

ss FAIRY QUEEN

built by McGill & Gilmour, Irvine, Yard No 17
Engines by Hall Brown, Butterly & Co, Govan

Propulsion: 2 Cylinder diagonal compound direct acting steam engine 20 HP

Launched: Saturday, 06/05/1893

Built: 1893

Ship Type: Passenger Steamer

Ship's Role: Forth & Clyde Canal excursion steamer

Tonnage: 45grt 25nrt

Length: 63.3 feet

Breadth: 14.0 feet

Owner History:

James Aitken & Co, Kirkintilloch

1897 Shannon Development Co, Dublin

1913 Walter Fulton, Glasgow

Status: Not Recorded -

Remarks:

Photo shows her passing through Hillhead Bridge, Kirkintilloch with her owner and Master, James Aitken at the helm. She had a light blue hull, the funnel being deep red with a black top. Her daily schedule was exacting. Leaving her base at Hillhead, Kirkintilloch at 0825 she sailed to Port Dundas, departing there at 1000 for Craigmarloch where she arrived two and a half hours later having called at Rockvillia, Ruchill Bridge, Lambhill, Farm Bridge, Cadder, Hungryside, Kirkintilloch, Twechar and Auchinstarry en route. After an hour at Craigmarloch she headed back to Port Dundas (1550 to 1610) then returned to Craigmarloch for 1830. She was allowed only 15 minutes on her second call before returning again to Port Dundas, arriving there at 2100. Thereafter, she returned light to her base at Hillhead, Kirkintilloch where she must have arrived at around 2215. Her crew of three had then about 10 hours to clean, refuel and prepare the vessel (and sleep!) before another full day commenced on the Canal: 200 passengers Vessel proved very popular and had to be replaced 3 years after her building by a larger vessel of the same name. Sold on 5/3/1897 to Shannon Development Company of Dublin for service on the river Shannon from Athlone 1906 transferred to Lough Corrib 1913 returned to the Clyde



