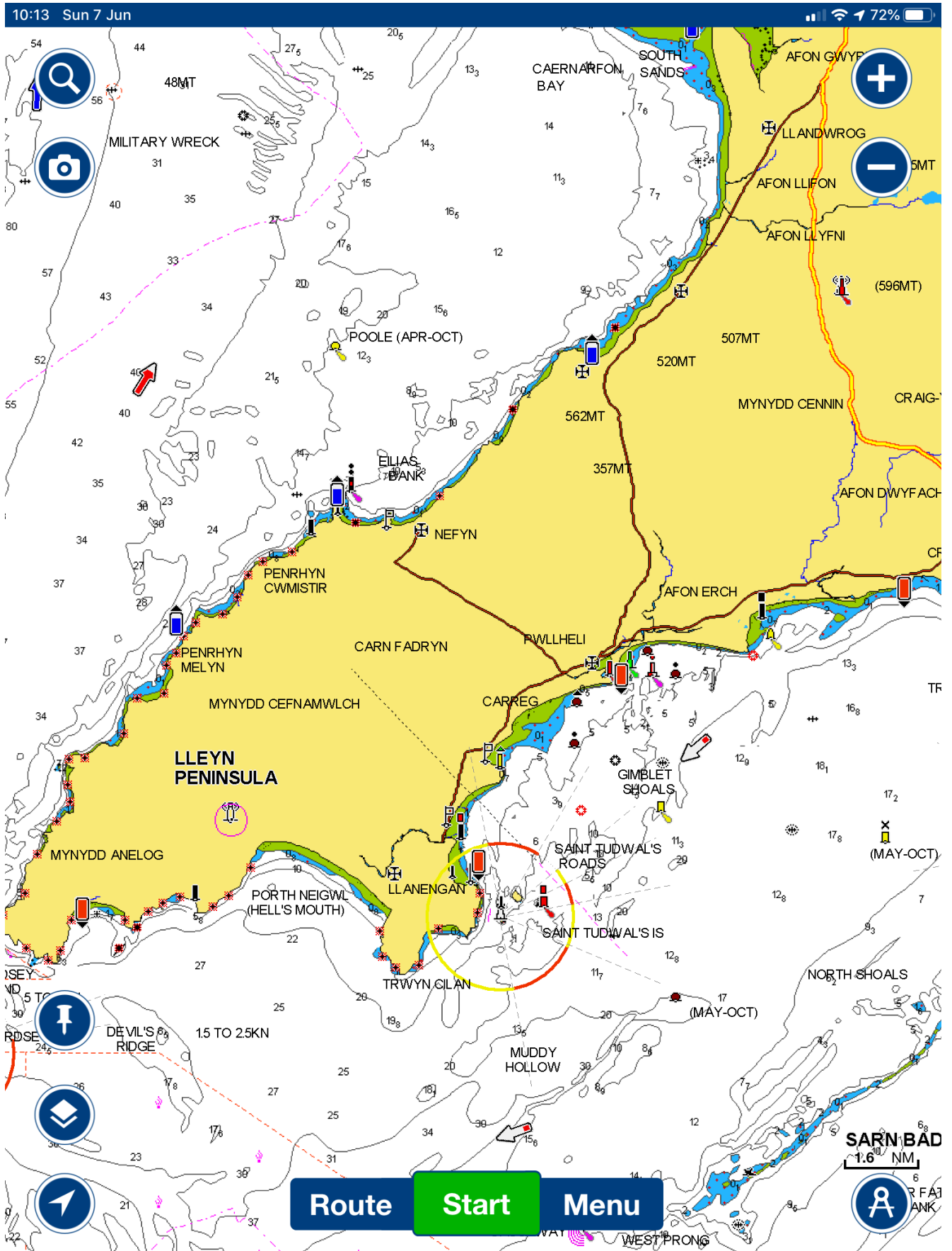
4.0 Background

I knew the Laura Griffith was reported lost off Pencilan Head, Pwllheli and was a wooden schooner, but no other details about her or the circumstances of her loss.



Building a Schooner" A photograph from Pwllheli







5.0 Research Methodology

I used a Microsoft Pixel laptop with access to my home internet running windows 10 operating system. I also used my Apple ipad for research when I was away from the laptop and to assist in transcribing reports from the British newspaper archives.

I searched "Laura" in the Lloyds register for 1865 then scrolled down to find Laura Griffith, then repeated this for every year it is available on line until the date of its loss. When the search engine failed to find "Laura" I manually found the correct page for the information. This produced information identifying the masters, owners, its dimensions, routes it operated, and later editions details of repairs, surveys undertaken. It also showed a change in dimensions on a new survey and where the vessel was actually based rather than its port of register.

I searched the British newspaper archives for "Laura Griffith" then selecting the years 1865 - and afterwards 1900 - 1909. This is a paid for site I initially purchased for one month but they somehow managed to charge me for a second month without my consent and convinced paypal I had authorised the charge so I carried on using it after cancelling the automatic charge.

I searched crewlist for "Laura Griffith" , found its Official number and followed the links to the Appropriation book entry, Mercantile Navy list and the places holding the crew lists. I searched the mercantile navy list each year until the date of the vessels loss noting the change of masters and owners.

I searched the Coflein web site.

I searched the National Library of Wales archive of Welsh newspapers for " ship building Morfa" with no result. I tried the names of the builder and some of the masters of the Laura Griffith but the number of possible matches made it unproductive to view more than a few pages without a match.

I only had names for masters of the vessel and without at least an approximate age and location of birth or residence a search in Family Search cannot produce a match. This would also apply to the paid for sites.

I realised, checking my report that I had not searched on Google for "schooner Laura Griffith" so I did and found it listed on rhiw.com / a site I had visited for other vessels. It included the photograph now on page one.

6.0 Results

Vessel	Name/s	Laura Griffith 52522, code signal HGKM		
	Type	Schooner		
Built	Date	1864		
	Commissioned	January 1865		
	Builder	John Roberts		
		Morfa, Pwllheli		
Construction	Materials	Wood		
	Decks	one		
	Bulkheads			
Propulsion	Type	Sail		
	Details	Fore & aft rigged		
Engine	Details	N/A		
	Boilers			
Drive	Type			
	Number			
Dimensions	Length	76ft	0 ins	
	Beam	20ft	0 ins	
	Draught	10ft	5 ins	
Tonnage	Gross			
	Net			
Owner	First	John Jones		
		Pwllheli, Carnarvonshire		
	Last	William Morris		
		Brittania Terrace Pwllhell		
	Others			
Registry	Port	Pwllheli		
	Flag	British		
	Number	52522		
History	Routes	Welsh coaster		
		Baltic, Scotland, Spain, Italy, Sardinia, Norway		
	Cargo	Slates, coal, cement, manure, salted codfish		
Final Voyage	From	Dartmouth		
	To	Portmadoc		
	Captain	Hugh Morris		
	Crew			
	Passengers	None		
	Cargo	In Ballast		
Wrecking	Date	11 th December 1909		
	Location	St Tudwal's roads near Abersoch		
	Cause	Blown onto the shore by gale force winds		
	Loss of life	None		
	Outcome	Total Loss, broken up		

The Laura Griffith also sometimes recorded as Laura Griffiths in Lloyds Register of shipping.

Caenarvon & Denbigh Herald January 7 1865 Pwllhel launch

On Monday morning last, a fine new schooner, of about 200 tons burthen, completely rigged on the stocks, named the Laura Griffith, was launched from the building yard of Mr Owen Roberts, at Morfa, near this town. After the initial striking of the dog shores she glided smoothly into the briny element amidst the enthusiastic cheering of the spectators assembled on the spot. This beautiful vessel is to be commanded by Captain John Jones, late of the smack Fossil, and is intended for foreign and coasting trade. In the evening the captain entertained the owners and several of his friends with a substantial dinner at the Tower Inn, prepared by Mrs Griffith, after whom the vessel is named.

Pwllhell August 15 1866 – Petty Sessions

Transfer of Licence

On the application of Mrs Laura Griffith, of the Tower Inn, in this town, the licence granted to her late husband, Mr James Griffith, was endorsed over in her name until the next special sessions for transferring licences.

Hampshire Advertiser November 7 1868 – Cowes Isle of Wight

Arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Lisbon with a cargo of salt, lost Foreyard on voyage

The Cork Examiner March 2 1870

LAWE'S BONE SUPERPHOSPHATE.

The Laura Griffith's having arrived with a cargo of above manure, Agents will oblige by taking their supplies from the ship's side.

Thomas M'Kenzie and sons,
Camden Quay,
Cork

Shipping & Mercantile Gazette December 1 1874 – Portland

The Laura Griffith schooner, Williams, from London for Dublin has put into the roads, having been struck by a sea on 29th ult., which carried away mainboom and smashed boat.

