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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 Mouse (MADU Ref#315), built and launched at Drogheda in 1878.

The Mouse was an iron cargo schooner which sailed predominately between U.K. ports on the Irish Sea and Ireland. Cargos carried included slates, coal, stones and other general cargoes.

On Oct 07th 1896, the Mouse was anchored in a critical position at Abersoch and was grounding at half tide. The crew were rescued by the Penrhyndu Lifeboat. This was the second time in a month the Mouse crew had been rescued. On Sep 17th the crew had been rescued by the Pwllheli Lifeboat during a storm.

The Mouse continued to sail after 1896. The last newspaper record that could be found for it was in Aug 1913 and its last registry in the Mercantile Navy Listing was 1917.

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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MNL Mercantile Navy List	
LR Lloyds' Registry	

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3.0 Introduction

The schooner Mouse was chosen as:

- it covered a period of sea history in the from the late 19th century to early 20th 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

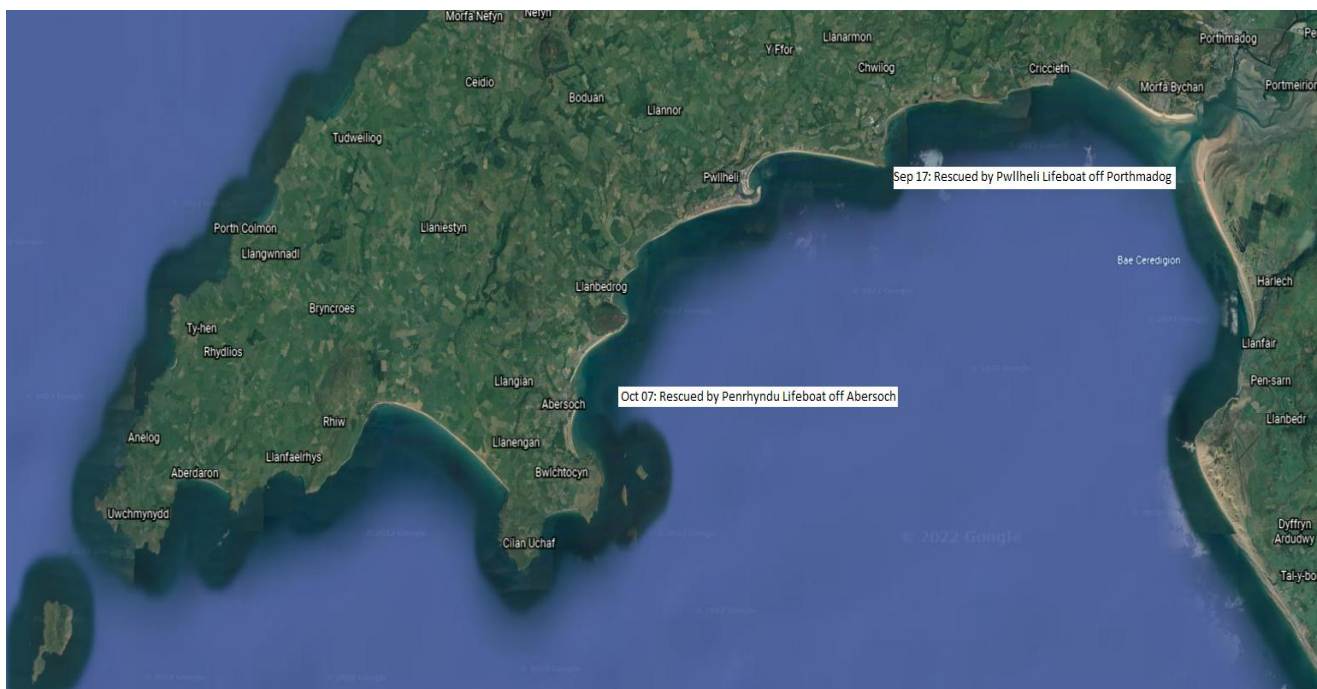
Prior to starting this research the only known data available to me was from the MADU Master Wrecksite Database Listing (Table 1) supplied by Mr Ian Cundy.

Table 1: Extract from MADU Master Wrecksite Database

MADU Ref. No.	Date Wrecked	Name	Location 1	Location 2	Details	Vessel Type	Matts	Ref.
315	07/10/1896	Mouse	Caernarfonshire	Abersoch	wrecked	Schooner		rc, rh, ch, iwj

On Oct 07th 1896, the Mouse was anchored in a critical position at Abersoch and was grounding at half tide. The crew were rescued by the Penrhyndu Lifeboat. This was the second time in a month the Mouse crew had been rescued. On Sep 17th the crew had also been rescued by the Pwllheli Lifeboat during a storm.

Fig 2: Location of Mouse Grounding, Oct 07 1896



5.0 Research Methodology

Computer System

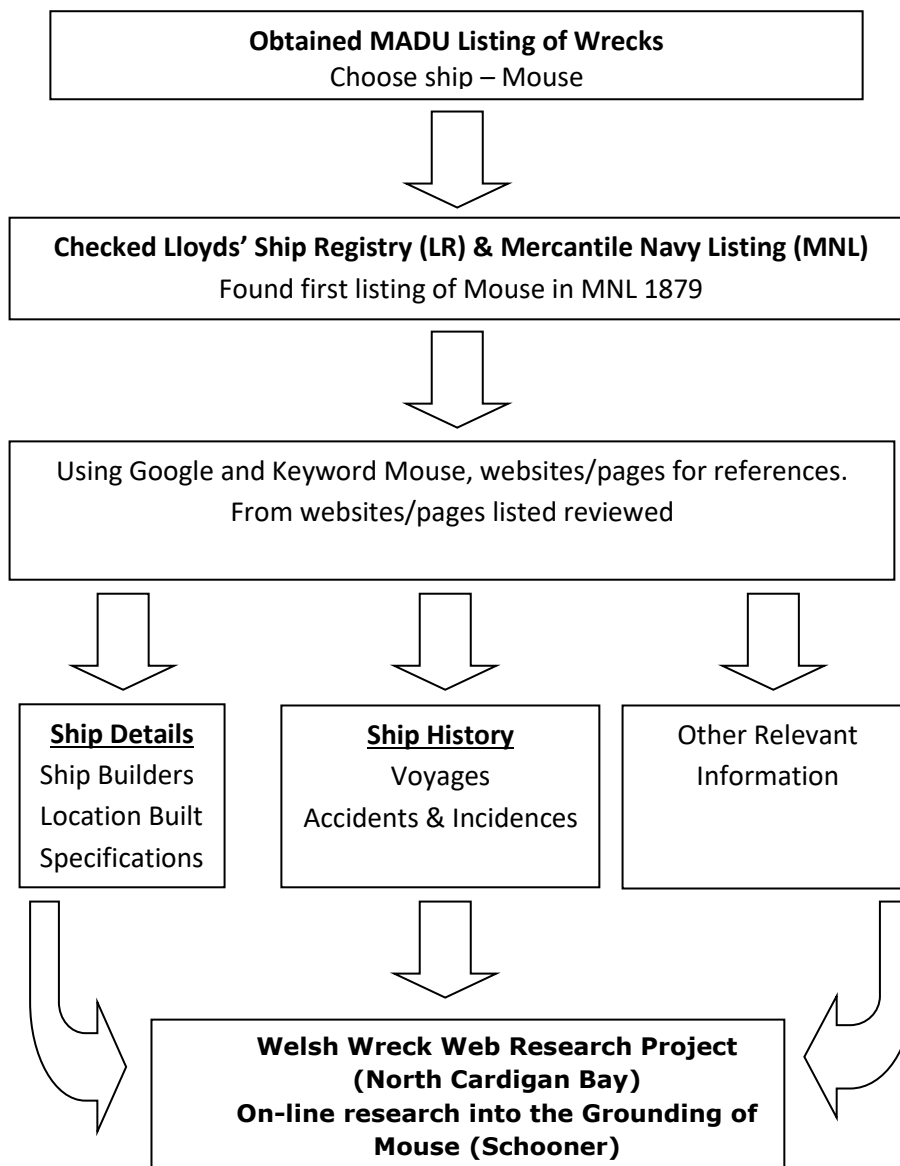
Acer Desktop 64 bit OS; 8 GB Memory, wireless connection.

