

# Basic Detail Report

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## ANMS1092[096]

### Title

Three-masted ship JOSEPH CONRAD at anchor in Sydney Harbour

### Date

December 1935

### Primary Maker

William James Hall

### Medium

Emulsion on glass

### Name

Glass plate negative

### History

The iron-hulled sailing ship JOSEPH CONRAD was originally launched as GEORG STAGE in Copenhagen in 1882 as a

training ship for young sailors of the Danish merchant service. The vessel was named as a memorial to the son of prominent ship owner Frederik Stage and could accommodate eighty cadets. GEORG STAGE worked as a training ship for the lengthy period of 52 years, with some 4,000 cadets sailing on the vessel during their six month training courses in the Baltic and North Seas. In 1934 GEORG STAGE was about to be broken up when Australian author and sailor Andrew Villiers bought the vessel, renaming it after his favourite author. Villiers sailed JOSEPH CONRAD around the world with a crew of mostly young sailors, visiting Australian shores in late 1935. Between 1936 and 1947 the vessel was sold several times before becoming part of the collection at the Mystic Seaport museum in Connecticut.