



Ivy, 1870

A woody climbing or trailing plant of the genus *Hedera*, native to the Old World, especially *H. helix*, with lobed evergreen leaves and berrylike black fruit.

History:

Ivy began life as the 231-ton, 60-foot private steam tug *Commodore*, built in 1865. She was purchased for the Lighthouse Service from the Delaware & Chesapeake Canal & Towage Company in 1870. The Lighthouse Service christened her the *Ivy*.

She served in the 7th and 8th Lighthouse Districts as an engineering tender. She was decommissioned and sold in 1875.

Sources:

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