Windows 10Pro

Microsoft Office 2007

Search engines used: Google Chrome

Methodology



See Section 9 for list of websites viewed

6.0 Results

Table 2: Mouse (Schooner) Specification and History

Vessel	Name/s	Mouse
	Type	Sailing Ship – Schooner Registered as a Ketch from 1902 General cargo
Built	Date	Launched: N/A Delivered: Feb 1878
	Builder	Thomas Grendon & Co. Ltd., Yard: South Quay Drogheda
Construction	Materials	Iron
	Decks	1
	Bulkheads	N/A
	Others	Classed 20 years in Liverpool registry
Propulsion	Type	Sail
	Details	2 masts
Dimensions	Length	69ft 6in
	Beam	16ft 1in
	Draught	7ft 1in
Tonnage	Gross	N/A
	Net	49 grt
Owners	1878	Frederick Smith, Drogheda
	1893	Joseph Hand, Skerries
	1896	Richard Thomas, Cardigan
	1900	Cardigan Mercantile Co. Ltd.
	1913	William Stephens, Plymouth
Registry	Port	1878: Drogheda; 1897: Cardigan
	Flag	GBR
	Number	78426
	Code	N/A
History	Routes	U.K. Irish Sea Ports, South Wales, Ireland.
	Cargo	Slates, coal, stones and other general cargos
Grounded	Date	07/10/1896
	From	Porthmadog, Wales
	To	Gloucester
	Captain	Williams
	Crew	2
	Cargo	Slates
	Location	Anchored in critical position off Abersoch. Grounding at half ebb
	Cause	Weather
	Loss of life	0
Outcome	Crew rescued by Penrhyndu Lifeboat	

7.0 Analysis

- The Mouse was built, launched and registered at Drogheda Ireland in 1878 (Appendix A, B, E).
- The Mouse was a cargo schooner which sailed predominately between U.K. ports on the Irish Sea, Ireland and South Wales. Cargoes carried included slates, coal, stones and other general cargoes.
- The Mouse was involved in a number of incidences (see Appendices).
- On Sep 17th 1896, the crew was rescued off Porthmadog Wales by the Pwllheli Lifeboat during a storm (Appendix I).
- On Oct 07th 1896, the Mouse was anchored in a critical position at Abersoch Wales, grounding at half tide. The crew were rescued by the Penrhyndu Lifeboat This was the second time in a month the Mouse crew had been rescued (Appendix J).
- The Mouse was re registered in Cardigan Wales from 1897 (Appendix K).
- On Nov 07 1900, the Mouse was driven onto Poppit Sands, Cardigan Wales while sailing from Point of Ayr Wales for Fishguard Wales. The Cardigan Lifeboat rescued the crew and the coxswain of the lifeboat received a special medal for the rescue (Appendix M).
- On Feb 27 1903, the crew of the Mouse were again rescued by the Cardigan Lifeboat (Appendix O) while sailing from Swansea for Cardigan with a cargo of culm. The crew of the lifeboat received a monetary award (Appendix N).
- In 1901 the Mouse was re-classed as a Ketch.
- The Mouse was sold to W. Stephens of Plymouth in 1913.
- The last entry in the mercantile Navy Listing was 1917.
- No newspaper records of the Mouse could be found after Aug 1913.

From newspaper articles the Mouse was recorded:

1878

Jan 21:	Launched at Drogheda Ireland (Appendix A).
Mar 08:	Sailed Neath/Briton Ferry Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
Mar 21:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Wexford Ireland (Eccleston).
Mar 27-Apr 08:	Sailed Waterford Ireland for Drogheda Ireland.
Apr 15-23:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Ayr Scotland-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
May 01:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
May 14:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Liverpool (Eccleston).
May 20:	Advertised for sale at Garston/Liverpool Liverpool (Appendix C).
May 29:	Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Liverpool.
Jun 07:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Waterford Ireland.
Jun 17:	Sailed Waterford Ireland for Cardiff (Eccleston).
Jun 21:	Sailed Swansea Wales for Drogheda Ireland.
Jun 23:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland, ballast.
Jul 02-11:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Maryport Cumbria Cumbria-Drogheda Ireland.
Jul 20:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Waterford Ireland (Eccleston).
Aug 03-06:	Sailed Cardiff for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
Sep 11-14:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Port Talbot Wales (Eccleston).
Sep 23:	Arrived Drogheda Ireland form Swansea Wales (Eccleston).
Sep 30:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
Oct 24-25:	Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland, cargo 56 tons stone ballast.
Oct 26-28:	Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland, cargo coal (Appendix D).
Nov 16:	Arrived Neath/Briton Ferry Wales from Drogheda Ireland.
Nov 20:	Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Neath/Briton Ferry Wales (Eccleston).
Nov 29:	Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.

Dec 04: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Wicklow Ireland.
 Dec 19: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Wicklow Ireland (Eccleston).
 Dec 30: Arrived Troon Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.

1879

Jan 04: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Troon Scotland.
 Jan 27-Feb 06: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Swansea Wales (Eccleston).
 Feb 03: arr Milford Wales.
 Feb 15-Mar 03: Sailed Port Talbot Wales for Drogheda Ireland. (Eccleston).
 Feb 24: arr Milford Wales.
 Mar 07: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland.
 Apr 26: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Liverpool.
 May 06: Arrived Port Talbot Wales from Dublin.
 May 24: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland (Byrne).
 Jun 02: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
 Jun 15: Sailed Maryport Cumbria for Drogheda Ireland.
 Jun 23: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 03: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Ayr Scotland damaged (Appendix F).
 Jul 14: Arrived Glasgow from Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jul 23: Sailed Glasgow for Drogheda Ireland.
 Aug 01: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland (Byrne).
 Aug 02-05: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Aug 13: Arrived Glasgow from Drogheda Ireland, cargo limestone (Egglestone).
 Aug 29: Arrived Glasgow from Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Sep 08: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 15: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 25-26: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland via Ayr Scotland.
 Oct 04-10: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland via Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 17: Arrived Glasgow from Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 28: Sailed Glasgow for Drogheda Ireland.
 Dec 05: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).

