

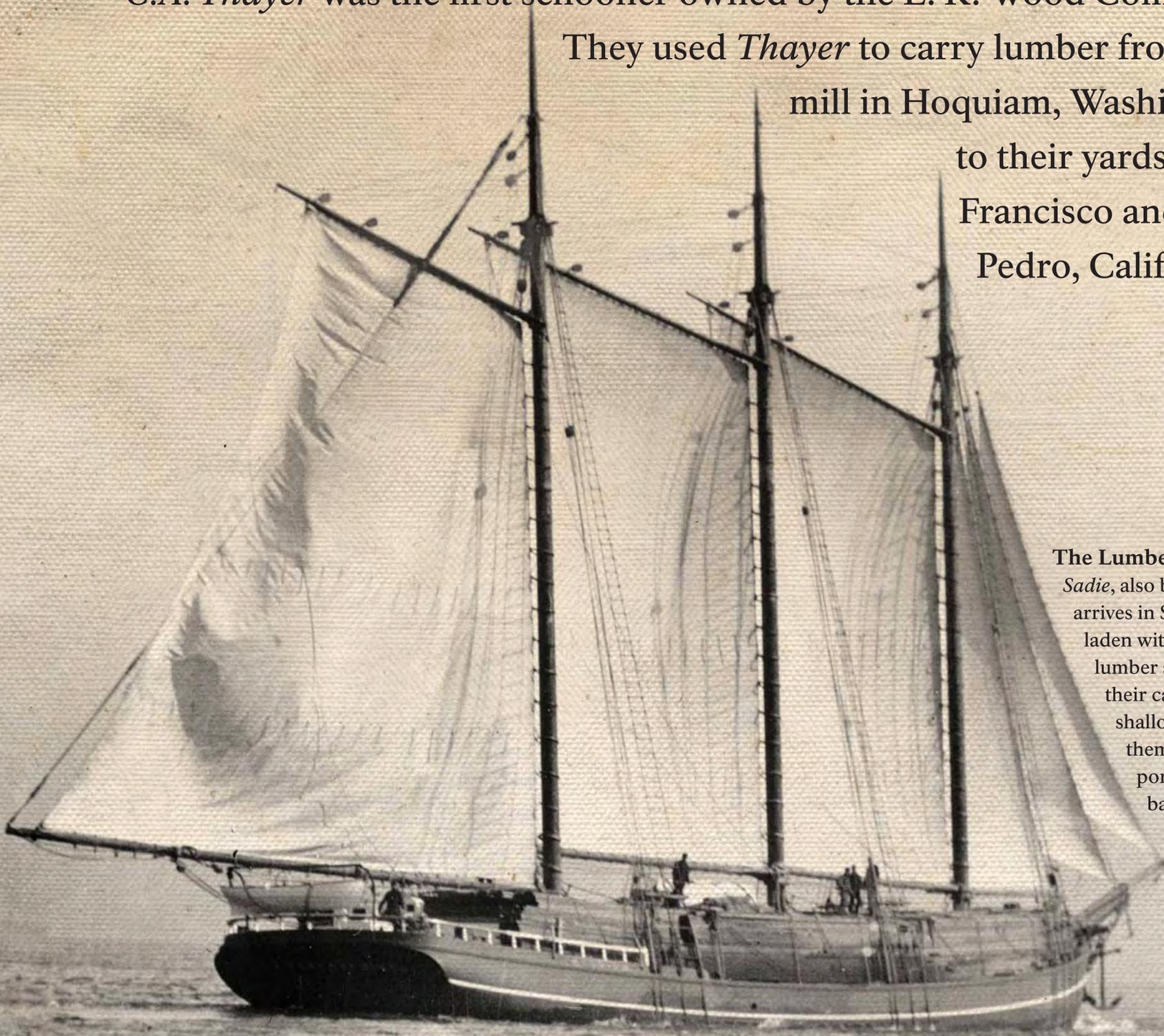
C.A. THAYER LUMBER SCHOONER

1895-1912

Schooners were ideal for delivering lumber from the forests and mills of the Pacific Northwest to the growing lumber-hungry cities of California, Australia, and the South Pacific.

C.A. Thayer was the first schooner owned by the E. K. Wood Company.

They used *Thayer* to carry lumber from their mill in Hoquiam, Washington, to their yards in San Francisco and San Pedro, California.



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The Lumber Schooner

Sadie, also built by Bendixsen, arrives in San Francisco heavily laden with lumber. West Coast lumber schooners carried half their cargo on deck. Their shallow-hull design allowed them to call at coastal ports blocked by sand bars.



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Loading at Hoquiam, Washington
Thayer has just completed taking on a load of lumber at the E. K. Wood dock. With lumber stacked 12 feet high on the deck, the schooner rides low in the water, ready for her journey to Honolulu.



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The E.K. Wood Mill and Fleet

The company's steam schooner, in the foreground, was typical of the modern vessels beginning to dominate coastal shipping. This left the long-distance export markets to slower sailing schooners like *Thayer*.



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Unloading at San Francisco

Find the stripe painted on *Thayer's* side (above and far left). Compare the distance to the water. Here *Thayer* has more freeboard—the distance between the rail and waterline. Why? The schooner rides higher with less cargo on board.