

~~Captain James W. Keen~~

~~233 East Lake Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska 1906, Seattle 1899.~~

~~Nov 1893~~

Capt. James W. Keen

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Pioneer Pilot, Washington and Alaska.

Washington, 1865; Alaska, 1868.

Retired March, 1915.  
on age limits from U.S.C.G.  
U.S. Coast Guard.

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pears in any of them. They are admirably like, though, of course, the matter is not always equally consistent with the characters of these personages.

Helen Rolleston married Robert Penfold. On the wedding-day, the presents were laid out, and amongst them was a silver box incrustated with coral. Female curiosity demanded that this box should be opened. Helen objected, but the bridemaids rebelled; the whole company sided with them, and Robert smiled a careless assent. A blacksmith and carpenter were both enlisted, and with infinite difficulty the poor box was riven open.

Inside was another box, locked, but with no key. That was opened with comparative ease, and then handed to the bride. It contained nothing but Papal indulgences and rough stones, Fair throats were opened in some disappointment.

A lady, however, of more experience, examined the contents, and said that in her opinion many of them were uncut gems of great price; there were certainly a quantity of jaspers and blood-stones, and others of no value at all. "But look at these two pearl-shaped diamonds," said she, "why, they are a little fortune! and oh!" The stone that struck this fair creature dumb was a rough ruby as big as a blackbird's egg, and of amazing depth and fire. "No lady in England," said she, "has a ruby to compare with this."

The information proved correct. The box furnished Helen with diamonds and emeralds of great thickness and quality. But the huge ruby placed her on a level with sovereigns. She wears it now and then in London, but not often. It attracts too much attention, blazing on her fair forehead like a star, and eclipses everything.

Well, what her ruby is amongst stones she is amongst wives. And he is worthy of her. Through much injustice, suffering, danger, and trouble, they have passed to health, happiness, and peace, and that entire union of two noble hearts, in loyal friendship and wedded love, which is the truest bliss this earth affords.

[THE END.]



Names of vessels and dates  
commanded, owned, piloted  
and employed on.

Nov. 1863. Bought half interest  
in sloop Red Rover and  
went Master, trade, freight  
and passengers. In Spring of  
1864, chartered sloop and self  
to Tommy Jackson for a  
trading voyage up the Coast  
to the North end of British  
Columbia. Returned to  
Victoria after two months,  
quick voyage and big  
profits, we all had a big  
time for about six weeks.  
Sold my interests and  
went into the coal trade  
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over to the Sound in Sam  
Alexander's sloop Monitor  
and went mate on her  
in the passenger trade,  
later went mate of the  
sloop Northern Light, Capt  
Bob Mumford, carrying  
mails and passengers to  
Pt. Townsend, Dungeness,  
and ports to Victoria.

In December, went Captain  
of the sloop Kate Alexander,  
starting ferry between  
Seattle, Greepport (now  
West Seattle) and Port  
Blakely. In Spring  
'65, went to Victoria  
and shipped second  
mate on the schr. Crosby

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the Pacific would have to wait some little time for her cargo. The ship Eclius, Capt. Greenleaf, laid at the wharf, loaded heavy with coal and was waiting for the old str. Beaver to tow her out of the harbor, it was a nice southeast wind and I asked Capt. Gage, "why in the world Capt Greenleaf did not get his ship under way" he said "could you do it" I told him that I could do it without any trouble. Capt. Greenleaf came to me and said "you will have to wait a week or ten days before you will get away

with the Pacific" I say "I expect so" he says "how much will you charge me to sail me to Pt. Angeles" I told him I would take him down for \$100.<sup>00</sup> as it would cost me about \$10.<sup>00</sup> to get back here, I said in the first place before we go any further, "how are you fixed for gear, what have you got in the shape of hawsers" he said "I have a coil of new 5 inch hawser, only been used a few times and a good 6 inch hawser and several pieces of first class four inch lines" I said "that sounds good, now what

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he had a seven and a  
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which were good holders  
in calm weather. "Well  
Capt. go ashore to the  
wharf and ask him to  
loan you right of his men,  
you will have no trouble  
in getting them, so we  
can slip them when we  
get to Gallus Point. Tell  
the mate that I am to  
pilot the ship and get  
everything ready for  
slipping under way. Have  
lines all ready for slipping  
which we did and got  
under way from the wharf  
with no trouble.