Lloyds List December 2 1874 - Weymouth

The Laura Griffith, Williams, from London to Dublin , has put in here with loss of Mainboom & c. for repairs

Lloyds List August 23 1876 – Harwich

Laura Griffith, Williams, from Portmadoc to Hamburg, has proceeded, after stopping leak.

Sunderland daily Echo & Shipping Gazette December 6 1878

The Laura Griffith, of Carnarvon, from Middlesborough to Swansea, pig iron, has been assisted into Yarmouth with loss of forestay and gear attached.

Lloyds List January 22 1881 – Cowes

The schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon, Price Newcastle to Swansea has put into Cowes 19th with loss of main boom, gaff, and sails split having jettisoned about three tons of cargo to case the vessel

January 28 1881 - Sailed

The schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon, Price, Newcastle to Swansea (iron) after effecting repairs

Glasgow Herald October 17 1882 - Leith**Heavy Gale at Sea**

The schooner Laura Griffith, of Carnarvon, put into Leith Roads yesterday. The vessel is bound from Vardo, Norway with a cargo of manure for Hamburg and has been five weeks on the voyage, during which provisions ran short. About three weeks ago the vessel encountered a succession of heavy gales off the Norwegian coast and lost her jibboom and running gear. Several hundred vessels of various sizes and nationalities

Are at present detained wind bound in Leith and Burntisland Roads

The York Herald November 17 1883 – Milford

The schooner Laura Griffith, Aberdovey to Antwerp, has arrived at Milford with loss of Jibboom and foreyard.

Lloyds list January 30 1884 – Ramsgate

The schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon, from Barking to Dublin, which put in here yesterday with loss of an anchor, and after collision with a steamer, reports having struck the steamer first on the starboard bow and again midships. The Laura Griffith had bowsprit and cutwater carried away.

Shipping and mercantile Gazette February 6 1884 Maritime Depositions

Laura Griffith. – Report of Edward Williams master of the schooner Laura Griffith, of Carnarvon, 94 tons from Barking, Jan. 18 at 7 pm for Dublin with 173 tons manure:- Proceeded, and on the 22nd inst brought up, Dungeness Light bearing S.W. by s. from three or four miles, with starboard anchor and 30 fathoms of chain in 5 ½ fathoms of water. The next day a gale set in from S.W., but we rode through it without damage. At 6 pm on Saturday, the 26th, veered on starboard anchor to 60 fathoms, wind S.S.W., gale increasing to a hurricane at 8 pm, at which time a French Brigantine drove close to us on Starboard side. At 8.30 pm, tide setting to N.E., weather thick with rain and thunder and lightning, wind S.S.W., blowing a severe hurricane with a very high sea, which broke clear over the ship, the chain parted close to the 60-fathom shackle. Set jib to try to clear a steamer two cables length off on our port quarter; our head went off to port; put the helm hard to starboard at the same time to avoid going broadside on across the steamers bows, but, being so near deponents vessel did not pay off quite sufficiently, and struck the steamer on the starboard bow, carrying away our jibboom. Going astern a little we again struck the steamer amidships carrying away our bowsprit and cutwater, and then went clear. Our riding light was up and burning brightly. The steamers riding light was also burning. Tried pumps but found no water, but double reefed foresail, cut away the wreckage reaching out to the southward and eastward as we did so. By the time this was done the wind (at 11pm) had shifted to W.S.W., and moderated. Set forestaysail and bore up for the downs. At 2 am yesterday came to anchor in the Small Downs. At 8 am weighed and made for Ramsgate, arriving about a quarter past 9 am. In the Small Downs we shipped a boatman to act as pilot agreeing to pay him 2l 10s – Ramsgate Jan.28

Lloyds Register 1889

Some repairs to hull in 1877, new deck 1881, new survey 12/88 portmadoc 12years, A1

Lloyds List August 8 1899 & other reports

Sudden Death of a Captain

Captain Edward Williams, master of the schooner Laura Griffith, died on Saturday while in the act of steering, shortly after the vessel had passed Wicklow Head. He fell in an unconscious condition on the deck, and died shortly afterwards. She was on a voyage from London to Dublin with a cargo of cement. The remains were subsequently handed at the North Wall, Dublin

The Norfolk News December 6 1902 – Yarmouth Wreck of the Watch

The master of the schooner Laura Griffith, which has put into the Harbour on a voyage from Copenhagen to Swansea, reports that when the Guernsey barquentine Watch wrecked off Lowestoft he heard the cries of her crew, who were drifting in their small boat and had no oars. He launched a boat, that was manned by three of his crew, and assisted the Watch's boat alongside his vessel, where they remained till the revenue cutter Adder was sighted. The Adder took them on board and subsequently landed them at Lowestoft.

The Shields Daily news March 19 1903 – Shipping Disasters

The schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon from Port Madoc, grounded on West Girdler Sand

Lloyds Casualties March 19 1903

The schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon from Port Madoc with a cargo of slates, grounded on West Girdler Sand on Tuesday night. She was afterwards towed off, and arrived Gravesend making little water. She will proceed to regents canal next tide.

Law Notices May 25th 1903 – Admiralty Division

Before Mr Justice Bucknill at 11.30am Admiralty (with Trinity Masters) – Action for trial, with witnesses; The Laura Griffith (Etheridge & others v owners of schooner Laura Griffiths, cargo and freight).

The Cambrian News May 29 1903 – Salving a Portmadoc schooner

In the Admiralty court on Monday, Mr Justice Bucknall and Trinity Masters heard the case of George Etheridge and others v the owners of the Portmadoc schooner Laura Griffith, her cargo and freight. This was a claim by the owners, master and crew of the steam tug, Britannia, for remuneration for salvage services rendered to the defendants schooner Laura Griffith in the English channel on March 17th and 18th last.

According to the plaintiffs' case their vessel, a single screw tug of fifty six tons gross and valued at £3,000 went down from Gravesend to the Mouse Light to see if it was necessary to assist two barques, the wind blowing a gale from the south south west. On nearing the Mouse Light, she was informed that the Girdler Lightship reported a vessel ashore on the Girdler Sand. The plaintiff went towards the Laura Griffith for such the vessel was, and with some difficulty and risk manoeuvred his tug to endeavour to get a throw line on board; but on doing so she struck the sand, which threw the wheel aback and injured the Master. After two attempts, a tow-rope was securely fastened and from eleven pm to 12.45am the tug towed at full pressure, and at the later hour the schooner came off. The master of the Laura Griffith said that her rudder was damaged and the vessel was towed Gravesend by eight am, and by four pm was safely docked. The plaintiffs claimed that by their services the schooner was rescued from a position of great danger, exposed as she was to a south south west gale, which would have forced her further upon the sand. Before the Britannia came up to the schooner, her master had unsuccessfully attempted to launch the lifeboat and leave the ship. The Laura Griffith was a schooner of 100 tons register and was valued at £216 6s, her cargo £790, and her freight at risk £54 18s. The defendants admitted the services, but said they were exaggerated and that the service was of a simple kind.

Mr A.E. Nelson appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr L. batten for the defendants. His Lordship ,in giving his judgment, said the values in this case were small and the salvaged vessel did not appear to have been in any great danger. A proper award would be £200.

Costs were allowed on the County Court scale.

Lloyds list October 20 1904 – Frederikshaen

The salvage steamer Oeresund has gone to the assistance of the schooner Laura Griffith ashore on Anholt N. W. reef

Lloyds list October 24 1904 – Copenhagen

10.50 am - Laura Griffith British schooner, brought in here in tow of salvage steamer after grounding at Anholt.

Lloyds list October 24 1904 – Copenhagen

The British schooner Laura Griffith was assisted afloat by Svitzers after discharging part of her cargo of slates. She has sustained damage and requires to be docked for further inspection

Lloyds list October 25 1904 – Copenhagen

Laura Griffith after discharging her cargo of slates, will repair damage to bottom

Lloyds list Maritime Losses & Casualties

Between Wednesday Oct.19 and Wednesday Oct.26 1904

Laura Griffith 79 tons British built 1865 voyage from Portmadoc to Copenhagen
Stranded

Western Gazette May 20 1904 – Poole Petty Sessions**Seaman threatening the Captain**

Frederick Jaker, a young seaman belonging to the vessel Laura Griffith, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and also with using threats towards Robert Evans the master of the ship. P.C. Groves said defendant was walking up the high street with a crowd of children around him, shouting and swearing at the Captain. The latter, said the defendant on coming onboard after being ashore all day, asked for money. There was some due to the defendant, but the witness would not pay him at the time as the man was drunk. Witness afterwards left the vessel and walked up the Quay, when the defendant followed him, and used threats towards him, remarking he would "do" seven months for him. Defendant was fined 5s and 4s costs for being drunk and disorderly, and for the threats he was bound over to be of good behaviour and ordered to pay costs 10s 6d

Lloyds List April 10 1905 - Brunsbittel

1.52 pm.- The British schooner Laura Griffith, arrived with bulwarks and stanchions damaged, encountered a heavy gale in North sea, mut repair temporarily at Brunsbittel

Lloyds list February 1 1907 – Ardrosso Jan.31 7.30pm

Master of schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon reports while moored alongside of a steamer in the Old Dock on Sunday, during a hurricane, vessel got damaged on starboard beam, about 50 feet of bulwarks, gunwale, stanchions, through bumping against said steamer, vessel being light. Vessel now under repairs before sailing.

