

COUNTESS OF SEAFIELD, Official number 26507. Voyage Details from Lloyd's List ¹

Builder: William Turnbull
South Stockton.

Rig: Barque
Tonnage: 436

Built: 1852
Wrecked: 1870

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1852

Mar 11	Hartlepool	8	Brown	sailed for	Hong Kong
Mar 15	off Newhaven		Brown	arr from H'pool	for Hong Kong
June 14	Vessels spoken. <i>Countess of Seafield</i> . (ship) Hartlepool for East Indies with loss of heads of lower masts etc. by the <i>Crusader</i> , arrived at Boston				

1853

Jan 19	Stts. of Sunda	Oct 24	Brown	arrived from Whampoa	for New York
Jan 26	St. Helena	Dec 10	Brown	arr & sailed for New York	Whampoa
Feb 7	New York	Jan 22-24	Brown	arrived from	Whampoa
Apr 4	issue missing			at London ?	
May 10	issue missing			at London ?	
Oct 29	Stts. of Sunda	Aug 27	Brown	arrived from London	for Shanghai
Dec 27	Shanghai	Oct 4	Brown	arrived from	London
Dec 28	Shanghai	Oct 20	Brown	sailed for	London

1854

Jan 13	Shanghai	Nov 8	Brown	sailed for	London
Feb 14	Stts. of Sunda	Dec 16	Brown	arrived from	Shanghai
April 1	St Helena	Feb 14	Brown	arrived from	Shanghai
April 7	Deal	April 6	---	arrived from	Whampoa
April 8	Gravesend	April 7	Brown	arrived from	Shanghai
June 20	Gravesend	June 20	Brown	sailed for	Sydney NSW
June 21	Deal	June 20	Hamshaw	sailed for	Sydney
June 26	Deal	June 26	---	sailed	
July 14	38N 10W	no date	Vessels spoken: <i>Hindustan</i> , Cardiff to Constantinople and <i>Countess of Seafield</i> , bound for Sydney, same day by the <i>Ada</i> , arrived in Liverpool		

1855

Jan 26	Sydney NSW	Oct 24	---	arrived from	London
Mar 17	Sydney	Nov 29	Hamshaw	sailed for	Shanghai
<i>May 1</i>	<i>Shanghai</i>	<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>Innes</i>	<i>Countess of Seafield²</i>	<i>arrived from London</i>
May 1	Shanghai	Feb 14	---	arrived from	Sydney NSW
May 31	Shanghai	Mar 31	Hamshaw	sailed for	London
July 3	Stts. of Sunda	Apr 29	Hamshaw	arrived from	Shanghai
Aug 7	St Helena	June 26	---	---	---
Aug 9	Gravesend	Aug 8	Hamshaw	arrived from	Shanghai
Nov 10	Gravesend	Nov 9	Hamshaw	sailed for	Cape of Good Hope
Nov 12	Deal	Nov 11	Hamshaw	arr from the River for	Cape of Good Hope

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1856

Mar 24	Table Bay	Jan 20	Hamshaw	arrived from	London
Mar 29	Table Bay	Feb 4	Hamshaw	sailed for	Penang
June 3	Penang	Apr 8	---	arrived from	London
July 1	Penang	Apr 29	---	sailed for	London
Sept 19	St Helena	July 30	Hamshaw	arrived from Penang and	sailed for London
Sept 25	Deal	Sept 25	---	arrived from	Penang
Sept 26	Gravesend	Sept 26	Hamshaw	arrived from	Penang
Dec 6	Gravesend	Dec 5	Hamshaw	sailed for	Shanghai
Dec 15	Deal	Dec 13	Hamshaw	arrived from the River for	Shanghai

1857

June 2	Stts. of Sunda	Apr 8	---	arrived from London for	Shanghai
Aug 14	Shanghai	May 31	Hamshaw	arrived from	London
Aug 29	Woosung ³	Jun 23	Hamshaw	sailed for	Swatow {Shantou}
Oct 28	Shanghai	Aug 12	Hamshaw	arrived from	Swatow