1880

Feb 03: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Preston Lancashire (Eccleston).
 Feb 25: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Preston Lancashire.
 Mar 29: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Waterford Ireland (Eccleston).
 Apr 08: Arrived Swansea Wales from Waterford Ireland (M'Connel).
 Apr 23: Sailed Swansea Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Egglestone).
 Jun 24: Sailed Liverpool for Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 20: Arrived Ardrossan Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 24: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 06: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Port Talbot Wales (Eccleston).
 Sep 24-28: Sailed Port Talbot Wales for Drogheda Ireland, cargo coal.
 Oct 14-17: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Glasgow (Eccleston).
 Oct 30: Sailed Glasgow for Drogheda Ireland.

1881

Apr 12: Arrived Swansea Wales from Portaferry N. Ireland.
 Apr 28-May 01: Sailed Swansea Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 May 15: Arrived Liverpool from Drogheda Ireland.
 Jun 12: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Workington Cumbria (Eccleston).
 Jul 02: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Liverpool.
 Jul 13: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland.
 Jul 24: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Workington Cumbria.
 Aug 01-10: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Ayr Scotland-Drogheda Ireland.
 Aug 15-19: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland via Ardrossan Scotland.
 Aug 23: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 03-05: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland.

Sep 09-12: Sailed Ardrossan Scotland for Runcorn Cheshire (Eccleston).
 Sep 26-Oct 03: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Glasgow via Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Oct 28: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Glasgow.
 Nov 06: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland.

1882

Jan 13: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Preston Lancashire (Eccleston).
 Jan 20: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Preston Lancashire.
 Jan 30: Sailed Maryport Cumbria for Drogheda Ireland.
 Feb 26: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Drogheda Ireland, manure.
 Mar 06-08: Sailed Waterford Ireland for Drogheda Ireland, ballast.
 Mar 17: Arrived Wexford Ireland from Drogheda Ireland cargo manure (Eccleston).
 Mar 26-27: Sailed Wexford Ireland for Port Talbot Wales.
 Apr 02-07: Sailed Port Talbot Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Apr 17: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ardrossan Scotland.
 May 20: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Caernarfon Wales (Eccleston).
 May 22: Sailed Liverpool for Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 15: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 24-25: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Aug 26: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Chester Cheshire (Eccleston).
 Sep 07: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland.
 Sep 30: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 06: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 14: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Dec 09: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
 Dec 28-30: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland via Ardrossan Scotland.

1883

Feb 01: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Ayr Scotland.
 Feb 21: Arrived Wexford Ireland from Drogheda Ireland, cargo manure.
 Feb 23: Sailed Waterford Ireland for Drogheda Ireland, ballast.
 Mar 20-Apr 01: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Strangford N. Ireland-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Apr 04: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Wexford Ireland.
 Apr 14: Arrived Port Talbot Wales from Drogheda Ireland.
 Apr 20: Sailed Port Talbot Wales for Drogheda Ireland.
 Jun 02-10: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Ayr Scotland-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jun 15: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Duddon Cumbria (Eccleston).
 Jul 15: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Chester Cheshire (Eccleston).
 Jul 12: arr Holyhead Anglesey from Chester Cheshire for Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 27: Arrived Glasgow from Drogheda Ireland.
 Aug 14: Sailed Glasgow for Drogheda Ireland.
 Aug 18-22: Sailed Glasgow for Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 06-08: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
 Sep 21: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Ayr Scotland.
 Oct 01: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Londonderry N. Ireland.
 Oct 13: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Liverpool.
 Oct 31-Nov 16: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Preston Lancashire-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Nov 27: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Preston Lancashire (Eccleston).

1884

Jan 15: Sailed Maryport Cumbria for Drogheda Ireland.
 Feb 25-27: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Waterford Ireland, manure.
 May 19-29: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Chester Cheshire-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jun 06: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
 Aug 15: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Maryport Cumbria.
 Sep 23: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland, cargo limestone.

1885

Mar 01: Arrived Wexford Ireland from Drogheda Ireland, cargo manure (Eccleston).
 Jul 20: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland, cargo limestone.

1886

May 28: Arrived Whitehaven Cumbria from Drogheda Ireland.
 Jun 04: Sailed Workington Cumbria for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jun 08: Arrived Workington Cumbria from Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 11: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).

1887

May 12: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland, cargo coal.
 Aug 05-08: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Glasgow (Eccleston).
 Aug 24: Sailed Glasgow for Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 16-24: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Liverpool-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Oct 06: Arrived Connah's Quay Wales from Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Oct 18-22: Sailed Connah's Quay Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Oct 30-Nov 04: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Bangor Wales via Dublin (Eccleston).
 Nov 13: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Bangor Wales (Eccleston).
 Dec 13: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Workington Cumbria (Eccleston).

1888

Jan 03: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Jan 09: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jan 23: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Londonderry N. Ireland (Eccleston).
 Feb 17: Put in at Larne N. Ireland from Maryport Cumbria for Londonderry N. Ireland.
 Feb 25: Arrived Londonderry N. Ireland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Mar 06: Sailed Londonderry N. Ireland for Barrow Cumbria.
 Mar 30: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Londonderry N. Ireland (Eccleston).
 Apr 27: Arrived Bangor Wales from Drogheda Ireland.
 May 08-10: Sailed Bangor Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 May 20: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Workington Cumbria (Eccleston).
 Jun 03-08: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Connah's Quay Wales (Eccleston).
 Jun 14: Sailed Connah's Quay Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jun 27-Jul 10: Sailed Drogheda Ireland-Bangor Wales-Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jun 30/Jul 09: arr/dep Bangor Wales.
 Jul 20-21: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
 Jul 25: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Aug 08-18: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Cardiff via Port Talbot Wales (Eccleston).
 Aug 29-Sep 06: Sailed Cardiff for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Sep 13: Arrived Ayr Scotland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Oct 09: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Belfast (Eccleston).
 Oct 13: Arrived Bangor Wales from Wexford Ireland.
 Oct 24: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Bangor Wales (Eccleston).
 Nov 14: Arrived Bangor Wales from Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 03: put in at Holyhead Anglesey for Drogheda Ireland (Hilston).
 Nov 20: Sailed Bangor Wales for Drogheda Ireland.
 Dec 17: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Dublin (Eccleston).
 Dec 26: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Dublin (Eccleston).

1889

Jan 23: Arrived Cardiff from Dublin.
 Feb 24: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Cardiff (Eccleston).
 Mar 12: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Drogheda Ireland.
 Mar 18: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Waterford Ireland (Eccleston).
 Mar 22: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Dublin (Eccleston).
 Apr 15-20: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Londonderry N. Ireland (Eccleston).
 Jun 03: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Port Talbot Wales (Eccleston).

Jun 09: Arrived Bangor Wales from Dundalk Ireland.
 Jun 19: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Bangor Wales.
 Jul 04: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Workington Cumbria.
 Jul 10: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Irvine.
 Jul 20-31: Sailed Irvine-Drogheda Ireland-Irvine.
 Aug 31: Arrived Bangor Wales from Drogheda Ireland.
 Sep 07: Sailed Bangor Wales for Drogheda Ireland.
 Oct 16: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Port Talbot Wales (Eccleston).
 Oct 31: Arrived Bangor Wales from Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 07-10: Sailed Bangor Wales for Drogheda Ireland.
 Nov 16: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Connah's Quay Wales.
 Dec 03: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Drogheda Ireland (Eccleston).
 Dec 13: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Workington Cumbria.