Lloyds list October 6 1909 – Green Castle, Co.Donegal 11.05 am

Laura Griffith schooner of Carnarvon, bound for Sunderland, with slates, in dangerous position eight miles east of Green Castle coast guard station, on the Londonderry side of the Loch. Crew landed by Green Castle lifeboat

1.05pm Londonderry - schooner Laura Griffith reported anchored one mile off Mallilligan shore Loch Foyle. Crew left and landed Green Castle.

Jarrow Express & Tyneside Advertiser Oct.8 1909**Gallant Lifeboat rescue**

The lifeboat Brittan Willis, stationed at Green castle, in the north of Ireland, launched to the assistance of the schooner Laura Griffith which was in a dangerous position near Tunebank. The weather was very threatening and the sea heavy at the time with an easterly gale. The lifeboat succeeded in rescuing the crew of five hands.

Lloyds list October 8 1909 – Londonderry Oct. 7 1.40pm

Tug Earl of Dunraven towed schooner Laura Griffith into Loch Foyle this morning

The Northern Whig October 8 1909 – Severe weather

Schooner Abandoned in the Foyle

Information reached Derry yesterday that a ship had been in distress on the Donegal coast owing to the rough weather. It appears the captain was obliged to run to the Foyle for shelter, anchoring off Downhill. The rough usage which the schooner had experienced, however, is stated to have given her a strong list to leeward, and on Tuesday the crew, which numbered four were, after signals from the boat, taken ashore by the Greencastle lifeboat. The schooner Laura Griffith of Carnarvon is bound for Sunderland with a cargo of slates. Yesterday the Merville steamship company's tender, Earl of Dunraven, towed the disabled vessel up to Quigley's point for the purpose of regulating her cargo.

Lloyds list Monday 13th December 1909 – Portmadoc Dec. 11

The schooner Laura Griffith Morris, Dartmouth for Portmadoc, in ballast, is ashore at Porthceiric near Abersoch and is likely to become a total wreck, crew saved.

----- Brynsiencyn Dec.13

10.55 am Schooner Laura Griffith, Dartmouth for Portmadoc (ballast), ran ashore St Tudwal's Roads.

Saturday ; vessel broken up, total wreck.

Yorkshire Telegraph and Star December 13 1909

Owing to the heavy gale which blew up St Tudwal's Road on Saturday, the schooner Laura Griffith of Portmadoc, was driven ashore near Porthceiriad ,Abersoch. All the crew are safe.

Maritime Depositions

The following depositions have recently been sworn before a Receiver of Wreck or justice of the Peace

Laura Griffith (Schooner) ,of Carnarvon, from Dartmouth for Portmadoc :
Deposition of Hugh Morris, master (2,198) – Porth Cariad, Dec.11.

The Rhiw site lists the Laura Griffith wrecked at Hells mouth.

The crew lists for the Laura Griffith from 1865 until 1900 still exist at Gwynedd archives services except the years ending in 5 which appear to be in the national archives and 1877,1879,1882 which with the 1901 list are in the Maritime history Archive, 1903 & 1909 are in the National archives. Unfortunately none of the records are available on line.

7.0 Analysis

Schooners were built with between two and seven masts but the convention seems to be they have two masts unless described otherwise, (three masted schooner).

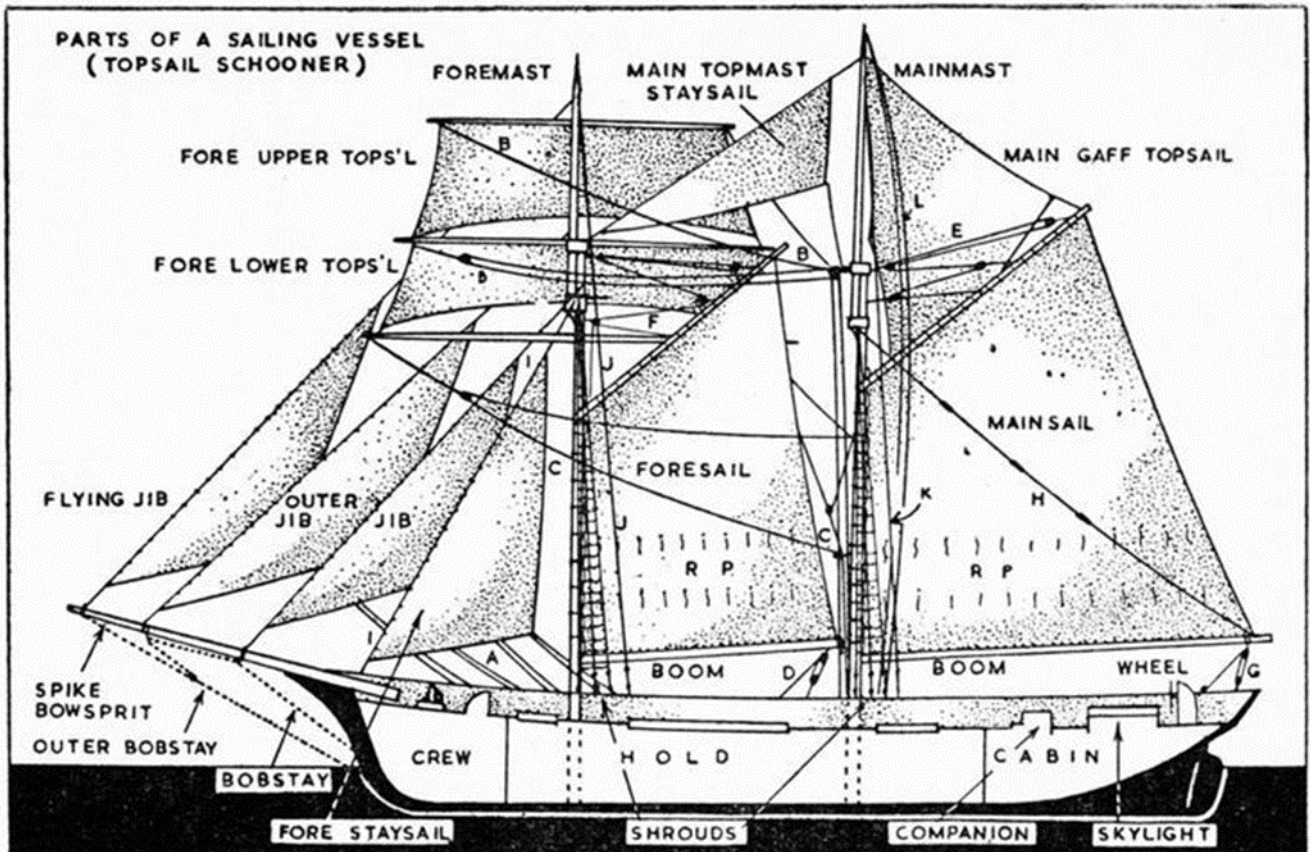


FIG. 42.—Parts of a sailing vessel

How the Laura Griffiths probably looked and was rigged from its description as a schooner and the parts recorded as being carried away in storms or lost in collision except for the spike bowsprit was not mentioned. This may be because it was just considered part of the bowsprit even though it is technically an extension of it. The parts reported lost were:

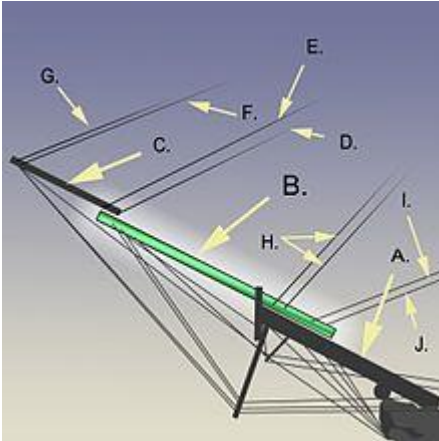
Foreyard - the lowest yard on a sailing ship's foremast.

Gaff - a spar to which the head of a fore-and-aft sail is bent (fastened)

Cutwater- a vertical timber construction set forward of and following the stem of a wooden vessel below the water line, usually curving forward above the water line to support a beak-head or figurehead.

Bowsprit - a spar running out from a ship's bow, to which the forestays are fastened.

Forestay - a rope to support a ship's foremast, running from its top to the deck at the bow.



