

LIAM STA

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AIR MAIL

The Librarian
Liverpool Public Library
Liverpool, England

Dear Sir:

A former Liverpool sailing vessel, now 97 years old, is being restored at this port as a maritime museum; she is the iron barque Star of India, formerly the British ship Euterpe, built in the Isle of Man in 1863.

We are anxious to learn anything we can about her original owners, Wakefield, Nash & Co., East India merchants, of Tower Street, Water Street, Liverpool. We understand that they had her for about five years and then sold her to Brown & Co., also of Liverpool. We are unable to find records of either of these firms, and would like to know when they went out of business.

It is understood that Euterpe ended her first voyage at Liverpool on Nov. 15, 1864, and sailed on the return trip to Calcutta on Dec. 28, 1864. She did not return to Liverpool until some time in 1866; in the interim she had gone from Calcutta on to San Francisco, her master had died at sea, and, it is reported, she had been dismantled. This voyage is said to have ended at Liverpool on Nov. 29, 1866, although this seems an abnormally long voyage -- more than a year from San Francisco -- unless she was detained somewhere for re-rigging.

Would it be possible to check these two dates -- Nov. 15, 1864 and Nov. 29, 1866 -- in your newspaper files, and supply us with either an abstract or a photostatic copy of the newspaper accounts of these voyages? Any fees for this service should be billed to the above address.

Very truly yours,

G. F. MacMullen

G. F. MacMULLEN, President
Maritime Museum Association

