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Schooner *Manchester and Hudson*

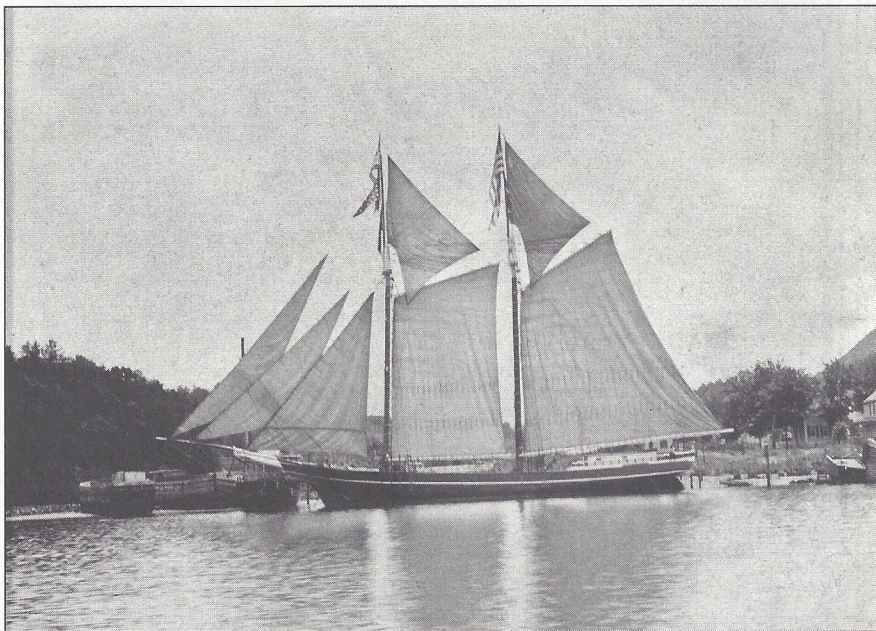
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Many sloops and schooners shipped out of the Rondout Creek in the 19th century, particularly between 1850 and 1900. The sloops and schooners, single and double-masted sailing vessels respectively, sailed from South Rondout, now Connelly, and Wilbur on the Rondout carrying bulk cargoes of materials like bluestone, bricks and cement to New York and other East Coast ports. Though there were several dozen of these sloops and schooners out of the Rondout in the 19th century, they are little known today. The *Manchester and Hudson* was one of them.

The schooner *Manchester and Hudson* operated out of the Rondout Creek between 1895 and 1912. She was the "last of the old windjammers" to operate out of the Creek. The owner and captain of *Manchester and Hudson* was George E. Cole of South Rondout who had previously owned the *Lewis Jane*. The *Manchester and Hudson* carried cement and bluestone to Providence or Boston. At Boston empty barrels were loaded for a fish oil works at Amagansett, Long Island. At Lloyd's Neck, Long Island, beach sand known as rubbing sand was loaded for the bluestone rubbing mills on the Rondout. Round trips took from ten days to a month and sometimes more.

The *Manchester and Hudson* was 107 ½' long and carried a crew of five. She

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Schooner *Manchester and Hudson* in the Rondout Creek.

was built at Hartford, Ct. in 1869 as *Fannie G. Warner*, then became *Gill and Baird* before becoming *Manchester and Hudson* in 1895. After being sold in 1912 she became *Brownstone* and returned to shipping that product. She was wrecked off New Haven, Ct. in 1918.

A handsome model of the *Manchester and Hudson* has come to the Maritime Museum on loan from a member of the Cole family who owned the vessel in South Rondout when she operated from here. We are happy to have the model on display in a case in the Museum currently.

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