A diagram of the three spars and some of the rigging that can make up a bow: A.) Bowsprit, B.) Jibboom, C.) Flying jib-boom, D.) Jibstay. E.) Fore Topgallant Stay, F.) Flying Jibstay, G.) Fore Royal Stay, H.) Topmast stays, I.) Outer Forestay, J.) Inner Forestay

I have since found a photograph shown on page one and Fifty two and my deductions appear correct.

Fathom - a unit of length equal to six feet (1.8 metres), used in reference to the depth of water

Roadstead (or *roads* - the earlier form) is a body of water sheltered from rip currents, spring tides or ocean swell where vessels can lie reasonably safely at anchor without dragging or snatching.

The Lloyds survey of 1888 reported in the register 1889, some repairs to hull in 1877 and new deck 1881 and the dimension of the ship have altered

From:

To:

Length	76ft 0 ins	74ft 8in
Beam	20ft 0 ins	20ft 4in
Draught	10ft 5 ins	10ft 6in

The length reduction may be due to removal of the spike bowsprit or a shortening of the bowsprit or spike bowsprit, the widening is only 2 inches each side and probably relates after a new deck was fitted to changes in securing fixed rigging. The greater depth is not surprising after the repairs making the vessel heavier.

I found almost all of the reports relating to the vessels use and incidents involving it in the British newspaper archive. A few were duplicated in the National Library of Wales , Welsh newspaper archive.

Lloyds Register confirmed that although the Laura Griffith was registered at Carnarvon it worked mainly out of Portmadoc, other sources showed it was carrying slates very often to Hamburg, it then carried other cargos all over Europe and to Russia including the North sea, Baltic, Mediterranean & Atlantic coasts.

I have provided an appendix to illustrate where the places I thought were obscure were located. Some of these are not now active ports for shipping either due to silting up or competition from road and rail. I found some of Lloyds List spellings difficult and amusing (Monte Video).

I used Crew List to find the Appropriation book and Mercantile Navy List , which provided details for owners for almost every year.

The Laura Griffith almost always sailed south from Wales along the south coast for destinations except Ireland, but in 1909 the route via the Caledonian canal was used. The ship is recorded on this voyage as being in a dangerous position off Ireland with the crew rescued by lifeboat and the vessel towed to safety by a Tug. They came back the usual route.

In 1901 the Laura Griffith is recorded making a voyage to Harbour Grace, and Carbonear Newfoundland and Tunavik which may also be in Canada, returning with salted codfish. Carbonear is recorded as Carboncar on Lloyds list.

Porthdinllaen, Morfa Nefyn, Llyn Peninsula was recorded as Port Dinllaen in Lloyds list.

The listing in Rhiw of the Laura Griffith wrecking at Hells Mouth cannot be correct as newspaper reports from Yorkshire Post and two separate reports from Lloyds List give the location as Porthceiriad ,Abersoch or St Tudwal's Roads. These are essentially the same location and in the next bay to Hells Mouth.

8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

I have spent over 40 hours on this report and about 35 hours on line.

The British newspaper archives were useful but with searches for Laura Griffith it produces every reference to Laura or Griffith.

I would liked to have found more details about the crew but the crew lists are not available on line. The census record are only available

St Tudwal's Roads was a sheltered anchorage from westerly gales with a clay bottom giving good holding for an anchor but no where is completely safe. An anchor watch is always kept to warn of the anchor dragging or a turn of the tide causing the anchor to pull free and not reset.

I would like to visit the wreck site to see if there any remains of a ship that may be the Laura Griffith. I have an old long tape measure that was my grandfather's then my father's, in feet and inches that I was looking for an excuse to use, (if I can find it in the garage). I would have been forced to clear the garage out but for this worthwhile use of my time in lock down.

There is no underwater site to adopt a wreck, although there is the possibility of an intertidal site.

When I was taught to sail a lee shore was always quoted as a great danger and researching this vessel, and the number of times it was blown ashore on a lee shore, it has brought it home to me. A sailing vessel is unable to sail directly into the wind and although a schooner with its fore and aft rig is more efficient than a square rigged ship it is still vulnerable in strong winds.

Ancestry the paid for site has lists of UK and Ireland, Masters and Mates Certificates, 1850-1927 and crew lists for Liverpool 1861 - 1919, this may provide further information.

I would like to find the deposition of Hugh Morris made after the wrecking at Porth Cariad, Dec.11.

The circumstances of the loss of the Laura Griffith are not unusual and nor is her career, she was a workhorse of her day carrying goods all round Europe, including the Mediterranean. The slate trade to Europe was not threatened by the railways since they were all different companies and to send freight across the UK to south coast ports to be carried to the continent would be difficult.

I was surprised to find that she had made a transatlantic crossing to Canada as at 76 feet long she was small for the crossing and the load she could carry probably would not cover the costs. She spent 6 months in Canada sailing back in December.

I took the on line course Using the Lloyd's Register Archive and Interpreting Wrecks while researching this vessel and discovered not to trust the search in each year to find records. The course helped me understand and decode Lloyds register. I found by adding the parts reported missing after storms I was able to work out what type of rig Laura Griffith was equipped with, not that she was just a schooner. The photograph I found afterwards confirmed it.

I was satisfied I had decoded Lloyds register and the repairs to the vessel it recorded. The time line shows how active she was and I had to search on line to find the location of many of the Ports she visited, including checking a map of Newfoundland to identify Carbonear which was mis spelt in Lloyds List.

I have answered my original questions except or information concerning her crew and owners. This information is not available on line.

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<en.wikipedia.org>

Appendices:

Appendix A – Table of Lloyd’s Registers entries for the *Laura Griffiths*

Schooner, part iron bolts, built Pwllheli by Roberts January 1865 anchors & chain proved at public machine. Dimensions 76ft, 20ft, 10ft 5in

1865 Master Jones, owner Jones & Co, Home port Pwllheli, routes BNG Coaster 12 yrs A1

Until 1871 changes from above to during registers year to

Master E. Williams, owner Williams & Co, Half Time Portmadoc, routes Portmadoc to Hamburg, 12 years A1, new survey 4/72

1872 Official No. 52522 Master E. Williams, owner Williams & Co, Home port Pwllheli, Half Time Portmadoc, routes Portmadoc to Hamburg 12 years A1

1873 as above but survey port shown as Portmadoc

1874 as above

1875 until 1882 registers missing on line

1883 not found

1884 to 1888 registers missing on line

1889 Master E. Williams, Owner E. Williams, Home port Carnarvon, Half Time Portmadoc,

Some repairs to hull in 1877, new deck 1881, new survey 12/88 portmadoc 12years, A1

Dimensions altered to 74ft 8in, 20ft 4in, 10ft 6in

1894 as above except new survey ss4/1892 Portmadoc A1- 8yrs Home port Carnarvon

1897 as above

1899 as above

End of on line editions

Appendix B – The Timeline for the *Laura Griffiths*

1865

Tuesday 2 January 1865 launched Morfa, Pwllhel

- March 21 1865 Abersoch sailed from the roads Laura Griffith, Jones
- March 23 1865 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Hamburg
- April 1 1865 Cuxhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
- April 19 1865 Cuxhaven sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for England
- April 29 1865 Off Waterford Laura Griffith, Jones from Hamburg for Dublin
- May 2 1865 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from Hamburg
- May 22 1865 Swansea sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Seville
- July 23 1865 Off Deal Laura Griffith from Seville for Shields
- July 26 1865 Shields Thursday afternoon tide Laura Griffith Jones from Seville ore
- October 9 1865 Put in Holyhead new harbour Laura Griffith, Jones, Huelva for
- Liverpool
- October 12 1865 Liverpool arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Huelva
- December 1 1865 Portmadoc arrived from London Laura Griffith, Jones
- December 17 1865 Off Dover Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc for London

1866

- March 10 1866 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Belfast
- April 19 1866 Portmadoc entered loading Laura Griffith, Jones for Hamburg
- April 19 1866 Portmadoc loaded and ready for sea Laura Griffith, Jones for
- Hamburg
- April 27 1866 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Hamburg
- May 5 1866 Deal by magnetic telegraph the HGKM (com. Code) Laura Griffith of
- Caernarvon
- May 8 1866 Cuxhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
- May 9 1866 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc

May 23 1866 Shields arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Hamburg
 May 29 1866 Newcastle sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Civita Vecchia
 June 14 1866 Deal anchored Laura Griffith, Jones from Shields for Civita Vecchia
 June 20 1866 Yarmouth I.W. HGKM (com. Code) Laura Griffith of
 - Caernarvon from Newcastle for Civita Vecchia