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You must remember that  
I was only in my 24<sup>th</sup> year  
but a very husky boy and  
had always acted as pilot  
of a night time of different  
coasting vessels that I had  
been on. While passing  
the Pacific with the Elius  
Capt Gage sung out "you  
will get there alright, that  
boy belongs to my class  
and if you want to fight  
just drop your hat and  
the music will hum."

We arrived in Pt. Angelis  
with the ship in three days  
with the utmost satisfaction  
to Capt Greenleaf who paid  
me my money and I  
preceeded to Nanimo and  
taking charge of the Pacific  
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paid piloting in 1865.  
I then drifted across  
the Sound, shipping on  
The A. J. Mester, Capt. Mester  
for San Francisco, arriving  
there I fell in with Capt. Gage  
Gage, he wanted me to  
go with him but I wanted  
the southern trade, he  
then took me and introd-  
uced me to Charley Hare  
who had just built a  
very fine vessel; Mr  
Hare had only a second  
mate's job open and  
would pay me any  
reasonable amount if  
I would go, so I shipped  
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he paid me mates' wages  
I was to assist the Captain  
in piloting whenever he  
required; the vessels name  
was the Yanny Hare, Capt  
Matthew Turner, she was  
a cracker-jack, eleven  
knots on a bowling. On  
returning to San Francisco  
I shipped on the steamer  
Salencia, Capt. Sutton,  
running in the grain  
trade as far south as  
Salencia and Monterey  
Bay, but my! she was  
a worker, gave you all  
the best grub you could  
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in the Italic-sailors. I then  
shipped on the English bark  
Frigate Bird, \$25.<sup>00</sup> for the  
run from San Francisco to  
Victoria. In Feb. '66, was  
Master of the sloop Deer. Got  
out of Victoria, coastwise;  
freight and passengers. In  
May '66, shipped on the scho.  
Kate as sailing Master  
and prospecting for cod  
fish, coast of British  
Columbia and Queen.

Char. Ild. as far west  
as Kodiak Ild. struck cod  
fish of the shores of Kodiak.  
Old John Waller a Nova  
Scotia fisherman, he was

not any sailor but a shrewd  
old guy. who induced us  
all to go on half line, the  
cook and myself he allowed  
\$15.<sup>00</sup> a month but we  
returned to Victoria after  
the six months voyage;  
we got about twenty tons  
of cod fish and when  
we came to settle up all  
hands were in debt and  
I was one dollar and  
a half in debt besides  
my extra pay, The old  
willian talked so slick  
saying I was such a fine  
man and good sailor  
that he made me a present  
of \$5.<sup>00</sup> and my good work-

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for six months; This was  
my experience in fishing  
on shares. I then went  
across the Sound and  
shipped before the mast  
again in the schr. Crosby  
Captain George Perkins.  
That Fall I shipped with  
Capt. Rufus Calhoun of  
Pt. Townsend as Mate of  
the Alaska and in  
Oct. '67, I shipped with  
Charley Bronovitch in  
the schr. Gabelle, took  
her across the Sound to  
Pt. Madison with a ship  
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her under the American  
flag; in the Spring of  
'68 we launched her  
and called her The  
Pioneer

