The original plan, approximately 2½ x 5 feet in size, is part of William Louis Winans' 1861 proposal to the Russian navy for two spindle-hulled armored gunboats. The original is somewhat stained and faded but the details are clearly discernable. The reproduction is based on a number of digital photos of the plan, which is mounted under glass, and a professional line scan with only limited cross-reference to proposal text.

Access to the original 1861 material was courtesy of the Winans family.

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The 25 July/6 August double date in the plan caption reflects the Julian-Gregorian calendar difference.