July 11 1866 Civita Vecchia arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Shields
 July 21 1866 Civita Vecchia sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Terre Murtas
 September 2 1866 Gibraltar arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Muravera, Italy
 September 10 1866 Gibraltar arrived Laura Griffith, Jones cleared for Antwerp
 October 8 1866 Flushing arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Falmouth
 October 9 1866 Antwerp arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Murtas
 November 13 1866 In the Downs Laura Griffith, Jones sch of Caernarvon from
 - Antwerp for Dublin

November 30 1866 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from Antwerp

1867

January 18 1867 Swansea sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Dover
 February 10 1867 Off Great Yarmouth proceeding north HGKM (com. Code)
 - 52522 Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

February 13 1867 Hartlepool arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Dover
 February 21 1867 Off Great Yarmouth proceeding south HGKM (com. Code)
 - 52522 Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

February 26 1867 Portland put in Laura Griffith from Hartlepool to Barmouth
 February 27 1867 Portland sailed Laura Griffith from Hartlepool to Barmouth
 March 8 1867 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Jones
 March 9 1867 Barmouth sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Portmadoc
 May 29 1867 Cardiff sailed Laura Griffith to Malaga
 June 3 1867 Cardiff exports Laura Griffith, 178 tons coal to Malaga, Shippers
 - Insole & son

June 20 1867 Malaga arrived Laura Griffith from Cardiff
July 2 1867 Malaga sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Huelva
July 10 1867 Huelva arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Liverpool
July 11 1867 Villa Real sailed Laura Griffith, Jones
August 31 1867 Port Dinllaen sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Swansea
September 15 1867 Swansea arrived Laura Griffith from Gibraltar
September 15 1867 Swansea sailed Laura Griffith for Gibraltar
September 25 1867 Gibraltar arrived schooner Laura Griffith from Swansea
October 5 1867 Malaga sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Huelva
October 16 1867 Tavira arrived Laura Griffith from Falmouth
November 6 1867 Falmouth arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Tavega
November 10 1867 Falmouth sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Maldon
November 23 1867 passed Dungeness HGKM (com. Code)
- 52522 Laura Griffith of Caernarvon
December 31 1867 Middlesborough sailed Laura Griffith for Newport

1868

January 30 1868 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Newport
March 9 1868 St Tudwal's Roads put in Laura Griffith, Jones for Hamburg
March 13 1868 St Tudwal's Roads sailed Laura Griffith, Jones
March 22 1868 Deal arrived Laura Griffith of Carnarvon - North
March 28 1868 Cuxhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
March 29 1868 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
April 16 1868 Hamburg sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for England
April 24 1868 W. Hartlepool arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Hamburg
April 29 1868 Cuxhaven sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Hartlepool
May 1 1868 Hartlepool West arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Hartlepool
May 17 1868 Cherbourg arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Sunderland

May 21 1868 Cherbourg arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Wear
 June 24 1868 St Tudwal's Roads sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Hamburg
 July 2 1868 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
 August 13 1868 Pill and King Road Bristol cleared for Swansea from Dram
 - Laura Griffith, Jones
 August 24 1868 Harwich Put in Laura Griffith, Jones from Dram for Swansea
 September 3 1868 Swansea arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Norway
 October 7 1868 Lisbon sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Vlaardingen
 October 9 1868 Pill and King Road Arrived out from our channel Laura Griffith
 October 21 1868 Lisbon sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Vlaardingen
 November 2 1868 Cowes arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Lisbon , salt
 = Loss of foreyard
 November 7 1868 Cowes sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Ubaadingen; salt
 December 1 1868 Ipswich arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Rotterdam
 December 28 1868 Broadstairs HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

1869

January 2 1869 Deal put back Laura Griffith
 January 9 1869 10.30pm Dover HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon passed down
 - channel
 January 13 1869 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from Ipswich with manure
 January 29 1869 Pwllhell sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Portmadoc
 March 22 1869 Put into Dover Laura Griffith from Portmadoc for Hamburg
 April 2 1869 Deal Laura Griffith, passed from west to north
 April 5 1869 Cuxhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
 April 6 1869 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
 April 22 1869 Hamburg sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for England
 May 20 1869 Gt Yarmouth proceeding south HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon
 May 23 1869 Dungeness passed HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon for west

June 14 1869 Pill & King Road sailed Laura Griffith
June 26 1869 Lisbon arrived Laura Griffith, Lewis from Liverpool
July 23 1869 Liverpool arrived Laura Griffith, Lewis from Lisbon
August 13 1869 Liverpool sailed Laura Griffith, Williams for Gibraltar
September 7 1869 Gibraltar arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Liverpool
October 17 1869 Beaumaris Put in through stress of weather Laura Griffith,
- Williams from Spain
October 30 1869 Holyhead arrived Laura Griffith from Malaga
November 20 1869 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Liverpool
November 27 1869 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Williams

1870

January 17 1870 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Williams London
January 22 1870 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Williams for London
February 2 1870 Deal passed Laura Griffith west for the North
February 5 1870 Victoria dock, London lying Laura Griffith, Williams from
- Portmadoc
February 9 1870 Victoria dock, London lying Laura Griffith, Williams from
- Portmadoc
February 12 1870 Victoria dock, London lying Laura Griffith, Williams from
- Portmadoc
March 1 1870 Cork arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from London
March 19 1870 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Williams
April 23 1870 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Williams
May 2 1870 Cuxhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Portmadoc
May 2 1870 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Portmadoc
May 29 1870 Cuxhaven sailed Laura Griffith, Williams for France
June 5 1870 Dunkirk arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Hamburg
June 15 1870 Dunkirk arrived Laura Griffith, Williams Danzig for Newcastle

June 16 1870 Dunkirk sailed Laura Griffith, Williams for Shields
July 7 1870 Danzig arrived Laura Griffith, Williams, from Middlesborough
July 22 1870 Danzig arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from London
July 25 1870 Elsinore arrived Laura Griffith, Williams, Danzig for London
August 9 1870 London customs entered inwards Laura Griffith, Williams
September 27 1870 Lisbon arrived Laura Griffith, Williams, from Newcastle
October 13 1870 Lisbon sailed Laura Griffith, Williams, for Hull
October 26 1870 Prawle Point passed east 3.30pm HGKM Laura Griffith of
- Caernarvon
November 7 1870 Hull arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Lisbon
November 18 1870 Hull arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Middlesborough
December 3 1870 Prawle Point passed west HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon
December 9 1870 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Wisbeach
December 12 1870 Newport arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Middlesborough
December 27 1870 Cork arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Newport
December 31 1870 sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Portmadoc

1871

March 23 1871 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Hamburg
March 27 1871 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Hamburg
April 1 1871 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith Williams
April 3 1871 Deal passed west Laura Griffith of Caernarvon
April 25 1871 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from France
May 2 1871 Dover passed down channel 3.30pm HGKM Laura Griffith of
- Caernarvon
May 5 1871 Portland in the roads Laura Griffith, Williams
May 6 1871 Portland roads sailed Laura Griffith
June 24 1871 Leith arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Bordeaux
July 5 1871 Leith arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from St Petersburg via
- Burntisland

July 25 1871 Cronstadt arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Bo'ness

August 30 1871 Cronstadt sailed Laura Griffith, Williams for Elsinore

September 26 1871 Gravesend arrived Laura Griffith Williams from St Petersburg

November 13 1871 Liverpool sailed Laura Griffith

1872

January 14 1872 Off Deal Laura Griffith Williams from Middlesborough for Cardiff

February 10 1872 Cardiff sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Waterford

February 26 1872 Waterford sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Portmadoc

March 2 1872 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Waterford

April 9 1872 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Hamburg

April 23 1872 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Portmadoc

May 11 1872 Hamburg sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Newcastle

May 16 1872 Middlesborough arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Hamburg

May 31 1872 Middlesborough sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Huelva

June 13 1872 The Mother bank Ryde sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Huelva

June 14 1872 Portsmouth arrived Laura Griffith Williams for Huelva from
- Middlesborough

June 18 1872 Portsmouth sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Huelva

June 19 1872 Prawle Point passed west HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

July 4 1872 Huelva arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Middlesborough

July 15 1872 Huelva arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Berwick

September 10 1872 Elsinore arrived Laura Griffith Carnarvon from North sea for
- Baltic

September 13 1872 Stettin arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Eyemouth

September 26 1872 Stettin arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Liverpool

October 1 1872 Elsinore arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Stettin for Liverpool

November 10 1872 Liverpool arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Stettin

November 29 1872 Liverpool sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Plymouth

1873

February 28 1873 Pwllhell sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Portmadoc

April 6 1873 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Portmadoc

April 20 1873 Cuxhaven sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Shields

May 12 1873 Middlesborough sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Britonferry

May 13 1873 Deal passed north Laura Griffith Caernarvon

May 14 1873 Holyhead passed Laura Griffith of Caernarvon north to west

May 18 1873 Porthcawl arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Middlesborough

May 28 1873 Porthcawl sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Britonferry