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Seattle General Hospital, Dec. 2-1918.  
Statement from Capt. James W.  
Keen, Pioneer Pilot of Washington  
and Alaska. Left London, Eng.  
Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1858, on a voyage  
bound to Victoria, Vancouver Id.  
as an apprentice in the Hudson  
Bay Fur Trading Co. bark-  
rigged steamer Labouche.  
Via Plymouth; St. Vincent,  
Cape de Verd Ids; Stanley  
Harbor, Faulkney Ids; Sandy  
Point, Straits of Magellan;  
and through Smyth's  
Passage and out the Gulf  
of Arago, then stopping at  
Lota, on the lower coast of  
Chili, then for Victoria

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direct, mostly under sail.  
Arriving at Victoria, Jan.  
5<sup>th</sup>, 1859. A great deal of  
this passage was made  
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at Victoria, Capt. Yrivett,  
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to the H. B. Co. who put de  
Capt. John Swanson in red,  
command and Capt. Dodd new,  
as chief factor. In March, d  
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their annual collection of e  
Furs, skins, oil, etc. Returning nd

to Victoria, discharged cargo  
on the bark Princess Royal,  
after completing her cargo, we  
took her in tow and towed  
her to sea, bound for London,  
England. Later part of March,  
1859, we loaded general cargo  
and left for San Francisco,  
arriving on the first day of  
April, discharging and loading  
in due time, left for Victoria.  
Arriving with no events,  
discharged cargo and loading  
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trading voyage via the ports  
through British Columbia  
and Alaska to the head of  
navigation of Lynn Canal,  
(mouth of Klilcat river.)

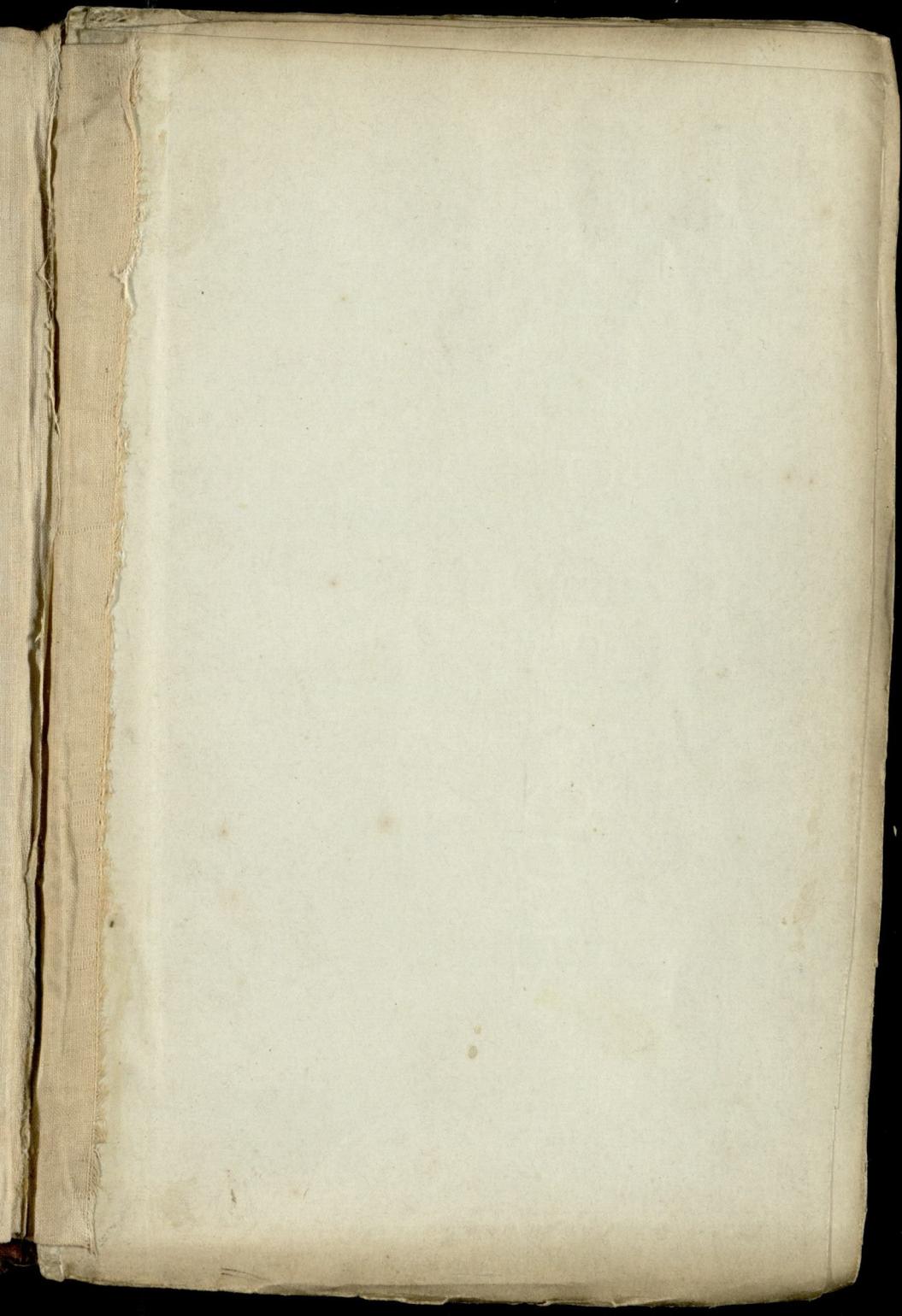
4/ Our first voyage lasted about two months and a half. In those days the Indians and Indians villages were thick along the Coast and we collected large quantities of furs, skins and oils, not paying over-much in trade for articles which we received, as the Laboucheure was a 600 ton bark-rigged vessel, carrying thirty-five of a crew, rigged like a man-of-war with broad-side guns and boarding-nettings, every precaution had to be taken as the natives were somewhat treacherous and could not be trusted. In June 1862, the Laboucheure was taken by the cross-cowd

