

## CREW OF CRAIGIE LEA ON WRECKING 26 DECEMBER 1879

Agreement No 47492 voyage commencing 5 ? 1878, terminating 26 December 1879 in Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Name of Ship: Craigie Lea  
Official number: 50251  
Port of Registry: Dublin  
Port No & Date of Registry: 1873  
Registered tonnage: 621  
Registered Managing Owner: Kingstown, Dublin

Voyage from London to Wellington &/or any port or ports in the New Zealand Australasian etc...to and from for a period not to exceed three years, and back to a final port of discharge in the United Kingdom or Continent of Europe between the Eehe and Brent.

Signed by A J Winther, master on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1878.

### Crew when wrecked 26 December 1879:

1. **Andrew Julius WINTHER** - Master, age 29, born Vesterby, joined ship London, 31 January 1878
2. **James COURT-FRAMPTON** - Boson, age 24, born Weymo, joined ship London, 31 January 1878
3. **Robert ROBERTSON** – Carpenter, age 21, born Aberdeen, joined ship London, 31 January 1878
4. **Demetria CARTINA** – AB, age 28, born Trieste, joined ship London 31 January 1878
5. **John GIOVANNI** – AB, age 20, born Austria, joined ship London 31 January 1878
6. **John KNIGHT** – AB, age 38, born Germany, joined ship Freemantle 10 August 1878
7. **Harry WESTLEY** - OS, age 16, born ?, joined ship Wellington 20 November 1878
8. **Carl AHLSTRON** - AB, age 35, born Sweden, joined ship Nj? 24 December 1878
9. **Arthur RAVENSWOOD** - Born Hants, joined ship Sydney 2 August 1879
10. **Thomas LYNCH** - AB, age 23, born Waterford, joined ship Sydney 2 August 1879
11. **Richard WALL** - AB, age 40, born Liverpool, joined ship Sydney 2 August 1879
12. **Frederick JOHNSON** - AB, age 44, born Norway, joined ship Sydney 2 August 1879
13. **Charles FOX** - AB, age 37, born N ?, joined ship Sydney 5 August 1879
14. **E VINT** - AB, age 21, born London, joined ship Sydney 4 August 1879
15. **William McATAMONY** - AB, born Chorl, joined ship Sydney 4 August 1879

G. O. S. F. D.  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1880

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to report for the information of the Board of Trade the wreck of the British Barque "Craigie Lea" (O. N 50251) of Dublin - A. Winter Master - which took place near Cape Porpoise, West Falkland Island about 11 o'clock on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult.

The vessel which was bound from Malden Island for the English Channel for orders was laden with a cargo of guano and I am informed by the master of her, intended to call at this Port for provisions.

Fortunately the master and crew were able to land by the ship's boats early the next morning and after some little time fell in with a small house at Tanny Cove occupied by David Hewitt, a shepherd in the employment of the Falkland Islands Company. Hewitt who is only a working man entertained the whole of the crew (15 hands all told) at his small house for several days, and perhaps the Board of Trade may think it desirable to make him some recompense for his humane conduct.

The casualty was reported to His Excellency the Governor by Lloyd's Agent at this Port late in the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. and as there was no other means of bringing the crew into Stanley he considered it his duty to charter a schooner and send for them as soon as possible.

For this purpose the schooner "Fairy" belonging to the Falkland Islands Company was chartered for the sum of £30 - which was a moderate charge

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charge - and the master and crew were landed by her at Stanley on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. Under the circumstances His Excellency trusts that you may be pleased to sanction this payment, which is included in the account current forwarded by this Mail.

The master remains here for the present as he hopes to be able to save some portion of the vessel and cargo. Ten of the crew for whom I have been unable to find employment in the Colony are despatched to Monte Video, in route to England by the Mail Schooner "Black Hawk" which leaves to-day.

The usual report of the casualty furnished by the Captain and a Deposition made by him before the Receiver of Wrecks are forwarded herewith.

I have &c

(Sgd) John W Collins

The Assistant Secy  
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Marine Department  
Board of Trade  
London

G. O. S. J. J.  
6<sup>th</sup> April 1880

Sir,

I have the honour to report for the information of the Board of Trade that A Winter (Certificate No 96 076) Master of the British Barque "Craigie Lea" which was wrecked near Bull Point, East Falkland Island on the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec last - as reported in my letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> January - has now sold the wreck as she stands by public auction for £3..5/-.

Some spars, boats, rigging and other articles salvaged from the wreck were disposed of on the same occasion for about £145.

There have been two opportunities for the master returning to England but instead of doing so he remains here and is I am informed in the employment of Messrs Drax & Sons who purchased the wreck and most of the other articles sold.

The Registrar General  
of Shipping & Seamen  
Basinghall St  
London

I have &c  
(Sgd) J. J. Callaghan

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