1890

Feb 06: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Workington Cumbria.
 Mar 30-Apr 02: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Apr 09: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Wexford Ireland, cargo chemical manure.
 Apr 30: Arrived Bangor Wales from Wexford Ireland.
 Jul 03-05: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Eccleston).
 Jul 16: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Drogheda Ireland.
 Jul 18: Arrived Clogher Head Ireland from Ayr Scotland.
 Oct 29: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Dublin (Eccleston).

1891

May 20: Anchored at Wexford Ireland harbour due to condition of captain (Appendix G).

1892

Sep 23: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Preston Lancashire, cargo coal (Hand).
 Sep 21: Put in at Holyhead Anglesey.
 Oct 12: Arrived Bangor Wales from Wexford Ireland.

1893

Jan 12: Sailed Swansea Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Hand).
 Jan 16: signalled off Mumbles Head Wales.
 Jan 27: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Swansea Wales (Hand).
 Apr 25: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Ayr Scotland (Hand).
 Jun 02: Arrived Cardiff from Bannow Ireland (Hand).
 Jun 07-26: Sailed Cardiff-Bannow Ireland-Cardiff (Hand).
 Jul 01: Sailed Cardiff for Bannow Ireland (Hand).
 Jul 29: Arrived Cardiff from Barnam Ireland (Hand).
 Aug 05-11: Sailed Cardiff for Waterford Ireland (Hand).
 Aug 30-Sep 07: Sailed Bridgwater Somerset for Belfast, cargo bricks and tiles (Hand).
 Sep 20-25: Sailed Belfast for Cardiff.
 Oct 09: Sailed Cardiff for Drogheda Ireland (Hand).
 Oct 23: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Cardiff, cargo coal (Hand).

1894

Feb 20: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Cardiff, coal (Hand).
 Mar 05-07: Sailed Waterford Ireland for Cardiff (Hand).
 Mar 16: Sailed Cardiff for Drogheda Ireland (Hand).
 Apr 07: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Drogheda Ireland (Hand).
 Apr 10: Sailed Drogheda Ireland for Boatstrand Ireland cargo manure.
 May 20: Arrived Bridgwater Somerset from Bristol (Hand).
 Jul 12: Arrived Cardiff from Bannow Ireland (Hand).
 Jul 20: Sailed Cardiff for Bannow Ireland (Hand).
 Aug 16: Sailed Cardiff for Bannow Ireland (Wade).
 Sep 08: Arrived Cardiff from Wexford Ireland (Hand).

Sep 14: Sailed Cardiff for Youghal Ireland (Hand).
 Oct 26: Sailed Newport Wales for Drogheda Ireland (Hand).

1895

Mar 05: Sailed Cardiff for Drogheda Ireland (Hand).
 Dec 22: Ran aground at Kingstown West Pier, Dublin (Appendix H).

1896:

Mar 24: Arrived Dublin from Cardigan Wales.
 May 13-14: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Gloucester (Williams).
 Jun 30: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Chester Cheshire (Murphy).
 Jul 20: Arrived Port Dinorwic Wales from Cork Ireland.
 Jul 22: Sailed Port Dinorwic Wales for Porthmadog Wales (Thomas).
 Jul 31: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Caernarfon Wales via Porthdinllaen Wales.
 Aug 18: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Gloucester via Swansea Wales (Williams).
 Aug 28: Sailed Gloucester for Wexford Ireland (Williams).
 Sep 17: Pwllheli lifeboat (Margaret Platt of Stalybridge) rendered assistance and landed crew of 3 during a severe storm while sailing from Wexford Ireland for Porthmadog Wales in ballast (Appendix I).
 Oct 05-18: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Gloucester, cargo slates (Williams).
 Oct 07: Anchored and grounds at half ebb off Abersoch in storm waiting to sail for Gloucester. Lifeboat (Oldham at Penrhyndu) rendered assistance and landed 3 (Appendix J).
 Oct 10: Refloated and anchored at St Tudwal's Roads Wales.
 Nov 13: departed St Tudwal's Roads Wales for Gloucester.
 Nov 09: Arrived Bristol from Bideford Devon.

1897

Feb 19: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Abersoch Wales (Williams).
 Apr 08: Arrived Gloucester from Porthmadog Wales (Williams).
 Apr 22: Sailed Gloucester for Wexford Ireland (Williams).
 May 07: Sailed Wexford Ireland for Porthmadog Wales.
 Jun 04: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Williams).
 Jun 11-15: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Gloucester (Williams).
 Jun 26-Jul 01: Sailed Gloucester for Penzance Cornwall (Williams).
 Jul 18: Sailed Bristol for Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 10: Arrived Dublin from Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 14: Arrived Porthdinllaen Wales from Dublin (Williams).
 Aug 27: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Williams).
 Sep 10-13: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Gloucester via Cardiff (Williams).
 Sep 26: Sailed Gloucester for Wexford Ireland (Williams).
 Dec 01: Sailed Gloucester for Wexford Ireland (Williams).
 Dec 22: Arrived Wexford Ireland from Gloucester (Jones).

1898

Jan 07: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Wexford Ireland (Williams).
 Jan 14: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Williams).
 Mar 25: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Abersoch Wales (Williams).
 Apr 08-18: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Gloucester (Williams).
 May 03: Arrived Bridgwater Somerset from Gloucester (Williams).
 May 23: Sailed Bridgwater Somerset for Dublin (Miller).
 Jun 09: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 Jun 24: Arrived Kinsale Ireland from Cardigan Wales (Miller).
 Jul 06: Sailed Kinsale Ireland for Porthcawl Wales (Miller).
 Jul 28: Arrived Dublin from Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 19: Arrived Dublin from Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 27: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 30/Sep 03: arr/dep Garston/Liverpool/Liverpool (Miller).

Sep 29: Sailed Cardigan Wales for Dublin.
 Oct 05: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 Oct 31: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales, ballast.
 Nov 11: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Garston/Liverpool (Miller).
 Dec 11: Arrived Garston/Liverpool from Dublin (Miller).
 Dec 14: Sailed Garston/Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.

1899

Feb 27: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Cardigan Wales (Miller).
 Mar 02: Arrived New Ross Ireland from Waterford Ireland.
 Mar 07-20: Sailed New Ross Ireland for Bristol via Waterford Ireland (Miller).
 Mar 16: ashore at Ballinlaw Point Ireland (Appendix L).
 Mar 18: dep Waterford Ireland.
 Apr 26: Arrived Runcorn Cheshire from Bristol.
 Apr 28: Sailed Runcorn Cheshire for Cardigan Wales (Jenkins).
 May 16: Arrived Dublin from Glasgow.
 Jun 29: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Point of Ayr Wales (Jenkins).
 Jul 05: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Cardigan Wales (Jenkins).
 Aug 09: Sailed Cork Ireland for Belfast (Jenkins).
 Sep 07: Sailed Ayr Scotland for Wexford Ireland.
 Oct 08: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Williams).
 Oct 27: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.

