

## Anchors Away

Ships once sailed into port here in Murfreesboro. It was said that there were so many ships here at one time that you could walk across the river by stepping on the decks of each ship and never get your feet wet! One can only imagine that majestic sight there on the Meherrin as they sailed in and out carrying much needed supplies and taking with them cotton, peanuts and tobacco to sell to other regions.

This is only a partial list of some of the ships documented as having berthed at King's Landing.

American Coaster – Sloop. Owned by William & Joseph Rea

Amity – Cargo of Limes, Oranges, Coconuts, Rum, Salt, Sugar, Strawberries.

Belinda – 96-ton, two mast, single deck schooner. Owned by William Rea and possibly the first vessel built in Murfreesboro (1794).

Dan and Staunton

Fanny – Schooner. Ship wrecked north end of Roanoke Island 1789.

Farmer

Flora

Harlequin – Sloop. (1789) Owned by the Justin and Eli Foote.

Herald – sloop. Captained by William Rea, Jr. Owned by William Rea, SR.

Juno – owned by Justin Foote

Kitty & Sally

Mars – Sloop. Owned by John Wheeler

Mary – capsized and sank in the Chowan River 1807

Murfree – brig. Owned by William Bullock and Bryan Aborn from Providence RI.

Noah's Ark

Phenix – Commanded by Thomas Rea. Sailed to St. Croix, St. Lucia. Cargo of Rum, Coffee, Sugar, Molasses.

Pigot – 182-ton schooner. Owned by the Wynns family. Captained by Benjamin Wynns

Plough Boy – Owned by Benjamin Wynns. Captained by Lewis Petty.

Prior Eagle – Team Boat, powered by a treadmill on deck, propelled around by horses. According to Dr. Thomas O’Dwyer, who spoke to the captain, it used twelve horses and could achieve a rate of 25 miles per hour.

Two Friends – Owned by William Wynns and Jonathan Brickell

William – schooner. Owned by Ellis Blake and associate at the Rea Store.