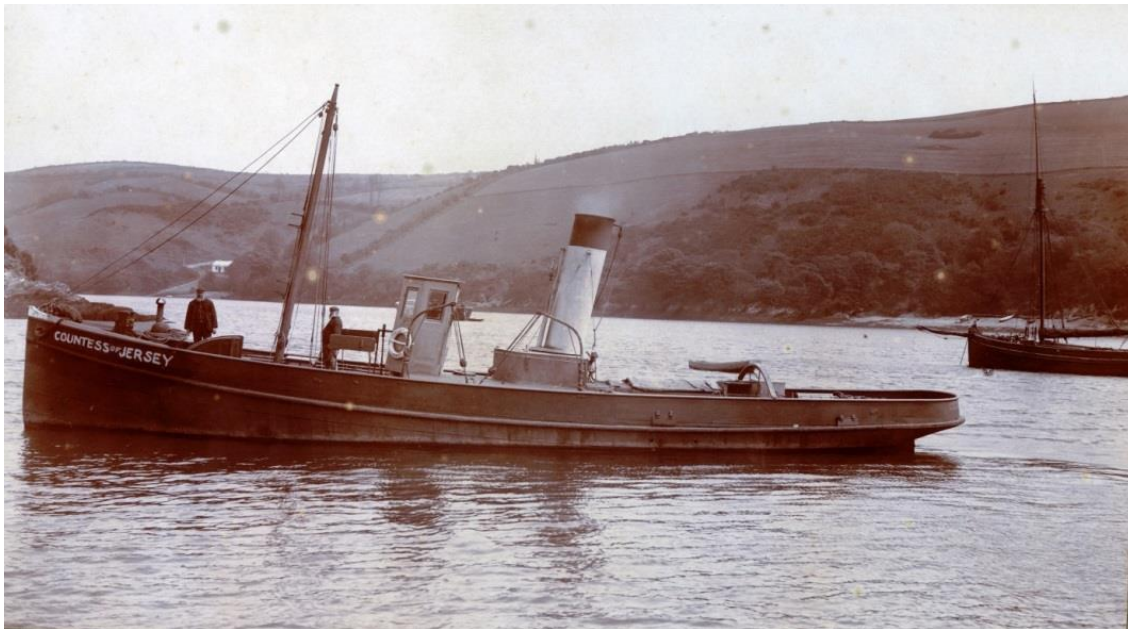


The History of the tug Countess of Jersey



Previous names:- Countess of Jersey

Built:- 1880/1 in Swansea

Scrapped:- 1932 Penzance

Period in Fowey:- 1881 – 1930

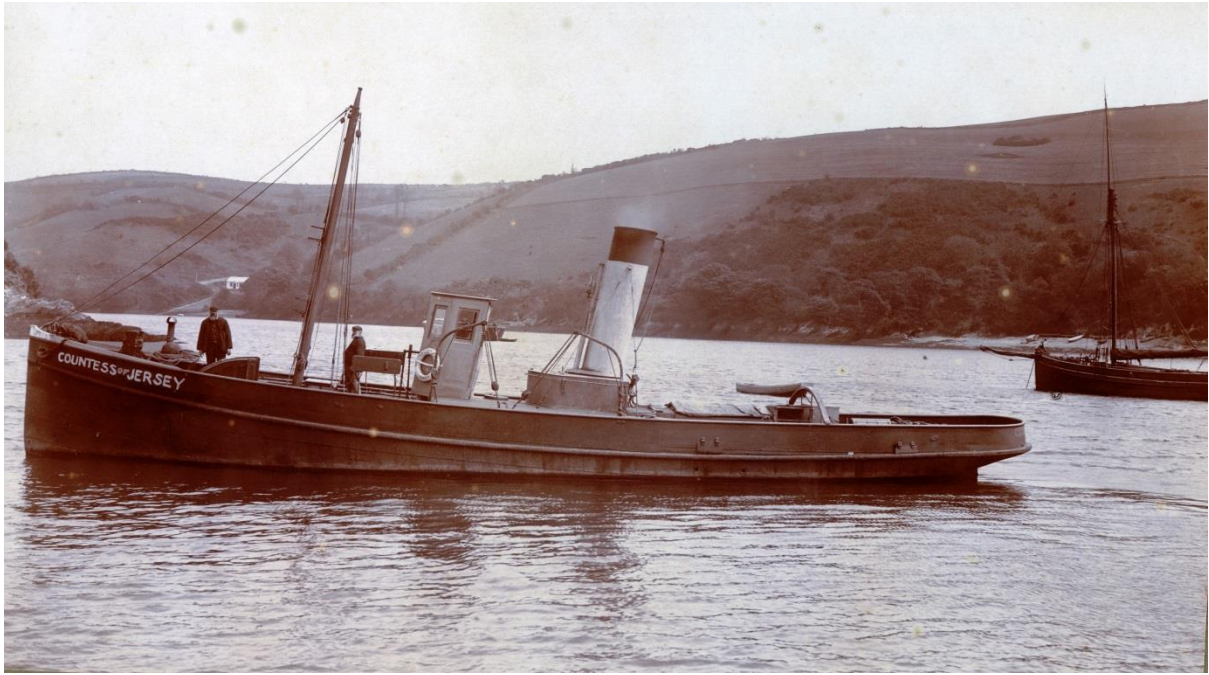
Name of Vessel
in Fowey

Countess of Jersey

The “Countess” was built in Swansea in 1880/1. She was quite small tug by modern standards at 64ft LOA with a beam of 13ft and a draft of 7ft 2 ins. Her GRT was 40.41.tons and her official number was 78437. She was powered by a 34 N.H.P. 2 cylinder steam engine. Her Owners were George Bate and John Pain of London and she was managed by Henry Paull of the Fowey Tug Co from offices in Whitford Yard.

On 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1917 the Rosehill on her voyage from Cardiff to Devonport, carrying 3980 tons of Welsh coal was hit by a torpedo fired by UB40 off. The explosion sent the Rosehill's stern 10ft