1858

Jan 1	Woosung	Oct 30	Hamshaw	sailed for	London
Jan 29	Stts. of Sunda	Nov 24	Hamshaw	arrived from	Shanghai for London
Mar 2	15S 7W	Jan 12	Vessel spoken	<i>Countess of Seafield</i> , Shanghai to London	
Mar 9	Deal	Mar 9	Hamshaw	arrived from	China
Mar 10	Gravesend	Mar 9	Hamshaw	arrived from	Shanghai
May 5	Gravesend	May 5	Brown	sailed for	Shanghai
May 6	Deal	May 6	Brown	sailed for	Shanghai
Oct 20	Anjer {Java}	Aug 12	Brown	arrived from	London
Nov 13	Shanghai	Sept 16	Brown	arrived from	Gravesend

1859

Mar 1	Shanghai	Jan 5	Brown	cleared for	Amoy {Xiamen}
Mar 16	Woosung	Jan 10	Brown	sailed for	Swatow
May 16	Shanghai	Mar 15	Brown	arrived from	Swatow
June 10	Woosung	April 11	Brown	sailed for	Swatow
Aug 2	Shanghai	May 27	Brown	arrived from	Swatow
Aug 27	Woosung	June 24	Brown	sailed for	Nagasaki
Sept 28	The <i>Loch Lomond</i> , Morrison, from Nagasaki (26 June) for Kanagaiva, went on shore on the Saratoga Spit, about 20 miles down on the East side of the Bay of Jeddo, 5th July, and had settled so deeply in the sand, that it was doubtful if she could be got off. The cargo and specie were being discharged into Japanese lighters, and would partly be received by the <i>Countess of Seafield</i>				
Nov 28	Woosung	Sept 30	Brown	arrived from	Japan
		Oct 2	Brown	sailed for	Hong Kong
Nov 30	Hong Kong	Oct 10	Brown	arrived from	Kanapawa {?}

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1860

April 27	Shanghai	Mar 1	Brown	arrived from	Hong Kong
May 28	Woosung	Mar 29	Brown	sailed for	London
June 28	Stts. of Sunda	May 3	Brown	arrived from	Shanghai
Aug 18	Deal	Aug 18	Brown	arrived from	Woosung
Aug 20	Gravesend	Aug 18	Brown	arrived from	Shanghai
Oct 2	off Dartmouth	Sept{?} 27	Brown	for New York	Newcastle
Dec 3	New York	Nov 18	Brown	arrived from	Newcastle

1861

Jan 28	Queenstown (receiv'd 28 th) <i>Countess of Seafield</i> arrived from				New York
				with decks swept and cargo shifted	
Feb 15	Plymouth	Feb 14	Brown	arrived from	New York
Mar 28	Plymouth	Mar 25	Brown	arrived from	London
Jun 29	Deal	Jun 29	---	arr. from the River and sailed for P. Philip	

1862

Jan 13	Melbourne	Oct 30	Pounder	arrived from	London
Feb 15	Melbourne	Nov 29	Pounder	sailed for	Guam ⁴
Mar 17	Madras	Feb 9	Pounder	arrived from	Melbourne
Mar 21	Madras	Feb 19	Pounder	sailed for	Calingapatan ⁵
July 9	Mauritius	May 13	Pounder	arrived from	Caligagapatan
		May 14		and sailed for	Plymouth
Aug 30	St. Helena	July 26	Pounder	arrived from	Bimlipatan {?}
Oct 3	Plymouth	Oct 2	Pounder	arrived from	Bimlipatam {?}
Oct 8	Deal	Oct 8	---	arrived from	Bimlippatan {?}
Oct 10	Gravesend	Oct 9	Pounder	arrived from	Calingapatan

1863

Jan 8	Deal	Jan 8	---	arr from the river for	Mauritius
Jan 13	off the Start	Jan 11	Pounder	for Bombay	London
Jun 5	Mauritius	April 20	Pounder	arrived from	London
Aug 4	Mauritius	June 9	Pounder	sailed for	Queenstown
<i>Aug 26</i>		<i>May 29</i>		<i>Vessels spoken: Countess of Seafield, Akyab to London }</i>	
	<i>by the Hougomont. Flamank at St. Helena</i>			<i>Countess of Seafield, Akyab (?) to London (?) }</i>	⁶
<i>Sept 5</i>	<i>40N 33W</i>	<i>Aug 26</i>		<i>Vessels spoken: Countess of Seafield, from Mauritius</i>	
Sept 5	3S 19W	July 25		<i>Countess of Seafield</i> arrived from	Mauritius
Sept 18	Queenstown (rec'd 18 th)			<i>Countess of Seafield</i> arrived from	Mauritius
Sept 25	Queenstown (rec'd 25 th)			<i>Countess of Seafield</i> arrived from	Mauritius

