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Pactolus

Rig: Wood 3-mast ship

Launch: 1891

End: 1927

Built: Bath, Maine by Flint & Co.

Dimensions: 223.7' x 41.2' x 24'

Tonnage: 1585 tons

This photograph appears to be near Antioch in the San Joaquin River of California in 1925. From left to right are: unidentified schooner, *Pactolus*, *James Rolph ex Celtic Monarch*, *B. P. Cheney*, and *Hecla*. I do not know anything about the steamers. Antioch was a useful layup for old ships inasmuch as it was fresh water, yet close to San Francisco Bay. *Pactolus* became part of the California Shipping Co., fleet in 1899 and then a salmon packer chartered to several companies. *Pactolus* was laid up in 1924. *James Rolph*, ex *Celtic Monarch* was an iron ship of 2073 tons built by Thomas Royden & Sons, and was scrapped in 1934. It was also laid up in 1924. *B. P. Cheney*, built at Bath in 1874, was a 1322 ton wooden ship, later bark, that in the 1920s was owned by Naknek Packing, another salmon packing firm. *Hecla*, from 1877, was also built at Bath by Goss & Sawyer. *Hecla* made eight voyages to San Francisco and five to the Orient before being purchased by San Francisco owners for the lumber and coal trade—later the salmon trade. Later *Hecla* was also sold to the ship breakers in 1928.