June 5 1873 Britonferry sailed Laura Griffith Williams for PortMadoc

June 6 1873 Mumbles passed Laura Griffith for PortMadoc

June 9 1873 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Port Talbot

June 20 1873 Swinemune arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Portmadoc

June 27 1873 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Hamburg

June 28 1873 St Tudwal's Roads put in Laura Griffith Williams for Hamburg

July 11 1873 Hamburg arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Portmadoc

August 7 1873 Hamburg sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Cadiz

September 13 1873 Heulva sailed Laura Griffith Williams from Hamburg

September 26 1873 Heulva sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Berwick

October 18 1873 Deal passed from east Laura Griffith Williams for Berwick

October 28 1873 Berwick arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Huelva, sulphur ore

November 6 1873 Berwick cleared customs ,172 tons pyrites of sulphur ore ex
- Laura Griffith

November 14 Berwick sailed Laura Griffith, Williams for Newcastle

November 28 1873 Shields sailed Laura Griffith, Griffith for Cork

December 2 1873 Dungeness passed up 1.50pm HGKM Laura Griffith

December 11 1873 Cork arrived Laura Griffith, Griffith from Newcastle

1874

March 4 1874 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Leer

March 9 1874 Prawle Point passed east HGKM Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

March 13 1874 Deal passed west Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

March 16 1874 Gt Yarmouth passed north Laura Griffith of Caernarvon

March 23 1874 Leer arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Portmadoc

April 8 1874 Leer sailed Laura Griffith Williams for England

April 10 1874 Emden arrived Laura Griffith Williams

April 15 1874 Middlesborough arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Leer

May 6 1874 Cardiff arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Middlesborough

May 9 1874 Cardiff entered loading Laura Griffith Williams for Santander, agents
- E.Jones & Co

May 22 1874 Cardiff sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Santander

July 3 1874 Greenock arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Santander

July 3 1874 Bowling arrived Laura Griffith Williams from Santander, minerals

July 3 1874 Glasgow Customs House Laura Griffith, Williams for Antwerp, agents
- John Wright & Co

July 14 1874 Glasgow Customs house Laura Griffith, Williams for Antwerp, agents
- John Wright & Co

July 16 1874 Glasgow Customs house Laura Griffith, Williams for Antwerp, agents
- John Wright & Co

July 17 1874 Bowling sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Antwerp, sulphates

July 30 1874 Off Prawl Point 7.30pm Laura Griffith passed east

August 1 1874 Dungeness passed east HGKM Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

August 2 1874 Antwerp arrived Laura Griffith from Clyde

August 26 1874 Antwerp arrived Laura Griffith from London

August 31 1874 London customs entered inwards Laura Griffith, Williams
Antwerp

September 1 1874 London Docks discharging Spirit Quay Laura Griffith Williams

September 15 1874 Dungerness passed west 4.0pm HGKM Laura Griffith of
- Carnarvon

November 6 1874 Deal passed west Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

November 20 1874 London customs house entered Laura Griffith, Williams from
- Dublin

December 1 1874 Portland Roads put in Laura Griffith, Williams from London to
- Dublin having been struck by sea on 29 Nov, Damaged

December 2 1874 Weymouth put in Laura Griffith, Williams from London to Dublin

December 14 1874 Portland Roads sailed Laura Griffith Williams for Dublin

December 17 1874 The Lizard afternoon Laura Griffith of Carnarvon for west

December 28 1874 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from London

1900

January 8 1900 Poole arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Portmadoc

January 13 1900 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith Parry for Poole

January 22 1900 Poole sailed Laura Griffith Hughes for London

January 26 1900 Gravesend arrived Laura Griffith from Poole

February 6 1900 London Customs House cleared out Laura Griffith, Hughes for -
- Dungarvan

February 10 1900 Gravesend sailed Laura Griffith for Dungarvan

March 10 1900 Dungarven arrived Laura Griffith from London

March 19 1900 Dungarvan sailed Laura Griffith for Portmadoc

March 27 1900 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Williams from Galway

April 3 1900 Porthmadog arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Dungarven

June 23 1900 London Customs House cleared out Laura Griffith, Hughes for -
- Dublin

June 28 1900 Gravesend sailed for Dublin Laura Griffith

July 14 1900 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from London

July 24 1900 Dublin sailed Laura Griffith for Portmadoc

August 14 1900 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Bremen

September 1 1900 Bremerhaven arrived Laura Griffith from Portmadoc
September 4 1900 Bremen arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Portmadoc
September 17 1900 Bremen sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Dublin
October 15 1900 Deal anchored Laura Griffith, Hughes from Bremen
October 27 1900 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from Dram
November 9 1900 Port Dinorwic arrived Laura Griffith, Griffiths from Dublin
November 29 1900 Carnarvon sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Harburg
December 8 1900 Cuxhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Port Dinorwic
December 10 1900 Harburg arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Portmadoc
December 27 1900 Harburg sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for England

1901

January 3 1901 Cuxhaven sailed Laura Griffith for England
January 12 1901 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Harburg
March 8 1901 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Bremen
March 16 1901 Laura Griffith put in Portland on route from Portmadoc to Bremen
April 3 1901 Bremerhaven arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Portmadoc
April 8 1901 Bremen arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes from Portmadoc
April 22 1901 Bremen sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Dublin
May 4 1901 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from Bremen
May 13 1901 Dublin sailed Laura Griffith for Portmadoc
May 22 1901 Portmadoc Laura Griffith sailed for Cadiz
June 14 1901 Cadiz sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes
July 21 1901 Harbour Grace arrived Laura Griffith, Hughes
August 1 1901 Harbour Grace sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Tunavik
December 30 1901 Carboncar sailed Laura Griffith, Hughes for Bristol

1902

February 15 1902 Bristol imported from Carboncar 200 cwt salted codfish

February 25 1902 Pill & Kingroad sailed Laura Griffith for Cardiff

December 1902 Copenhagen to Swansea rescued crew of barquentine Watch

1903

March 17 1903 aground on West Girdler Sand – towed off

March 19 1903 Gravesend for repairs, then next tide for Regents canal

August 13 1903 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for Aarbuus

August 14 1903 6.30pm Rathlin Island passed west Laura Griffith

September 29 1903 sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for Portmadoc

November 5 1903 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Evans from Folkestone

November 19 1903 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for London

November 23 1903 Prawle Point passed east Laura Griffith(schr) of Carnarvon

November 24 1903 Gravesend arrived Laura Griffith

November 26 1903 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith regents canal Buoys

November 27 1903 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith regents canal Buoys

December 8 1903 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Tier

December 9 1903 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Tier

December 10 1903 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Tier

December 29 1903 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith, from London

1904

January 11 1904 Dublin sailed for Portmadoc Laura Griffith in ballast

March 19 1904 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for Kiel

May 2 1904 Harburg sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for England

May 16 1904 Poole arrived Laura Griffith, Evans from Harburg

May 28 1904 Poole sailed for Portmadoc Laura Griffith, Evans

June 2 1904 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Evans from Poole

July 5 1904 Porthmadog sailed Laura Griffith Griffith for Copenhagen

July 26 1904 Emden arrived Laura Griffith, Evans from London

July 30 1904 Emden sailed Laura Griffith for London

August 4 1904 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Odessa wharf, London

August 6 1904 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Odessa wharf, London

August 9 1904 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Odessa wharf, London

August 9 1904 cleared London Customs House, Laura Griffith, Evans for Belfast

August 12 1904 Gravesend sailed Laura Griffith for Belfast

August 17 1904 Walmeo passed Laura Griffith Evans Belfast from London

August 30 1904 Belfast arrived Laura Griffith Evans from London with a cargo of
- cement

September 14 1904 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith Evans from Belfast

October 3 1904 Lizard passed east Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

October 20 1904 aground on Anholt N.W. reef, towed off

October 22 1904 Copenhagen arrived Laura Griffith Evans from Portmadoc

October 28 1904 Copenhagen Laura Griffith discharging cargo slates

November 30 1904 Portland put in Laura Griffith from Copenhagen for Llanelly

December 17 1904 Llanelly arrived Laura Griffith from Copenhagen

December 21 1904 Falmouth sailed Laura Griffith for Llanelly

1905

January 4 1905 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith from Llanelly

March 30 1905 Lizard passed east Laura Griffith

April 3 1905 Dover passed east Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

April 8 1905 Baltic canal passed Brunsbuttel Laura Griffith for Aarbous

April 10 1905 Bunsbuttel arrived damaged by gale North sea, Temp. repairs

April 25 1905 Aarbous arrived Laura Griffith from Portmadoc

June 7 1905 Gothenburg arrived Laura Griffith from Pembroke

June 10 1905 Beachy Head passed west Laura Griffith(sch) of Carnarvon

June 15 1905 Milford Haven arrived Laura Griffith, Evans from Gothenburg for
- Pembroke Dock