under. Believing that she would be gone in seconds, the captain ordered abandon ship the 24 crew and the two Army gunners who manned the old Japanese 12-pounder on the stern manned the boats. But despite the weight of coal in her holds, the steamer remained afloat. An hour later, Captain Jones led a volunteer crew back aboard to see if they could save their ship. The Mate, Second Mate, Chief Engineer, four seamen and two firemen were with him. The tugs Gallant and Countess of Jersey arrived and started to tow Rosehill towards Fowey. Then two Admiralty tugs arrived and changed the direction of the tow to Plymouth, but she didn't make it. She sank in Whitsand Bay.

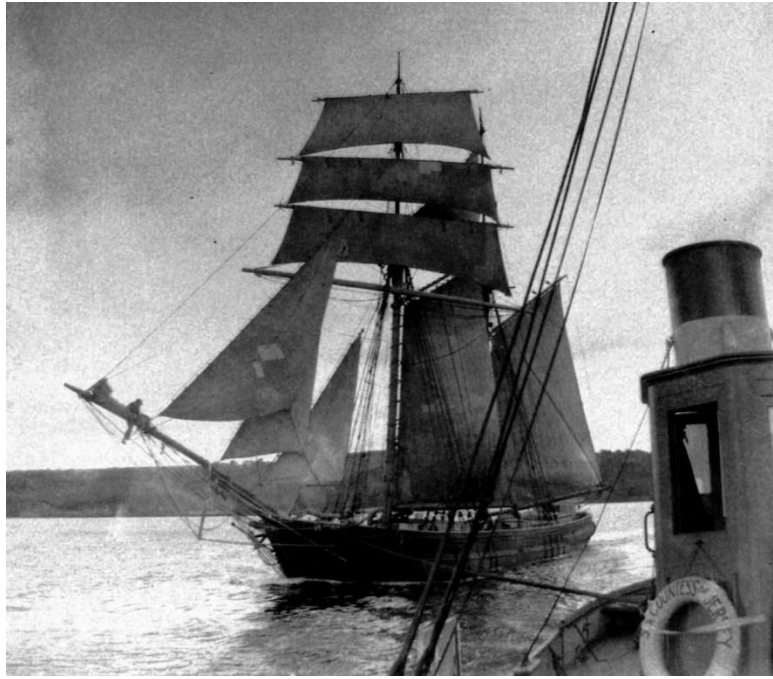
After nearly 50 years' service in and around the Harbour she left the port in 1930 To J.H.BENNETTS Penzance and broken up in Newlyn Harbour in 1932



Countess of Jersey off Pont Pill. At sea she set a sail as a smack.



