The Yacht "Elf" was built by George Lawley Corporation in 1888, at their South Boston Yard, for William H. Wilkinson for racing in the 30 ft. class. She was 37 ft. overall, 28 ft. 6in. on water line, 11 ft. beam and 7 ft. draft with a 5 ton lead keel. Cutter rigged with a housing topmast.

In the autumn of 1889 she was purchased by Henry Howard and used by him for ocean cruising until 1896 when she was sold in the autumn and altered by the purchaser into a yawl which she remained until 1936-37 when she again became a sloop but this time with a jib headed mainsail and taller mast. In 1941 she is still in seaworthy condition at the age of 53 years. She belongs to Mr. Gustave A. Van Lennep Jr. of St. Michaels, Eastern Shore, Maryland.