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Indians, we had a lively  
time for five or six hours  
but got out of the scrap  
without blood-shed. I continued  
in the employ of the H.B. Co.  
until June 1863 when my  
apprenticeship expired and  
I had to step out looking for  
fun on land and afloat.

Began piloting in Alaska  
in 1868 with Lieut-Commander  
Mead, U.S.S. Saginaw, leaving  
that vessel at Victoria B.C.  
April 7<sup>th</sup> 1869. Returning to  
Sitka on U.S. Revenue  
Cutter Lincoln. I made  
five voyages during the  
summer of '69 in the trading  
schooner Sweepsteaks. Nov.  
25<sup>th</sup> 1869 I entered the Revenue  
Cutter Service as permanent

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Pilot, U.S. Rev. Cutter Lincoln,  
U.S.R.M. Capt. Evans and  
left Sitka, Alaska for San  
Francisco via the inside  
passages on the first day  
of Dec. 1869 arriving at  
San Francisco, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ✓  
stopping at Nanaimo and  
Victoria for coal and supplies  
After going through a  
thorough over-hauling  
machinery and hull, we  
left San Francisco with  
the Lincoln, Capt. C.W.  
Scammon, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of  
June, via the inside  
passages for Western  
Alaska, arriving on Puget  
Sound the latter part of  
August. The Lincoln

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August, the Lincoln continuing  
-ing on the sound station  
until further orders. In June  
'71, I was ordered as Pilot  
to the U. S. Rev. Cutter top-sail  
schooner Reliance, Capt.  
John A. Webster, headquarters  
at Sitka, cruising Alaska  
waters. In 1873 returned to  
the Sound to refit ship.  
Then <sup>in 1874</sup> started on a Summer  
Cruise to Western Alaska and  
the Bering Sea, re-establishing  
and correcting the positions  
of the islands, St. Paul, St.  
George, St. Matthew and  
St. Lawrence. Last of August  
left Unalaska for San Francisco  
where later on the Reliance was  
sold and I was ordered home to Pt. Townsend



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 Capt James W Keen.

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