Countess of Jersey from Penleath Point during a Regatta



Countess towing another ship to sea. Photos thanks to Marcus Lewis



A picture from the tow deck of the Countess of Jersey

A. BULEY, MANAGER. TELEPHONE NOS. 88 & 89.

POWEY TUG & SALVAGE CO., LTD

STEAM SCREW TUGS:--
 "GALLANT,"
 "COUNTESS OF JERSEY,"
 "PENLEATH."

Whitford Yard,

Fowey 20th. November 1930.

Official No	Name of Ship.	International Code Signal (if any).	Port and Year of Registry.	Where Built.	When Built.	Whether Iron, Wood, Steel, or Composite.	Dimensions.			Registered Tonnage.		Horse Power of Engines and description of Propeller.	Owner, or Part Owner, and Manager (if recorded). X Signifies Managing Owner. Italics signify Manager.
							Length.	Breadth.	Depth of Hold.	Net Tonnage.	Gross Tonnage.		
62606	Countess Vane.	..	Sunderland, 1870 .	Seaham . . .	1870	Wood	ft. 10ths 76 0	ft. 10ths 16 2	ft. 10ths 8 8	9	66	40 Pa.	The Earl Vane, Wynyard Park, Durham.
77445	Countess of Aberdeen.	R.Q.L.G	Aberdeen, 1878 .	Barrow . . .	1878	Iron	200 1	26 8	13 9	291	680	180 Sc.	Aberdeen. <i>William Skirving, same address.</i>
84918	Countess of Santry.	..	Skibbereen, 1884 .	Belfast . . .	1884	Iron	91 6	17 0	9 0	44	88	30 Sc.	The Bantry Bay Steam Ship Co., Lim., Castle-town, Bore, co. Cork.
94604	Countess of Carnarvon.	W.P.D.N	Port Elizabeth, 1886	Genoa . . .	1883	Wood	66 0	14 0	8 3	10	40	30 Sc.	Union Boating Co. of Port Elizabeth, Lim., Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope.
58415	Countess of Dublin.	L.C.S.T	Dublin, 1869 . . .	Dublin . . .	1869	Iron	220 4	28 2	15 0	415	741	150 Sc.	The British and Irish Steam Packet Co., Lim., 3, North Wall, Dublin. <i>Alfred W. Egan, same address.</i>
58409	Countess of Erne	..	Bristol, 1889 . . .	Dublin . . .	1868	Iron	241 4	29 0	14 3	370	825	300 Pa.	The Bristol Steam Navigation Co., Lim., 50, Prince St., Bristol. <i>John A. Arnott, same address.</i>
78437	Countess of Jersey.	..	Fowey, 1881 . . .	Swansea . . .	1880	Iron	64 0	13 0	7 2	27	40	34 Sc.	XGeorge H. Bate, Fowey.
53855	Countess of Kellie.	..	Glasgow, 1887 . .	Kelvinhaugh .	1870	Iron	81 1	19 5	6 5	26	68	20 Sc.	David MacBrayne, 119, Hope St., Glasgow.

An extract from the List of Registered Vessels dated 1890

<u>Name of Vessel in Fowey</u>		Countess of Jersey			
Built for		George Bate			
Year Built	1880/1	Official Number	78437	G.R.T.	40.41
Builders		Built in Swansea			
Dimensions			Length	Beam	Draft
			64'	13'	7'2"
Engines	34 N.H.P. 2 cylinder steam engine			Bollard pull	Not known
Owners in Fowey				George Bate and John Pain managed by Henry Paull	
History on Leaving Fowey			1930 1932	J.H.Bennets Penzance Broken up in Newlyn	