June 26 1905 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Evans from Pembroke

July 4 1905 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for Pembroke Dock

August 1 1905 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for Copenhagen

September 22 1905 Burryport sailed Laura Griffith, Evans for Dublin

September 22 1905 Dublin arrived Laura Griffith from Burryport

October 5 1905 Dublin sailed Laura Griffith for Portmadoc

1906

February 28 1906 Bremerhaven arrived Laura Griffith from Portmadoc

March 26 1906 St Catherines point passed west Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

April 30 1906 St Catherines point passed east Laura Griffith (sch) of Carnarvon

May 5 1906 Sunderland arrived Laura Griffith from Portmadoc

May 18 1906 Sunderland sailed Laura Griffith for Portland

May 21 1906 Dover passed west Laura Griffith (sch) of Carnarvon

May 22 1906 Portland arrived Laura Griffith, Pugh from Sunderland
June 10 1906 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Pugh from Portland
June 30 1906 Hirtshals passed east Laura Griffith of Carnarvon
July 4 1906 Elsinore passed north Laura Griffith
July 6 1906 Stettin arrived Laura Griffith, Pugh from Portmadoc
July 20 1906 Stettin, sailed for Riga, Laura Griffith, Pugh
September 1 1906 Elsinore sailed Laura Griffith for Baltic
September 22 1906 Appledore arrived Laura Griffith, Pugh from Bideford
October 9 1906 Portmadoc arrived from Bideford Laura Griffith, Pugh

1907

January 12 1907 Plymouth sailed for Ardrossan, Laura Griffith, Pugh
January 15 1907 Poole sailed for Ardrossan, Laura Griffith, Pugh
January 17 1907 Lizard passed west Laura Griffith
February 1 1907 Ardrossan moored in Hurricane
February 18 1907 Holyhead arrived Laura Griffith, Pugh from Ardrossan
February 25 1907 Holy Head New Harb sailed Laura Griffith, Pugh for Barnstaple
March 25 1907 Portmadoc arrived Laura Griffith, Pugh from Appledore
May 2 1907 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for Shoreham & London
May 18 1907 Shoreham arrived Laura Griffith, Jones from Portmadoc
May 23 1907 Shoreham sailed Laura Griffith, Jones for London
May 30 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Penryhn Wf, London
May 30 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Erith, London
June 1 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Penryhn Wf, London
June 3 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Penryhn Wf, London

June 5 1907 cleared London Customs House, Laura Griffith, Jones for Carnarvon

June 29 1907 Carnarvon arrived Laura Griffith from London

July 11 1907 Carnarvon sailed for Portmadoc Laura Griffith, Jones

July 26 1907 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Jones

September 9 1907 Gravesend arrived Laura Griffith from Papenburg

September 10 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Erith, London

September 11 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Deptford Wf, London

September 12 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Deptford Wf, London

September 14 1907 cleared London Customs House, Laura Griffith, Jones for -
- Pwillheli

September 17 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Northfleet, London

September 18 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Northfleet, London

September 19 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Northfleet, London

September 20 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Northfleet, London

September 21 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Northfleet, London

September 23 1907 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Northfleet, London

September 29 1907 anchored off Southend, Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

September 30 1907 anchored off Southend, Laura Griffith of Carnarvon

October 7 1907 Portland put in Laura Griffith, London for Portmadoc

October 26 1907 Lizard past west Laura Griffith (sch) of Carnarvon

1908

April 6 1908 Poole sailed for Portmadoc Laura Griffith, Morris

Jun 9 1908 Regents canal dock S.E.Quay Laura Griffith,100, Morris from
- Portmadoc

Jun 10 1908 Regents canal dock, London Laura Griffith, Morris

June 11 1908 Regents canal dock S.E.Quay Laura Griffith,100, Morris from
- Portmadoc

June 13 1908 Regents canal dock S.E.Quay Laura Griffith,100, Morris from
- Portmadoc

June 15 1908 Laura Griffith Regents canal dock Buoys, London

June 15 1908 cleared London Customs House, Laura Griffith, Morris for Penzance

June 24 1908 Penzance arrived Laura Griffith, Morris from London

July 2 1908 Penzance sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Portmadoc

July 30 1908 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Harburg

September 28 1908 Kirkcudbright arrived Laura Griffith, Morris from Harburg

November 11 1908 Falmouth arrived Laura Griffith from London

November 17 1908 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Strs Tr

November 18 1908 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Strs Tr

November 19 1908 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Strs Tr

November 21 1908 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Prince's Strs Tr

November 23 1908 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Cherry Gda, London

November 30 1908 cleared London Customs House, Laura Griffith, Morris for
- Drogheda

December 2 1908 Gravesend anchored Laura Griffith

December 22 1908 Drogheda arrived Laura Griffith from London

1909

January 25 1909 Port Talbot arrived Laura Griffith, Morris from Portmadoc

February 3 1909 Cardiff arrived from Portmadoc Laura Griffith

February 13 1909 Cardiff sailed for Portmadoc Laura Griffith, Morris

May 3 1909 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Poole

May 8 1909 Lizard passed east Laura Griffith (sch) of Carnarvon

May 14 1909 Plymouth sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Portmadoc

May 20 1909 Poole sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Portmadoc

June 20 1909 Beachy Head passed east Laura Griffith (sch) of Carnarvon

July 5 1909 Delfzyl arrived Laura Griffith from Papenburg

July 8 1909 Delfzyl sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for London

July 16 1909 Gravesend arrived Laura Griffith from Delfayl

July 17 1909 London Customs House entered in Laura Griffith Morris B79 from –
- details of agent unreadable Hamburg

August 5 1909 Lizard passed west Laura Griffith (sch) of Carnarvon

August 1909 vessels lying in the river Laura Griffith Odessa wharf, London

September 14 1909 sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Cork

September 16 1909 Cork arrived Laura Griffith from Portmadoc

September 25 1909 Gravesend sailed Laura Griffith, Morris from Portmadoc

October 2 1909 Portmadoc sailed Laura Griffith, Morris for Sunderland

October 7 1909 east Green Castle, Co. Dongegal dangerous position

October 29 1909 Inverness Caledonian canal arrived Laura Griffith, Morris from
- Portmadoc

November 23 1909 Dartmouth arrived Laura Griffith, Morris from Sunderland

December 13 1909 wrecked on the shore near Abersoch

Appendix C

Appropriation book

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL crewlist.org.uk. The page content is a digital scan of a handwritten document titled 'Appropriation book'. The document is organized into columns and rows, listing ship names, numbers, and dates. The handwriting is in cursive. The browser interface includes a search bar with the text 'Notes' and 'Search again', and a navigation bar with 'Home', 'CLIP databases', and 'Contact CLIP'.

Row	Ship Name	Number	Date
9	Laurie	57	"
5252 0	Lossie	102	23 April
1	Ann Charlotte	24	1. 185
2	Laura Griffith	100	2 "
3	Vanguard	94	4 "
4	Star of Peace	432	6 "
5	Ann Jane	71	12 "
6	New Blessing	158	13 "
7	Magna Charta	190	15 "
8	Huggel	73	16 "
9	Mariner	70	17 "
253 0	Miss Turner	57	19 "
1	Olive	62	7 July
2	Peggy	86	8 Aug 1865
3	Gloria	80	21 "
4	Moelwyn	68	29 Sept

Appendix D

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Ship: LAURA GRIFFITH

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212 ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BRITISH REGISTERED VESSELS.

