Adrian, August (tug boats, Starke fireman, died 1943)

Adrian, Frank (info: 1952; 1953)

Alberg, Carl, (Naval architect), born 1900 in Sweden, designed sailing yachts for Tilson-Pearson, Inc.

Alexander, Algie (Capt. D.1957)

Allan, Robert (b.1821; d.1901)

Allen, Eldon (Capt. Retired 1986)

Allen, Eugene (Collector of Customs, Ludington, photo of residence)

Allen, Leroy M. (info: 1954)

Allen, N. R. (Info: 1914; 1916)

Allen, Samuel C. (Capt: d. 1934)

Allers, Cap (aka Kal Johannas; b.1894)

Allman, Edward (age 19, 4/24/1857)

Anderson, Charles A. (Capt., info, 5/1935)

Anderson, Edward M. (Capt. Cmdr of CRISTINA and SEAFORTH, d. 1956)

Anderson, Frederick W. (Lighthouse keeper, 1892-1912)

Anderson, Harry (Capt., Info., born 10/05/1909)

Anderson, Milton (vessel owner, 1952)

Anderson, Peter A. (Capt., info., born 10/1846)

Anderson, Soren (shipyard owner, est. 1857, Norwegian)

Andreson, Haaken (info., died 1999)
Andrews, J. H. (Capt., info. Born circa 1850)

Anton, Edward (engineer, died 1957)

Appleby, Gilman D. (Capt., vessel owner, mid-19th Century)

Armstrong, Morrey (Capt., Info., retired 1988)

Armour, Philip Danforth (vessel owner, millionaire, 1932-1901)

Ashley, J. S. (shipping executive, Lake Carriers pres., 1925, vice-pres., 1908)

Ashley, Walter A. (Capt., info. Born 10/19/1858)

Astor, Madeline Force (TITANIC survivor, d. 1940)

Auld, Abraham (Steamboat Inspector, d. 1956)

Ayers, J. Burton (shipping executive, info., circa 1910)

Babbidge, James Gardner, 1844-1919, artist, nautical scenes, chiefly sailing ships

Babcock, Washington Irving (naval architect info., d. 8/07/1917)

Backen, Kjeld (Capt., info, visited Milwaukee 1964)

Bacon, William “Bill”, born, 07/08/1929, died 01/30/2012 Captain of Ann Arbor car ferries, later Superintendent of Marine Operations for Ann Arbor. Active with Society for the Preservation of the Car Ferry City of Milwaukee.

Bagger, Edward C. (Capt. Vessel owner, info., d. 5/1999)

Bahle, Esten (Carferry Capt., ret. 1933)

Bailey, Fred (Capt., info. Born 1868, died 3/18/1941)

Bailey, John Aylesworth (b.1819 d.1888)

Banker, George H. (Capt., info. Died 10/13/1934)

Baraga, Frederic (Bishop, Marquette diocese, info. 6/29/1797-1/19/1868)

Barker, Alden Farnsworth (10/21/1822 – 1887, banker, shipbuilder, vessel owner)
Barkhausen, Henry N. (author, conservationist)
Barnes, Calvin C. (banker, info., 1821-1893)
Barns, Frank (Capt. Catfish Club founder, info., d. 10/05/1903)
Barrus, John B. (Capt. Info, d. 10/12/1868)
Barry, James P. (Author, info., Marine Historian of the Year, 1995)
Bartels, Dan (Capt., ASC, became captain 1998, info.)
Barth, Ernest "Gus" (Carferry Capt., info., ret. 9/1989)
Bartlett, Edward P. (Capt., Pacific Steamboat Co., Hall of Fame 1988)
Bascom, John "Jay" (Marine historian, info. born 11/25/1946)
Bascom, John Heintzman (Marine historian, died 7/17/1995)
Bates, William Wallace (Vessel designer, info., 1850s)
Bauchan, Louis (Lighthouse keeper, info., retired 1957)
Baumgarten, Louis (sailor, married 8/24/1844, died 08/1845)
Baus, Louis (1875-1949, photographer of the Ohio canal system)
Baxter, John L. (Capt., Canadian master, died 1947)
Bayer, Art (Riverboat owner, Mt. Vernon Barge Col., 20th Century)
Bayfield, Henry Wolsey (Admiral, R.N., surveyor and cartographer, 1795-1885)
Beaupre, E. (Shipping executive, info., died, May 1938)
Beaupre, Ronald (Marine Historian of the Year, 1996)
Beauvais, Charles (Schooner Capt. and vessel owner, died 12/1935)
Bebeau, Gerard (Capt., info. retired 1981)
Becker, William D. (vessel manager, owner, shipbuilder, died 1957)
Beesom, Harvey C. (engraving portrait only)

Benham, William, Capt., out of Duluth, MN in sail and stea, mainly for Pioneer Steamships. Last command C. L. Huthinson.

