

GERMANIA (1850)

The U.S. ship *GERMANIA* was built at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1850. 996/1215 tons (old/new measurement); 170 ft 8 in x 35 ft 6 in x 17 ft 8 in (length x beam x depth of hold); 3 decks; draft, 20 feet. She sailed in William Whitlock's line (later part of the Union Line) of New York-Havre packets from 1850 until the end of the Line in 1863, after which she continued as a transient for Whitlock. During her 13 years with the Line, her westbound passages from Havre to New York averaged 38 days (a relatively slow time), her fastest passage being 26 days, her longest 52 days. Like many New York-Havre packets, she often sailed a triangular route, carrying emigrants from Havre to New York, then sailing in ballast or with general merchandise to New Orleans, where she loaded a cargo of cotton for Havre. She was advertized as sailing in the Ladd Line of New York-New Orleans packets in 1852, and in the Brigham Line of New York-New Orleans packets in 1854.

Sources: Robert Greenhalgh Albion, *Square-riggers on Schedule; The New York Sailing Packets to England, France, and the Cotton Ports* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1938), pp. 286-287 and 299; Carl C. Cutler, *Queens of the Western Ocean; The Story of America's Mail and Passenger Sailing Lines* (Annapolis: United States Naval Institute, c1961), pp. 521 and 524.