

# THE NEW HEBRIDES RUNS OF THE MISSION BRIG CAMDEN

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**Camden**                      **brig, built in England**

**Data unknown so far**

The directors of the Missionary Society resolved purchasing a ship entirely for the use of their missions in the South Seas. A subscription was raised for this purpose to the amount of £4000, with which the brig **Camden** was bought, and fitted out in 1838, at an expense of £250 extra. After being actively engaged for five years in these seas, she returned to England, and being considered too small for the purposes required, was sold.

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The Missionary Brig *Camden* sailed from London on the 11th of April 1838 having on board the Revd John Williams and 9 other Missionaries and their wives  
<http://www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/prints/viewPrint.cfm?ID=PAH8474>

Captain Morgan was master of the CAMDEN on all voyages.

Year	Departure	Back at	Destination
1838	<b>The CAMDEN arrives at Sydney from London on 10 September 1838</b>		
1838/39	1838-10-25	1839-11-30	South Seas Islands
1840	1840-02-12	1840-06-09	South Seas Islands
1840/41	1840-08-14	1841-04-29	South Seas Islands
1841/42	1841-07-14	1842-08-10	South Seas Islands
1842	1842-09-29		Samoa and then to London
<b>Being unsuitable for the island runs, she was sold in England in 1842. Nothing seems to be known about the later years of the CAMDEN</b>			

According to J. Graham Miller the CAMDEN was in the New Hebrides in November 1839 (when John Williams was murdered on Erromanga on 20 Nov 1839 the day after they left Tanna). CAMDEN left three Samoan teachers on Tanna (Lalolangi, Mose and Salamea) on 19 November 1839.

In March 1841 she visited the New Hebrides again with Rev. Murray leaving Samoan "teachers" on Futuna, Tanna and Aneityum.

Camden returned in June 1842 bringing a teacher's wife and daughter to Futuna and Rev. Henry Nisbet and Rev. George Turner to Tanna arriving there on 30 June. Nisbet and Turner stayed there for seven months only. The inhabitants of Tanna forced them to leave. A Hobart Town Whaler, the brig HIGHLANDER, 219 tons, Lucas master, took them to Upolu where they arrived on 18 February 1843.