Bennett, George J. (Capt., info., retired 1921)

Bennett, Henry Hamilton (Pioneer photographer, info., 1943-1908)

Bennett, Thomas F. (Capt., master of stmr. MICHAEL GALLAGHER, died, 10/1930)

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Benson, Bernard (Third mate, shipkeeper, early 1900s)

Berg, Aaron Louis (Sailor, naturalized citizen, born 03/15/1908)

Bergstrom, Lars (Yachtsman, vessel designer, died 3/1997)

Berntsen, Thorwald "Tom" (Capt., 2 photos, 1855-1936)

Bethune, Harry G. (Steamship agency founder, port developer, info. d. 1993)

Bidgood, Donald (Vice-president of National Maritime Service, Inc. obituary, died 2010)

Birch, Jimmy (Buffalo Harbor ferryman)

Bjork, O. C. (Capt., Goodrich Transit Co., photo 1930)

Blain, Donald J. (Sailor, grandson of Bernard Benson, circa 1990)

Blair, A. J. (Officer of Lake Shore Stone Co., statement to Cnty Clerk, 4/25/1914)

Blake, Thomas E. (Surfer, USCG, info., died 1994)

Blend, Herbert W. (Capt., info., born 1865)

Blend, Nelson P. (Capt., info, father of Herbert W. blend, died 1865)

Bleyer, Herman (Newsman, secretary of Harbor Commissioner, info., died 1924)

Bodine (Commissioner of Duluth Chamber of Commerce, 1941)

Boland, John J., Sr. (Man of the Year 1958)
Boole, L. H.  (Proprietor of Badger State Shipyard in Milwaukee, WI, 1862)

Borkenhagen, Fred (Milwaukee Dry Dock foreman, d. 1938)

Bowen, James F.  (Capt., tug R. K. HAWLEY of Fairport, info., 1883)

Bowers, Lamont M.  (Managed fleet of 58 Rockefeller ships, d. 1941)

Boyce, Hawley M.  (Capt., info., began sailing1869, retired 1923)

Brace, Duff Gordon (Great Lakes Historian of the Year, 1995, info.)

Bradley, Alva (Capt., shipbuilder, info. died 1885)

Bradley, Alva (President, Great Lakes Historical Society, info., 1884-1953)

Bradley, Morris A.  (Fleet owner, attorney, photo, late 1800s)

Bradshaw, John L.  (Capt., d. 1928, newspaper photo)

Brazil, Henry G. Sr. (U.S. Navy, info. 3/31/1925-6/4/1996)

Brews, Douglas (Fleet Engineer with M.A. Hanna, retired 12/1930)

Bright, William (Capt., info., 1934)

Brisbin, Sam (Lake Engineer incl. SS NORONIC)

Brittain, Ralph C., Capt., born 08/06/1842, sailor, later owner of SS MERCHANT (1865), subsequently built many vessels including J. S. CROUSE

Britton, Charles A.  (chief engineer Pittsburgh SS, died July 21, 1953)

Brockel, Harry (Port Director of Milwaukee, photo - more info elsewhere)

Brockel, Margaret (Port Director’s Mom, d. 1947)

Brohl, Helen A.  (Director of Marketing, Port of Chicago)

Brokenshire, Thomas (Capt. lost with sch OCEAN WAVE 1890)

Brooks, James W.  (Great Lakes pilot, Goodrich Line, info., died 6/1934)

Brown, Alexander E.  (Inventor of unloading technology, info., 1852-1911)

Brown, Frank J.  (Capt. d. 1946)
Brown, Henry Daniels (Director, Detroit Historical Museum, info., died 2/2/1970)

Brown, J.J.H. (President of Lake Carriers Assn. for 1896, picture only)

Brown, Milton J. (Marine Historian, history of the Columbia fleet, son of lake captain, sailed for Pittsburgh during WWII)

Brown, Rolland H. (Capt. Died 1953)


Brown, William L. (President of American Shipbuilding, info., 1899-1904)

Brownell, Edward B. and Agnes (wife dies during husbands funeral, Capt Edward B. Brownell, June 1932)

Brunel, Islambard Kingdom (Designer of Great Eastern launched 1858, info.)

Brzek, John S. (Sep 1, 1916 – Aug 21, 2004, Union, Longshoremen)

Bues, Adolph F. (Pres of Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, d. 1930)

Bundy, Henry (Capt. of GOOD TIDINGS and evangelist, info., 1828-1906)

Bureta, Ladis (tugboat capt., d. 1952, newspaper photo)

Burnham, Oliver T. (Vice-Pres./Secretary Lake Carriers Assn., info, 1908-1986)

Burger, Henry C. (Luxury yacht builder, info., died 1962)

Burgner, George (Steward, Oglebay Norton, info., died 16/2002)

Burke, Enos J. (Capt., info. died 2/18/1926)

Burke, Fred "Taty Bug" (Capt. SS ARLINGTON. Info., died 05/02/1940)

Burridge, George Nau and Arlene "Sprig" (Yachtspeople, author, info., article 1996)

