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## *Thomas Ewing, 1841*

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President William Henry Harrison appointed Thomas Ewing to be the 14th Secretary of the Treasury in 1841 and he was retained by John Tyler after Harrison's death. His term in office began on 4 March 1841. He ended his term in office on 11 September 1841.

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Builder: Abrahams & Cooper, Baltimore, Maryland

Type/Rig/Class: Schooner

Launched: 13 August 1841

Decommissioned: 1852

Disposition: Transferred to Coast Survey

Displacement: 170 tons ("40 tons over estimate")

Length: 91'

Beam:

Draft:

Complement:

Armament: six 12-pounders; two 6-pounders; one 18-pounder (1841); according to Wells, the guns for Ewing came from the cutter Washington while the Ewing's original armament went to Washington as of 2 November 1841.

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### **Cutter History:**

*Thomas Ewing* was a 170-ton, 91-foot schooner that entered service in 1841. According to the 1841 *Army and Navy Chronicle*: "The Revenue cutter Ewing, 170 tons, intended for the New York station, was launched at Baltimore, on Wednesday, Aug. 11 [1841]" while another source has her

being launched on 13 August 1841. She was reported to be “ready for sea” on 30 September 1841.

*Ewing* was armed with six 12-pounders, two 6-pounders and one 18-pounder in 1842 that came from the cutter “Dexter that arrived in Baltimore on 22 July 1841.” She exchanged armament with cutter *Washington* as of 2 November 1841 (as per William R. Wells, II).

By 1846 her armament consisted of six 12-pounders when she was ordered to cooperate with the Navy and other forces engaged in the Mexican War.

In June of 1847 she was at New York and was transferred to the Coast Survey in October of 1848. She was brought back for temporary Revenue service in San Francisco in April of 1852 and then reverted back to the Coast Survey, where she remained until decommissioned in 1876.

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