1900

Apr 09: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 May 28: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jenkins).
 Jul 06: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jenkins).
 Jul 30: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jenkins).
 Aug 05: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.
 Nov 01: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Point of Ayr Wales (Jenkins).
 Nov 06: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Fishguard Wales (Jenkins).
 Nov 07: Ran aground on Cardigan Wales Bar sailing from Point of Ayr for Fishguard, cargo coal. Crew saved by Cardigan Wales Lifeboat. (Appendix M).
 Nov 22: refloated.

1901

May 30: Arrived Swansea Wales from Pembroke Wales (Jenkins).
 Jun 06: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales.
 Jul 13-22: Sailed Caernarfon Wales-Cardigan Wales-Caernarfon Wales (Jenkins).
 Aug 16: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Cardigan Wales (Jenkins).
 Sep 10: Arrived Connah's Quay Wales from Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Sep 15: Sailed Connah's Quay Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Sep 17/24: arr/dep Holyhead Anglesey.
 Sep 20: Award for Cardigan Wales Lifeboat for crew rescue in Nov 1900 (Appendix M).
 Oct 16: Arrived Connah's Quay Wales from Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Nov 08: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Nov 14: Sailed Swansea Wales for Newport Wales (Rees).
 Dec 05: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Dec 15: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).

1902

Jan 16: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jan 31: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).

1903

Feb 27: Crew rescued by Cardigan Lifeboat during storm (Appendix N).
 Aug 06: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Aug 20: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales via Porthdinllaen Wales.

Sep 10: Blown ashore at Cardigan Wales (Appendix O).
 Oct 09: Arrived Swansea Wales from Aberporth Wales (Rees).
 Oct 28: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardiff (Rees).
 Nov 20: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Nov 30: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Dec 30: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).

1904

Jan 15: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Feb 28: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Mar 26: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 May 14: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 May 23: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 May 27: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jun 13: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jul 21: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jul 28: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Liverpool (Rees).
 Aug 05: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Point of Ayr Wales.
 Aug 11: Accident onboard at Cardigan Wales (Appendix P).
 Sep 10: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Sep 30: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Oct 06: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Oct 13: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Oct 19: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Oct 29: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Nov 03: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Nov 16: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Nov 18: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).

1905

Feb 10: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Feb 14: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Feb 24: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardiff (Rees).
 Apr 14: Announcement of new master by Cardigan Mercantile Company (appendix Q).
 May 02: Arrived Connah's Quay Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 May 17: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Jun 04: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jun 09: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jun 24: Sailed Porthdinllaen Wales for Caernarfon Wales.
 Jun 30: Dividend payment announced (Appendix R).
 Jul 01: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 07: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 23: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Connah's Quay Wales (Jones).
 Sep 01: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Sep 13: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Sep 15: Recovery of former master Jenkins from River Teifi Cardigan (Appendix S).
 Sep 30: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 06: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 10: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 23: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 25: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Point of Ayr Wales (Jones).
 Dec 20: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Connah's Quay Wales (Jones).
 Dec 26: Sailed Connah's Quay Wales for Cardigan Wales.

1906

Mar 29: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Apr 04: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales.
 Apr 14: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).

Apr 19: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Apr 28: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 May 01: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Point of Ayr Wales (Jones).
 May 10: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 May 20: Collided with bridge at Cardigan Wales (Appendix T).
 May 23: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Jun 01: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales.
 Jun 21: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).
 Jul 10: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Jul 26: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Aug 15: Sailed Fishguard Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Sep 02: Arrived Connah's Quay Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Sep 08: Sailed Connah's Quay Wales for Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Oct 06: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 08: arr Holyhead Anglesey.
 Oct 18: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales.
 Nov 20: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Nov 24: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Rees).

1907

Mar 03: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Mar 27: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 Apr 16: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 May 08: Arrived Dublin from Cardigan Wales.
 May 14: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 May 23: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 May 30: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jun 14: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Jun 29: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 10: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 13: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 29: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales.
 Jul 31: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Garston/Liverpool.
 Aug 08: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.
 Sep 13: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Sep 17: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 12: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.
 Nov 22: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Nov 29: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Davies).

1908

Mar 14: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Mar 19: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Apr 13: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Apr 25: Child nearly drowned at Cardigan Wales (Appendix U).
 May 02: Arrived Dublin from Cardigan Wales.
 May 12: Sailed Dublin for Cardigan Wales.
 May 28: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jun 02: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jun 21: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 02: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jul 26: Arrived Connah's Quay Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 10: Struck by Moss Ross at Connah's Quay Wales (Appendix V).
 Aug 15: Sailed Connah's Quay Wales for Cardigan Wales.
 Sep 08: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Sep 10: Death of Capt William Davies who raised the Mouse in 1900 when it sank at Poppit Sands laden with coal.
 Sep 12: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Garston/Liverpool (Jones).

Sep 19: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.
 Oct 10: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Oct 15: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Nov 05: Sailed Liverpool for Cardigan Wales.
 Dec 05: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Dec 22: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales (Jones).

1909

Mar 24: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Mar 27: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Connah's Quay Wales (Jones).
 Apr 18-May 11: Arrived Swansea Wales from Connah's Quay Wales (Jones).
 Apr 22/May 02: arr/dep Holyhead Anglesey.
 Jun 04: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Jun 10: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales.
 Jul 01: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales (Davies).
 Jun 29: dep Porthdinllaen Wales.
 Jul 16: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Davies).
 Aug 08: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales (Jones).
 Aug 12: Sailed Swansea Wales for Cardigan Wales.
 Nov 06: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Connah's Quay Wales (Davies).
 Nov 29: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardiff (Jones).

1910

Mar 16: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 May 12: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Jun 08: Sailed Caernarfon Wales for Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Jul 08: Arrived Swansea Wales from Cardigan Wales.
 Aug 23: Sailed Garston/Liverpool for Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Aug 26: Arrived Holyhead Anglesey from Garston/Liverpool (Evans).
 Aug 27: Dragged anchors and fouled RMS Ulster at Holyhead Anglesey (Appendix W).
 Sep 01: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Cardigan Wales (Evans).
 Oct 17: Arrived Swansea Wales from New Quay Wales.
 Nov 25: Arrived Caernarfon Wales from Cardigan Wales (Evans).

1911

Feb 11: Struck rocks at Dinas Head Pembrokeshire and towed into Fishguard Wales (Appendix X).
 Jul 04: Docked at Garston/Liverpool.
 Nov 04: Arrived Garston/Liverpool from Cardigan Wales (Hughes).

1912

Jan 19: Sailed Holyhead Anglesey for Cardigan Wales.
 Apr 29: Arrived Dublin from Porthmadog Wales.

1913

Aug 22: Reported floating debris, 5 miles west of Portland Bill Dorset (Appendix Y).

8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

The project took approximately 5 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 Mouse.

The Mouse was a cargo schooner which sailed predominately between U.K. ports on the Irish Sea, Ireland and South Wales. Cargoes carried included slates, coal, stones and other general cargoes.