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1864

Feb 1	Gravesend	Jan 31	Dawson (?)	sailed for	Canterbury NZ
Aug 6	Hobart Town	The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> , Danvers, from London to Canterbury NZ put in here 1 June in distress; 10 drowned, cargo much damaged, will proceed in three weeks after repairs. (received 6th from Alexandria.)			
Aug 15	Hobart Town	June 23	The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> , Danvers, from London to Canterbury NZ which put in here 1 June had had her decks swept of boats, bulwarks, houses etc. and topsides and decks started by heavy seas in a severe hurricane off Desolation Isle 28 April, where she also lost the 9 seamen and a passenger over board.		
Aug 22	Hobart Town	June 8	The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> , London to Canterbury, which put in here with damage 1 June, is discharging a portion of her cargo previous to being repaired.		
Oct 10	(received from Suez 8 Oct.) Hobart Town	Aug 23	Danvers	sailed for	Lyttleton NZ
Oct 17	Hobart Town	Aug 6	Danvers	sailed for	Lyttleton NZ
Nov 16	Lyttleton NZ	Aug 25	Danvers	After repairing with all her original cargo arrived from London & Hobart Town	

1865

Oct 16	Lyttleton N.Z.	July 26	Anderson	arrived from	Hobart Town
Oct 16	Hobart Town	Aug 23	---	The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> which arrived here on 17 August from Lyttleton will, it is said, have to be sold.	

1866

June 11	Newcastle NSW	April 6	Rae	arrived from	Melbourne
Sept 14	Newcastle NSW	July 4	Rae	sailed for	Mauritius
Oct 15	Mauritius	Aug 28	Rae	arrived from	Newcastle NSW

1867

Jan 8	Mauritius	Dec 4	Rae	sailed for	Melbourne
Mar 15	Melbourne	Jan 7	Rae	arrived from	Mauritius
April 15	Newcastle NSW	Feb 15	Rae	sailed for	Wallaroo ⁷
Oct 14	Newcastle NSW	Aug 5	Rae	sailed for	Mauritius
Nov 16	Mauritius	Oct 3	Rae	arrived from	Newcastle NSW
Dec 18	Mauritius	Nov 8	Rae	sailed for	Melbourne

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1868					
Feb 12	Melbourne	Dec 12	Rae	arrived from	Mauritius
April 20	Newcastle NSW	Feb 7	---	sailed for	Mauritius
May 16	Mauritius	April 8	Lulham	arrived from	Newcastle NSW
July 16	Mauritius	May 21	Lulham	sailed for	Melbourne
Sept 7	Melbourne	July 2	Lulham	arrived from	Mauritius
{The <i>Countess of Seafield</i>) was thrown on her beam ends during a hurricane and had bulwarks started besides other damage on deck.					
Sept 30	Melbourne	July 18	Lulham	arrived from	Mauritius etc.
Oct 30	Newcastle NSW	Aug 11	Lulham	sailed for	Mauritius
Nov 2	Newcastle NSW	Aug 11	Lulham	sailed for	Mauritius
Dec 18	Mauritius	Oct 18	Lulham	arrived from	Newcastle NSW
		Nov 4		and sailed for	Melbourne

1869

Feb 22	Hobart Town	Dec 6	Lulham	arrived from	Mauritius
May 17	Hobart Town	Mar 1	Lulham	sailed for	London
Jun 25	Deal	June 25	---	arrived from	Hobart Town
Jun 26	Gravesend	June 25	---	arrived from	Hobart Town
Aug 10	Cardiff	Aug 6	Sullivan	sailed for	Mauritius
Oct 5	17 N 26W	Sept (?) 24	Vessel spoken, <i>Countess of Seafield</i> , Cardiff to Mauritius		
Dec 18	Mauritius	Nov 2	Lulham	arrived from	Cardiff