Official No.	Name of Ship and Port of Registry.	Com-mercial Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Horses Power.	Name and Address of Sole Reg- or of Managing Owner there are more Owners t
6566	Laura Ann, Yarmouth	J.P.H.R	120	..	John D. Kiddell, 48, Mark Lane, Lc
35485	Laura Clinch, St. Andrew's, N.B.	R.P.T.M	100	..	Robert Ross, St. Andrew's, N.B.
52522	Laura Griffith, Carnarvon . . . . .	..	100	..	Owen Roberts, Pwllheli, Carnarvon.
48107	Laura Pride, Basseterre	V.R.K.C	98	..	Emile S. Delisle, St. Christopher, W
46918	Laura R., St. John, N.B.	V.L.K.S	44	..	Pulsifer Walters, Hillsborough, N.E
20659	Laura Williams, Carnarvon	N.C.D.H	104	..	(b) Lewis Williams, Tromonion, Me
19006	Laura and Ellen, Beaumaris	M.Q.F.B	70	..	Henry Boulton, Maisyorth, Anglesey
28150	Laura and Isabel, Cardiff	P.V.G.N	161	..	Francis Crawshay, Barry Island, Gl
21042	Laurance, Dublin . . . . .	..	24	..	Marg. Leonard, Marlboro' Street, D
43081	Laureate, Pictou, N.S.	T.M.L.B	370	..	Moren Lowden, Charlottetown, Pri
37083	Laurel, Aberdeen	S.C.M.F	620	..	George Milne, Kinaldie, Aberdeen.
44380	Laurel, Banff	T.S.V.M	97	..	John Winchester, Garmouth.
49717	Laurel, Belfast . . . . .	..	26	..	James McKenzie, Benburb, Tyrone.
5325	Laurel, Boston	J.H.D.W	40	..	John Green, Spalding, Lincolnshire.
18479	Laurel, Castletown . . . . .	..	38	..	John Clarke, Castletown, Isle of Ma
9598	Laurel, Colchester . . . . .	..	11	..	William Scarlett, Brightlingsea, Ess
11461	Laurel, Fowey	K.S.R.B	59	..	Phillip Reynolds, St. Austill, Cornw
375	Laurel, Goole	H.C.N.W	49	..	John Banks, Howden Hall, Yorksh
659	Laurel, Goole	H.D.R.V	50	..	W. Holdsworth, Goole.
34309	Laurel, Greenock . . . . .	..	80	..	James Waugh, Rothesay, Bute.
5500	Laurel, Grimsby	J.H.V.P	41	..	Jonathan Sissons, Kingston-on-Hul
12518	Laurel, Hull . . . . .	..	27	..	Samuel Hull, Kingston-upon-Hull

Year	Port of Registry	Owner / Managing agent(x)
1866	Carnarvon	John Jones Pwllheli
1867	Carnarvon	John Jones Pwllheli
1868	Carnarvon	John Jones Pwllheli
1869	Carnarvon	John Jones Pwllheli
1870	Carnarvon	John Jones Pwllheli
1871	Carnarvon	John Jones Pwllheli
1872	Carnarvon	Edward Williams Portmadoc

1874	Carnarvon	Edward Williams Portmadoc
1875	Carnarvon	Edward Williams Portmadoc
1876	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1878	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1879	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1880	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1882	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1883	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1884	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1885	Carnarvon	Owen Roberts, South View, Pwillheli
1887	Carnarvon	Mrs Hannah Roberts, 28 Sand St., Pwillheli
1888	Carnarvon	Mrs Hannah Roberts, 28 Sand St., Pwillheli
1889	Carnarvon	Mrs Hannah Roberts, 28 Sand St., Pwillheli
1890	Carnarvon	Mrs Hannah Roberts, 28 Sand St., Pwillheli
1891	Carnarvon	Mrs Hannah Roberts, 28 Sand St., Pwillheli
1892	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House Pwillheli
1893	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1894	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1895	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1896	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1897	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1898	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1899	Carnarvon	x Edward Williams ,Meirion House, Pwillheli
1900	Carnarvon	x William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli
1902	Carnarvon	x William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli
1903	Carnarvon	x William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli

1904	Carnarvon	x	William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli
1906	Carnarvon	x	William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli
1907	Carnarvon	x	William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli
1909	Carnarvon	x	William Morris ,Brittania Terrace, Pwillheli

Appendix E

Aarhuus – Denmark, it is located on the east coast of the Jutland peninsula

Ardossan – North Ayrshire coast in southwestern Scotland

Barking – Dagenham , river Thames east London

Bowling – a Clyde Port, Glasgow

Briton Ferry – Wales in Neath, Port Talbot

Brunsbüttel - Dithmarschen, in Schleswig-Holstein, northern Germany on the mouth of the Elbe river, near the North Sea.

Burntisland – Fife, Scotland, on the northern shore of the Firth of Forth.

Burry Port – Wales west of Llanelli, Carmarthenshire on the Loughor estuary

Carbonear - a town on the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland

Civita Vecchia - Civitavecchia City of Rome on the Tyrrhenian Sea,

Cronstadt - Kronstadt on Kotlin Island, just west of St. Petersburg, Russia

Cuxhaven - Lower Saxony, northwestern Germany, at the mouth of the Elbe
- estuary

Delfzyl – North east Holland

Dram - Drammen is 44 km South-west of Oslo, Norway

Dungarvan - in County Waterford, on the south-east coast of Ireland.

Dungeness - a headland on the coast of Kent

Emden - in Lower Saxony in the northwest of Germany, on the river Ems

Flushing – Vlissingen, Holland. Historical name in English: Flushing

Harbour Grace in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Harburg – Bavaria, Germany on Wornitz river

Hirtshals – Top of Jutland peninsular northern Denmark

Huelva –South western Spain in the Gulf of Cadiz at the mouth of Odian
- and Tinto rivers

Leer - Northwest part of Lower Saxony, Germany on the river Leda near Holland

Muravera – Sardinia

Papenburg – Germany in Lower Saxony on the river Elms

Pill and King Road – Bristol where pilots were picked up

Porthdinllaen, - in Morfa Nefyn, Llyn Peninsula.

Prawle Point – The Southern most point of Devon

Shields – Port of Tyne, Newcastle upon Tyne

Stettin – Szczecin, northwestern Poland.

St Catherines Point – south side of Isle of Wight

St Tudwal's Roads – Anchorage near Abersoch, Gwynedd

Swinemunde – now Swinoujście a port occupying a group of islands in
- northwest Poland

Tavira - a small city on Portugal's Algarve coast lies along the Gilão River

Terra Murata - Procida an Island off Naples

Vlaardingen north bank of the Nieuwe Maas river at the confluence with
- the Oude Maas, southern Holland

Vila Real - the capital and largest city of the Vila Real District, northern Portugal

Walme – Walmer, Kent near Deal

Wisbeach - inland port in the Fens of the Isle of Ely, Cambridgeshire,

Appendix F



Site Details

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Unitary (Local) Authority Maritime

Old County Maritime

Community Maritime

Type of Site WRECK

Broad Class MARITIME

Period Modern

Site Description Archaeological remains associated with the loss of this vessel are not confirmed as present at this location, but may be in the vicinity.

Event and Historical Information:

The LAURA GRIFFITH was a wooden schooner built by Roberts at Pwllheli in 1865. Technical and configuration specifications are given as 100gtr, 79nt; 74ft 8in length x 20ft 4in breadth x 10ft 6in depth. At time of loss on 11 December 1909, the vessel was owned by W Morris and registered at Caernarfon. The schooner was driven ashore in heavy weather at Porth Ceiriad.

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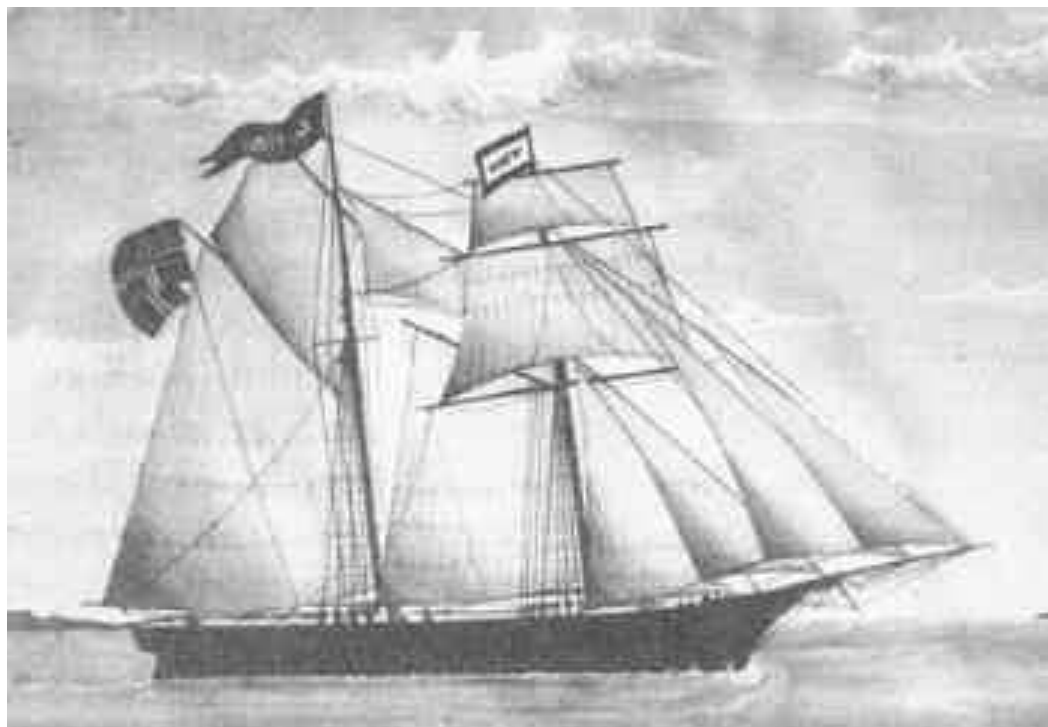
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Laura Griffith at anchor



An example of a similar rig to Laura Griffith under sail