A major problem experienced while researching the Mouse was the name as it was very common but not as a ship's name. 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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<https://www.crewlist.org.uk/data/vesselsalpha?shipsearch=Mouse&SearchType=Exact&submit=search>

http://shippingandshipbuilding.uk/view.php?year_built=&builder=&ref=225560&vessel=MOUSE

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9.2 Personal Correspondences

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9.3 Publications

Wreck and Recue on the Coast of Wales – The Lifeboats of Cardigan Bay and Anglesey – Henry Parry

Appendices:


Appendix A: Announcement of Launch, Jan 1878

MOUSE.—On the 21st inst. there was launched at Drogheda an iron schooner, named the **Mouse**:—Length, 71 feet; beam, 16 feet; depth of hold, 8 feet. She will carry 100 tons, and is classed 20 years in Liverpool Registry.

Appendix B: Appropriation Book 1878, Mouse

Official Number.	Name of Ship.	Tonnage.	Whether Steam or Sailing Ship.	Port of Registry.	Date of Registry.	Occasion of Appropriation.
4	<i>Pallion</i>	1111	"	"	$\frac{14}{7}$ 17 Apr "	" "
5	<i>Craiglands</i>	410	"	"	$\frac{7}{8}$ 12 May "	" "
6	<i>Mouse</i>	49	Sail ^d	Drogheda	$\frac{12}{78}$ 12 Feb 1878	New Ship
7	<i>Norah Breina</i>	426	Steam	"	$\frac{4}{78}$ 18 June "	" "
8	<i>Kathleen Maroween</i>	421	"	"	$\frac{1}{85}$ 27 July 85	" "

Appendix C: Advertised for Sale, May 1878

 **NEW iron Schooner **MOUSE**, 48 tons register; length, 69.6 x 16.1 x 7.05; built in Drogheda last January, and classed twenty years in Liverpool book; carries largely on light draught. Now at Garston. Apply to A. R. MARSHALL & Co., Brokers, 3, York-buildings, Liverpool.**

Appendix D: Newspaper Report on Successful Sailings, Nov 1878

REMARKABLY QUICK VOYAGE.—The new iron schooner **Mouse**, of Drogheda, Michael Egglestone, master, owned by Frederick St. George Smith, Esq., and built by Messrs. Grendon and Co., of Drogheda, sailed from that port at 11.30 in the forenoon of last Thursday, 24th October, arrived in Ayr (Scotland) on the following morning, discharged 50 tons stone ballast same day, took in a cargo of Lanemark coal on Saturday, sailed away, and arrived at Drogheda bar on Monday evening, 27th ult., making the run from Ayr harbour to Drogheda bar in 16 hours. This is the quickest return voyage from Drogheda to any Scotch port as yet recorded to have been performed by any sailing vessel hitherto. The **Mouse** is a first-class vessel, classed 20 years on the Liverpool Underwriters' registry for iron vessels.

Appendix E: Mercantile Navy Listing 1879, Mouse Drogheda

Official No.	Name of Ship and Port of Registry.	Rig.	Where built.	When built.	International Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Name and Address of <i>Sole</i> Registered Owner, or of <i>Managing</i> Owner when there are more Owners than One.
73621	Mountstuart, Glasgow . . .	S.	Dumbarton . . .	1878	R.P.B.Q	1220	James Hunter, 156, St. Vincent St., Glasgow.
31947	Mousam, Melbourne . . .	Bk.	Kennebunk, US . . .	1846	Q.T.C.R	197	Robert Knarston, Melbourne.
78426	Mouse, Drogheda . . .	Sr.	Drogheda . . .	1878		49	Frederick St. G. Smith, Drogheda.
74749	Mow Hill, Whitehaven . . .	Bkn.	Sunderland . . .	1877	R.H.B.V	220	William Price, Harrington, Cumberland.
77518	Moy, Campbeltown . . .	Sr.	Campbeltown . . .	1878		88	Charles C. Greenlees, Campbeltown.

Appendix F: Damaged Sailing from Ayr to Drogheda, Jul 1879

DROGHEDA, July 3.—Mouse.—The schooner **Mouse**, Eccleston, arrived here from Ayr, reports very heavy weather in the Channel, and had bowsprit and topmast carried away. Wind NNW, showery.

Appendix G: Anchored at Wexford, May 1891

AN INSANE SEA CAPTAIN.

An iron schooner named the "**Mouse**," of **Drogheda**, has been lying inside the harbour, opposite the pilot station, for the past couple of days unable to continue her voyage, in consequence of the condition of the captain. The vessel is bound for Drogheda from Kilmore. It appears that some time ago the captain's son was washed overboard a steamer and drowned, and the incident preyed so much upon the father's mind that he became insane. The schooner was taken charge of on Monday by a Wexford pilot, and will soon leave for her destination.

Appendix H: Blown Ashore at Dublin, Dec 1895

A Kingstown telegram says that, during a violent south-easterly gale yesterday, the schooner **Mouse** of **Cardigan**, bound for Dublin, was blown on to the West Pier and wrecked. The master saved himself by jumping on board the schooner **Jury** after his vessel had become unmanageable, and the crew of three men succeeded in swimming to the pier despite the storm and backwash. A tug took the disabled schooner in tow and brought her into the inner harbour, where she subsequently sank at her moorings.

Appendix I: Lifeboat Rescue at Pwllheli, Sep 1896

MOUSE.—*London, Sept. 19.*—The lifeboat Margaret Platt, of Stalybridge, belonging to Pwllheli, was called out on service during a strong southerly gale, and brought safely ashore the crew of three men of the schooner **Mouse**, of Wexford, bound for Portmadoc, in ballast. She also proceeded to the help of the yacht Atalanta, which was at anchor in a dangerous position, and brought her and the three persons on board into harbour.

The schooner Mouse, before reported beached at Pwllheli, has been floated.

Appendix J: Lifeboat Rescue at Abersoch, Oct 1896

The Mouse, from Portmadoc for Gloucester, with slates, is anchored in a critical position off Abersoch and grounds at half ebb.

MERVINIA. — *Portmadoc, Oct. 8, 3 7 p.m.* — Two schooners beached at Pwllheli ; good position ; lifeboat in attendance ; supposed Mervinia, slates, Copenhagen, and **Mouse**, slates, Gloucester. Fuller particulars on return from spot ; offering service.—[Lloyd's Agent.]

MERVINIA. — *Portmadoc, Oct 9, 9 35 a.m.*—Mervinia, Jones, Fortmadoc Copenhagen, slates ; Gowerian same, Bremen, both lying good position, must discharge. Alpha, Southampton, slates, worse position. Glyndwr same. All ashore Pwllheli. Llanbedrog Cambrian, slates, London ; Jane Grey, coals, Plymouth. **Mouse**, Portmadoc, Gloucester, slates. Emily Hellsmouth likely total wreck.

Portmadoc, Oct. 10.—Returned from stranded ships, including the steamer Oily. All in the same position, except the **Mouse** which has floated safely to anchor in Tudwall Roads ; no salvage. Gale abated

Appendix K: Mercantile Navy Listing 1897, Mouse Cardigan

Official No.	Name of Ship Port of Registry.	Rig.	Where built.	When built.	International Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Owner, or Part Owner, and Manager (if recorded). × Signifies <i>Managing Owner</i> . Italics signify <i>Manager</i> .
80257	Mountsfield, Rye	K.	Rye	1890	L.V.G.P	126	× William George Rubie, Rye.
78621	Mountstuart, Glasgow	S.	Dumbarton	1873	R.P.B.Q	1220	× Robert Russell, 8, Gordon Street, Glasgow.
73426	Mouse, Cardigan	Sr.	Drogheda	1878	..	49	× Richard Thomas, 27, Pendre, Cardigan.
103839	Move, Quebec	Sr.	Chateau Richer	1896	..	11	Hubert Caron, Chateau Richer, co. Montmorency, Quebec.