1870

Jan 15	Mauritius	Nov 26	Lulham	sailed for	Hobart Town
Feb 22	Hobart Town	Dec 28	Lulham	arrived from	Mauritius
April 18	Newcastle NSW	Feb 11	---	sailed for	Mauritius
May 9	Mauritius	March 30	Pearce	sailed for	Newcastle NSW
June 6	Mauritius	April 22	Pearce	sailed for	Hobart Town
Aug 23	Hobart Town	May 27	---	arrived from	Mauritius
Sept 13	Batavia. {now Jakarta} (received 9 September per telegraph from Galle {?}). The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> (British Vessel) a total loss in Torres Straits. No particulars regarding master, cargo or destination. N.B. The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> sailed from Newcastle NSW for Singapore 14 July.				
Sept 28	Newcastle NSW	14 July	Pearce	sailed for	Singapore
Oct 4	The <i>Loch Awe</i> , Farquar, which arrived at Batavia on 9 th August from Rotterdam, reported that in passing through the Torres Straits, she saw an English barque on shore throwing cargo over board to lighten, and a North German three-masted schooner abandoned. [With reference to the barque, see Batavia {above} particulars in List 13 September relating to the <i>Countess of Seafield</i> which vessel was a barque, and with regard to the North German schooner, see Batavia {above} particulars relating to the <i>Honolulu</i> , in List of yesterday.]				
Oct 25	Batavia. Sept 10, The <i>Countess of Seafield</i> , of Hobart Town, Pearce, from Newcastle NSW with coals struck in Bramble Bay, at the Eastern entrance of Torres Straits, in the night of the 3 rd of August, it was found impossible to get her off, and she was abandoned the next night, her crew being landed on the 2nd. Sept. at Samarang by the <i>Talisman</i> Johannsen (see paragraph in the List of 13 September).				

Footnotes and further notes

- ¹ Compiled (2003) by Peter Barton, 39 Fishponds Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. CV8 1EY
- ² This Countess of Seafield (ship) was built at Aberdeen in 1848 and lost March 1855. Tonnage 520/451
Entry of interest as it shows both vessels at Shanghai at the same time. After being stranded in March 1855, the Aberdeen clipper was refloated and sold to Cantonese owners. Subsequent history not known.
- ³ Woosung: 12 miles below Shanghai.
- ⁴ Guam is unlikely, but ships used to 'clear for Guam', which was largely uninhabited, if they did not want to declare their destination or be obliged to carry mail.
(from *The China Bird*, David R MacGregor, London, 1961. Page 192.)
- ⁵ Possibly Kalingapatam, about 400 miles north of Madras (India). Bimlipatan not known.
- ⁶ These two entries would seem to refer to another Countess of Seafield. Quoted positions do not fit the Stockton built Countess of Seafield returning from Mauritius in accordance with entry for Aug 4 and the second entry for Sept 5.
- ⁷ Wallaroo: Spencer Gulf, South Australia, (West of Adelaide)

Further comment

This list has been compiled from notes taken from microfilm held at the London Guildhall Library. These are not always as clear as could be wished and perhaps one or two entries *may* yield a little more information than appears here. The occasional name, where obviously there has been an error in the published Lloyd's List, has been corrected. e.g. Hampshire *for* Hamshaw & Browning *for* Brown.

Some destinations, assumed to be in Japan have not been identified: e.g. see Sept 28 and Nov 30 1859. See also footnote 5 above.

Lloyd's List extract entries enclosed in {brackets} have been added by the compiler of these notes.

More details for 1854/55 voyage can be obtained from the log book in the possession of Lynne & Malcolm Watson of Middlesbrough.

Cargoes: Customs Bills of Entry *for* the Port of London (in British Newspaper Library, Colindale, London) have not been explored but they are an obvious source of information for the range of cargoes (apart from tea from China) brought into London by the *Countess of Seafield*.

Official number of the *Countess of Seafield* (26507) given on her original registration, Stockton, 1852, also appears in the Hobart Town register recording her demise in 1870.