

SV Pudsey Dawson

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The SV Pudsey Dawson was the vessel that George and Fanny OLIVER came to New Zealand on in 1855. They disembarked at Wellington on the 23rd December 1853.

The following from the 'Through Mighty Seas' website.

From the Cumberland Pacquet newspaper, Tuesday, 16th November 1852, page 3: " A very fine vessel was launched on Thursday last from the ship-building yard of Messrs.Lumley Kennedy and Co., of this town. The high reputation so long enjoyed by this eminent firm is fully maintained by this, their latest production. She is a very handsome and well-finished vessel, of 693 tons, O.M., and 761, N.M. She possesses a full poop and top-gallant forecastle, and has been built under the special survey of Lloyd's surveyor, for the 13 years A1 class. Her figure-head is a full-length female one, representing Aurora, from a statue by T.Gibson, R.A., and is executed in the best style of Mr.Brooker, of Maryport. As she glided from the stocks she was named, pro tem, Coringa, - the name of a seaport in the Bay of Bengal, - by John Peile, Esq. As she has not yet been disposed of, this name is, of course, but a temporary one. She will no doubt speedily find a purchaser, when we trust the skill and energy of her enterprising builders will meet with an ample reward."

The Coringa was a full-rigged ship launched on the 11th November 1852 by Lumley Kennedy & Co. of Whitehaven. She was registered at Liverpool on the 25th January 1853, under the new name of Pudsey Dawson. Possibly she was named after Pudsey Dawson, a Liverpool merchant and shipowner who was Mayor of Liverpool in 1799. The figure-head seems to have caused some confusion to the registrar - it is described in the launch report as female, and on the registry certificate as male. The certificate also states that the vessel had imitation galleries.

From the Manchester Guardian, 19th April 1856, Front Page : " SAN FRANCISCO-LIVERPOOL LINE OF CALIFORNIA PACKETS - Warranted First Vessel; not Coal Laden.-To be despatched 30th April.- For San Francisco, from Liverpool, the magnificent Whitehaven-built clipper Ship Pudsey Dawson; J.Davies, Commander; 693 tons register, A1 for 13 years, and only two years old. This splendid ship will be found the most desirable conveyance ever offered to shippers from this country. Loading in Salthouse Dock.-For terms of freight &c. apply to Boulton, English, and Brandon, Rumford Place; or Muir and Leighton, 15, Water-street, Liverpool. " The Pudsey Dawson was involved in passenger services to other areas. She arrived in Port Chalmers, New Zealand on the 15th December 1854 (Capt.Davies), from London, passengers and general cargo, and then berthed at Wellington (from Otago) on the 23rd December (see Source 3). She is also reported as arriving at Robe, Victoria, Australia, on the 21st May 1857 from Hong Kong (Capt.J.Davies) (see Source 4).

Source 6 reports that the Pudsey Dawson was sold to Hosken of Liverpool in 1867, then to Anderson of London three years later. In 1877 she was owned in Plymouth. The ship ended her days in that port, reduced first to a barge and then to a coal hulk.

Name	Year Built	Gross Tons	Length (feet)	Breadth (feet)	Depth (feet)	Masts	Figurehead	Stern
Lloyd's Classn.	Pudsey Dawson	1852	762	144.1	28.2	21.0	3	Man bust Square A1 13

Sources :

- "Shipbuilding in Whitehaven - A Checklist" by Harry Fancy, Whitehaven Museum (1984) - gives launch date, tonnage as 762 and states that the ship was registered at London in 1873.
- BoT Transcript of Liverpool Shipping Register (No.35 for 1853) at the Merseyside Maritime Museum - gives launch date as 11th Nov.1852, and states that the registration was transferred from Liverpool to Plymouth in 1874.
- <http://www.angelfire.com/az/nzgenweb/ships.html> and <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nzboun/otago1855.htm>
- <http://www.blaxland.com/ozships/events/4/349.htm#12456>
- The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, UK has a photo of a painting of the Pudsey Dawson, negative number D1626.
- "Ships of West Cumberland" by Desmond G.Sythes (first published 1969, republished by The Friends of Whitehaven Museum, 1992) - information from Sheila Cartwright.
- Mercantile Navy List 1857 gives official number and names port of registry as Liverpool, vessel 761 tons, signal code LDVM.
- American Lloyd's Register of American and Foreign Shipping, 1870 - vessel described as a ship, names master as Coole, owner as Hutchinson & Co.
- American Lloyd's Register of American and Foreign Shipping, 1881 - vessel described as a barque, names master as R.Rawle, owner as Moore & Rawle, registered at Plymouth.http://www.mightyseas.co.uk/marhist/whitehaven/pudsey_dawson.htm