Appendix L: Ashore at Ballinlaw Point Ireland, Mar 1899

MOUSE.—New Ross, March 16.—Boat arriving here from Waterford reports schooner **Mouse**, hence for Bristol, laden with oats, ashore in river opposite Ballinlaw Point.

Appendix M: Lifeboat Rescue at Cardigan, Nov 1900 and Lifeboat Gallantry Award

MOUSE.—London, Nov. 8.—A strong gale prevailed at Cardigan yesterday, and in the morning the schooner **Mouse**, bound from Chester River for Fishguard, with coal, grounded on Popit Sands at the entrance to Cardigan River, and became a total wreck. The crew were saved.—[See issue of yesterday.]

LIFEBOAT RESCUES IN CARDIGAN BAY.

Shortly after four o'clock on Wednesday morning the coxswain of the lifeboat at St. Dogmells was aroused by the coastguard and informed that a vessel was in distress in the bay. Mr. David Rees, the coxswain, immediately ordered rockets to be fired for the crew, who assembled by five o'clock. The wind was now blowing a perfect hurricane, and the sea running mountains high. No lights were shown by the distressed vessel, but ultimately the lifeboat got within three lengths of her stern. In attempting to take off the crew the lifeboat was washed into shallow water, and had to ride at anchor for about an hour. As the sea was rising so rapidly the anchor had to be slipped, and the lifeboat ran over the bar and anchored. About nine o'clock the boat went out again, and succeeded in taking off the distressed crew and landing them safely. The vessel proved to be the *Mouse*, belonging to the Cardigan Mercantile Company, bound from Pont-y-Air, to Fishguard with a cargo of coal.

THRILLING LIFEBOAT RESCUE.

Cardigan has had a thrilling lifeboat experience, providentially resulting in the saving of three lives. The incident was all the more intense because it took place in daylight in the presence of many witnesses. Early on Wednesday morning the coast-

guard outlook signalled a vessel in distress in the bay and the crew of the lifeboat were called together by means of rockets fired at Penrhyn Coastguard Station by order of the Cox, Mr David Rees, and within the hour, the boat was afloat. The vessel turned out to be the "Mouse," an iron schooner belonging to the Cardigan Mercantile Co., on a voyage with about 80 tons of coal from the Dee to Fishguard. She got caught in the hurricane which raged early on Wednesday morning and which littered the western shores with a good many wrecks. She had no alternative but to drive on the rocks, or beach, and her captain ran her to beach near the bar. The hull was quite submerged and the crew of three had to lash themselves to the foremast head. She was a good deal battered about by the high seas, and the lifeboat crew had a task of great difficulty and danger to face. For an hour they hung on to the vessel, and finally they had to slip anchor, and run over the bar. Ultimately the lifeboat returned and about 10 o'clock succeeded with the aid of lines in taking off the three men, who were very much exhausted from the long exposure. It was not, however, until 11 o'clock in the morning that a landing was effected when the pent up feelings of those who had witnessed the struggle found vent in hearty cheers and many congratulations. The rescued men were taken to the Poppitt Inn where they had all their pressing wants attended to at the expense of the Shipwrecked Mariners Society. The Society also provided the men with an outfit of clothes, boots, money, and in two cases a free pass home, one to Holyhead and the other to Aberystwyth. The lifeboat crew deserve the highest commendation for their successful work under circumstances attended with great danger and it is a laudible fact also that two of the crew were volunteers. The Cardigan Lifeboat has a saving record of exactly 103 lives.

Ashore on Poppit Sands.

On Thursday, after discharging about 35 tons of coal, which were her cargo, the efforts to float the iron schooner Mouse, which ran ashore on Poppit Sands during the recent gale, were successful.

LIFEBOAT GALLANTRY.—At a general committee meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, presided over by Sir Edward Birkbeck, it was reported that the silver medal was awarded to Mr David Rees, late coxswain of the Cardigan lifeboat, in recognition of his long and gallant services in saving life from shipwreck. Mr Rees rendered yeoman service on the occasion of the rescue from the wrecked schooner "Mouse," of Cardigan, on the 7th of November last.

The Royal Lifeboat Institution has awarded Mr. Rees a special medal and their thanks on vellum handsomely framed. This was done in the matter of the Mouse, of Cardigan, last year, which Mr. Rees described as "a fearful job." "I never saw," he said, "a worse sea in the bay. The seas washed clean over the vessel, and only the very topmasts were visible, and the crew were whipped off from the ship to the lifeboat. This service has been acknowledged by the Royal Lifeboat Institution as one of the most brilliant rendered on the Cardiganshire coast, and for this especially I gained the medal and thanks of the society."

Appendix N: Lifeboat Rescue at Cardigan, Feb 1903

RESCUE IN CARDIGAN BAY.

During the gale at four a.m. on Friday danger signals were observed from a vessel in Cardigan Bay, which afterwards proved to be the Mouse, from Swansea, with a cargo of culm for her owners, the Cardigan Mercantile Company. The lifeboat crew assembled at once, and the boat was launched in a very short space of time; but, owing to the wind and heavy ground sea, were unable to take off the crew of three men and the pilot, and it was not until between ten and eleven o'clock that this was effected in safety. It appears the Mouse was making for the river when the wind shifted dead against her, and drove her back outside the bar on the Pembrokeshire side, where she anchored amid a most tempestuous sea, but is now out of danger. The Mouse is the same vessel which about two years ago sunk during a gale near the same spot, and her crew then had to be taken off by the lifeboat.

STORMY WEATHER.—During last week terrible weather has been experienced in this district, but luckily unattended with any serious mishap. About four o'clock on Friday morning last, signals of distress were fired from a vessel in the bay, outside the bar, towards the Pembrokeshire side. The lifeboat crew were at once summoned, but, according to the captain of the ship, it was four before she was launched, and then half her crew were volunteers, the usual crew not having turned up. For some time the lifeboat was unable to approach the vessel—which proved to be the "Mouse" with culm from Swansea for the Mercantile Co., and so remained cruising about until between ten and eleven o'clock, when they were able to rescue the crew of three, together with the pilot who was aboard. Later in the day, the crew again boarded the vessel, and brought her into the river on the evening tide. She now lies high and dry on the sand near the target for the battery, and it will be matter of impossibility to bring her from there without discharging her. The Captain of the "Mouse" was loud in his complaints of the dilatoriness of the crew in not mustering sooner, and said there were a lot of fine-weather sailors among the crew of the lifeboat.

THE "MOUSE."—After her escapade of last week the "Mouse" still continues high and dry near the mouth of the river. Her cargo is now being discharged. After her numerous experiences in different part it is a wonder that she is still above water.

