

Publications Department  
Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc.  
Fairfield, Baltimore, Maryland  
Curtis 1300  
Extension 30

February 10, 1944

Descendant of Maryland  
Statesman to Sponsor Ship  
at Bethlehem-Fairfield

VITAL STATISTICS:

Name of Ship:	S. S. " <u>Thomas Donaldson</u> "
Date of Launching:	February 11, 1944
Time of Launching:	3:00 p.m.
Sponsor:	Miss Melanie W. Donaldson 235 West Lafayette Ave., Balto., Md.  (Great granddaughter of man for whom ship is named)
Keel Laid:	January 17, 1944
Construction Time:	25 days
Way No.:	13

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIBERTY SHIPS LAUNCHED TO DATE: 293

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIBERTY SHIPS LAUNCHED THIS MONTH: 6

BIOGRAPHY:

THOMAS DONALDSON  
(1815- - -1877)

Born in Baltimore, Maryland. Educated Round Hill School, Northampton, Mass. and Harvard. Studied law and later civil engineering in Baltimore. Engaged in construction of Annapolis and Elkridge RR. and the B & O. Admitted to the bar in 1843. In 1847-48 member of Maryland House of Delegates. In 1850 a member of the Constitution for Maryland. One of the founders of the Maryland Historical Society. A director of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore RR Company. Again a member of Maryland House of Delegates in 1861, submitting a series of resolutions repudiating a state's right to secede from the Union and upholding the Union cause.