

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY BARGES IN 1812

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**A New List of Barges on the Thames Navigation, remeasured by Order of the Commissioners in August-September 1812, by Zachary Allnutt, Registerer, Henley**

This list, compiled by Zachary Allnutt of Henley, itemises all the barges operating on the Thames from London up to Lechlade, with the name of the bargemaster, where he was based, and his boat's name and tonnage. In all it lists 167 barges of between 12 and 133 tons, of which 32 were based at Oxford, 27 (mostly owned by the Severn Canal Company) at Lechlade, 22 at Newbury, 13 at Abingdon, 10 at Reading, and 7 at Wallingford. Another 7 (mostly belonging to the Ordnance Office) were based at London.

Seven barges (run by 5 operators) were based at Henley, of which five were over 130 tons. An eighth small boat or barge was run from Marsh Mills, most likely carrying local traffic.

**Henley entries:**

<i>Bargemaster</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Barge Name</i>	<i>Tonnage</i>
John Rathbone	Henley	Miller	12 tons
Robert Kinner	Henley	Rose Bud	65 tons
Robert Kinner	Henley	Blossom	131 tons
Henley Navign Company	Henley	Nelson	132 tons
Henley Navign Company	Henley	Active	132 tons
John Jackson	Henley	Providence	132 tons
Richard Wigginton	Henley	Royal Anne	133 tons
Robert House	Marsh Mills Mill	Boat	12 tons

The *Universal British Directory* (c.1794) listed Richard Wigginton as 'bargemaster, timber dealer, and coal merchant'. Several earlier members of the Jackson family were also bargemasters at Henley.

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