LIFEBOAT SERVICES.—The local Secretary of this Institution received 19 17s 6d from the Parent Society to be distributed among the crew for services rendered in connection with the dandy "Mouse," which was in distress in the bay during the last storm. Each member received 22s 6d.

Appendix O: Driven Ashore at Cardigan, Sep 1903

The Recent Gale.—As at most places in the district, Cardigan felt the full effects of the gales last Thursday evening, and great damage was done to house property and trees, whilst the boating on the river even fared worse. There was a high tide which was increased by the winds to a height of about eight feet above the average, with the result that several boats were washed above the quay. There is one boat to be seen at present lying almost at the door of the Royal Oak. In the upper part of the town

and carried the same upstairs. Luckily there were no ships in the bay else they would have fared badly. The "Ellen Owens" which was at anchor below the ferry was blown hard up against the bank of Old Castle field, just round the ferry corner, and lies some feet above ordinary high water mark, whilst the "Mouse" — once more in trouble—lying in the river with a cargo of bricks was blown on to the Pembrokeshire side, below Mount Pleasant, where she lies high and dry. Before she can be shifted it will be necessary to discharge part at least of her cargo. A great number

MOUSE.—Cardiff, Sept. 12.—At Cardigan during the gale the ketch Mouse and smack Ellen Owen dragged anchors near St. Dogmells and went ashore.

Appendix P: Accident at Cardigan Wharf, Aug 1904

Accident at the wharf.—A distressing accident occurred at the wharf on Thursday evening last. Thomas George, of Greenfield row, had been temporarily engaged to assist on the "Mouse" and during operations there with the ropes he got entangled in a coil which was paying out rapidly at the time. The rope twisted round his leg, and pulling taut broke the two bones completely, and leaving the lower part dangling. His cries soon brought efficient help, and Mr J. J. Jones, Argyle House, rendered first aid in stemming the flow of blood. Dr. Charles Jones then made everything secure previous to his removal home, where later in the evening the leg was amputated below the knee. Dr. Chas. Jones performed the operation, and was assisted by Dr. Brown and Dr. Pritchard. An act of kindness was on Saturday quietly performed by Mr. W. Godsell, who collected from friends over 15s., which he handed over to Georges' wife.

Appendix Q: Announcement of New Master, Apr 1905

Marine.—At the monthly meeting of Cardigan Mercantile Company on Monday, out of six candidates, Mr Samuel Jones, Aberporth, was appointed master of the Company's vessel, "The Mouse."

Appendix R: Announcement of Dividend Payment, Jun 1905

Cardigan Mercantile Company.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of this Company, held on Monday, June 19th, a dividend of five per cent was declared, carrying £20 to the reserve fund, which was brought up to £480, and £13 8s. 9d. towards writing off the amount standing against the ketch, "Mouse," which would reduce it to £580.—The three retiring directors—Messrs Henry Evans, W. E. James, and R. W. Woolcock were re-elected, and Mr. E. Owen elected to fill the vacancy in the directorate caused by the death of Mr W. Picton Evans. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. O. Beynon Evans was elected chairman of the Board and the vacancy in the consulting committee was filled by the election of Mr. John Evans, auctioneer.

Appendix S: Drowning of Former Captain, Sep 1905

CAPTAIN DROWNED IN THE TEIFY.

On Friday morning the body of a man was observed in the River Teify, close to the landing-stage on the netpole, by Richard Elliott, captain of the schooner Violet, and Mr. Jackson, of the gasworks. How the deceased, who was about 70 years of age, met his death is another mystery. The deceased, who was recognised as David Jenkins, was formerly master of the ketch Mouse, of Cardigan, and is the second master of that vessel who has met his death by drowning. Latterly the deceased had been very depressed, and had threatened suicide. An inquest was held at the police-station in the afternoon, before Mr. J. H. Evans, coroner, who, in his opening remarks, again alluded to the dangerous state of the approach to the river. The inquiry lasted three hours. Ultimately a verdict of "Found drowned" was returned.

Appendix T: Collision at Cardigan Wharf, May 1906

Cardigan Bridge Damaged. — On Sunday morning, as the ketch "Mouse" was wharfing to her berth at the Mercantile Company's wharf, the current suddenly caught her and she was carried against the bridge, her bowsprit penetrating the parapet in an ugly manner. The hole, however, was mended the following day.

Appendix U: Accident at Cardigan Wharf, Apr 1908

The Surveyor said it was difficult to get labour. He could not get a mason.—The Mayor also drew attention to some stones being laid on the path opposite Victoria Gardens by Mr. Thomas Jenkins.—The Surveyor said he had cautioned Mr. Jenkins many times.—On the motion of Captain Evans, it was resolved that a notice be sent to Mr. Jenkins requesting him to remove the stones.—Mr. G. H. Mathias drew attention to the rescue made by one D. J. Williams, tailor, on Saturday evening, and he thought that the attention of the Royal Humane Society should be drawn to the matter. He suggested that the Mayor should take the matter in hand.—Alderman Mathias in supporting, said they should do all in their power to encourage life-saving, and there was no doubt that the child would have been drowned.—Asked for details connected with it, Mr. G. H. Mathias said that about 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, a child named Griffiths was playing with other children on the quay. He was playing with the rope of the "Mouse," when somehow or other the rope pulled him into the river. Mr. Williams was at the time in his mother's house when he heard someone shout that there was a fight. He went out and saw the child's hands above the water. He took off his coat and went after him. A stranger from Eglwysrwrw also attempted. There were a score of people there, but none of them had the pluck to go after the child, who, no doubt, but for Williams, would have been drowned.—The Council agreed that the Mayor should try and obtain recognition from the Royal Humane Society.

Appendix V: Collision at Connah's Quay, Aug 1908

MOSS ROSE.—Connah's Quay, Aug. 10.—The schooner Moss Rose, of Chester, from Dublin, when rounding to anchor at Connah's Quay, struck ketch **Mouse**, of Cardigan, doing slight damage to rails and bulwarks.

Appendix W: Collision at Holyhead, Aug 1910

MOUSE (ketch).—*Holyhead, Aug. 27, 2 38 p.m.*—Ketch **Mouse**, of **Cardigan**, from **Garston** for **Cardigan**, with coals, while anchored in Refuge Harbour, during strong SW wind yesterday, dragged anchors and fouled R.M.S. *Ulster*, lying moored. Ketch sustained slight damage to rail and bulwark; was assisted by men from steamer and eventually slipped anchor and cable, and took new berth. Intend to recover anchor to-day.

Appendix X: Struck Rocks at Dinas Head Fishguard, Feb 1911

MOUSE, ketch, of Cardigan, from Swansea for Cardigan, cargo culm, struck rocks off Dinas Head this afternoon. Tug *Palmerston* went to her assistance, and towed her into lower Fishguard harbour; no arrangements made for towage. Extent of damage not known. (Fishguard, Feb. 11.)

Appendix Y: Observed Floating Raft near Portland Bill, Aug 1913

Newhaven, Aug. 23.—The **Mouse**, of Cardigan, from Plymouth, reports:—Aug. 22, at 9 a.m., five miles W of Portland Bill, passed a large floating raft, apparently a life-saving raft, about 30 ft. square, made of four spars and boards; no marks observed. Drifting east.