Bush, William E. (Lighthouse keeper, photo only)

Butts, William C. (Capt., info., died 12/15/1939)

Byers, James (Capt., info, Born 1834)
Cabot, James L. (Ludington, MI Librarian in 1989)
Cahoon, Elwood I. (Pilot, fireboat DELUGE, photo)
Callaway, William W. (Capt. and vessel owner, May 13, 1831-1912, info., photo)
Campbell, Peter M. (Capt., Canadian, "Black Pete", photo, info.)
Campbell, Robert (Shipwright, died June 14, 1915 at age 64, info.)
Campbell, William G. (Great Lakes Towing Co., d. 1940, newspaper photo)
Candler, James (Vessel owner, seaman and navigator, 19th Century)
Canty, Jeremiah J. (Pres. Independent Oil & Grease Co, d. 1939)
Caraway, James (boatman, scuba diver, President, WMHS, circa 1991)
Carlisle, Colin C. (Capt., President, I.S.M.A. in 1936, photo)
Carlson, Will (Fisherman, fish tug DIAMOND, Leland Co., MI, died 1941, info.)
Carlson, Pete (Fisherman, son of Will, tug GOOD WILL, circa 1941, info.)
Carlson, Bill (Fisherman, son of Pete, 1960s, info.)
Carney, Thomas J. (Capt., Drummond Tug Line, Gilchrist, Great Lakes Steamship)
Carr, Sherman (Ham radio operator, weather warning pioneer, d. 03/2000 at 83)
Carrigan, J. W. (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines, circa 1933, photo)
Carter, Edward (Sailor, died in sinking of schr. FREE DEMOCRAT, 5/13/1868, age 26)
Cartwright, Peter M. (Capt., SS JAMES PICKANDS, Interlake SS Co. 9/1871-11/1930)
Carus, Edward (Capt., Goodrich Line, marine historian, d. 02/1935)
Caswell, Robert Kilman (Capt., tugs, info. d. 5/3/1889 at age 54)
Caswell Family, (see Robert Kilman)
Caughell, Charles W. (Capt. for Gilchrist SS, etc., d. 1945, newspaper photo)
Caughlin, John (Capt., Milwaukee tugs, info. circa 1874)
Cavanaugh, John (Carferry captain, d. 1936)
Caynor, Joseph (Capt., fish trawler of Port Washington, WI, lost at sea)
Ceszynski, Ron (Artist, member WMHS, photo, circa 1990)
Chambers, A.B. (Capt., Pittsburgh Fleet, d. 7/23/1935)
Chambers, William J. (Capt., Great Lakes Towing Company, died 12/2000)
de Champlain, Samuel (Founder of New France, 1567-1635, info)
Chatterton, Steve (Capt., stmr. IDAHO, 1881, info.)
Chauncy, Isaac (Commodore, USN on Lake Ontario, War 1812, info.)
Chavez, Art (Marine historian, carferry enthusiast, 21st century)
Child, Robert F. (Capt., Lake Ontario Steamboat Co. d. 3/29/1875)
Christianson, C.M. (Lightship captain, retired 10/1931)
Christianson, Thomas (Shipbuilder, Green Bay, WI, d. 1875)
Christopher, Samuel (Capt., "Smokestack Sam", stmr PEEWAUKIE, d. 1932)
Christophersen, M (Capt., died 1947)
Clark, Alexander (Capt., organizer of I.S.M.A., info., born 5/4/1844)
Clark, John B. (boat designer, boat plans, 1948)
Clarke, A.A. (Capt., Inland Steel, 1st boat to Duluth, 1941, photo)
Clary, James (Artist, writer, marine historian, Pt. Huron, MI 21st century)
Clausson, Gus (Vessel owner, SS RHODA EMILY, Milwaukee, 4/15/1914)
Cleary, Henry J. (Capt. Lifesavers, Marquette, MI, picture 1893, info.)
Clement, George Washington (Schooner Capt., loyalist ancestry. 1828-1868)
Clergue, Francis H. (Vessel owner, founder Algoma Central, late 1800s)
Cleveland, Charles B. (Capt., Cleveland Shipmasters' Assn. d. 2/24/1926

Clow, David (Vessel builder, Chambers Island, circa 1850-1892, info.)

Cobb, Rush (Capt., vessel owner, d. 4/21/1900 at age 48)

Cochrane, David M. (Capt. Goodrich Transit Co., d. 1925)

Cole, Darius (Capt., vessel owner, vessel namesake, info, d. 1/12/1893)

Cole, Richard (Boat designer, Wayzata, MN 1948)

Cole, Thomas (Vessel owner, yacht owner, Pittsburgh Fleet, info. 1880s, 1890s)

Collins, Thoms Sr. (Capt. 1813-1892)

Collins, William A. ((Steamboat Inspector, d. 1931)

Conlee, Courtland R. (WMHS member/officer, d. 4/8/1981, info.

Cornell, Richard J. (Capt., old sailor, shipwreck survivor, 11/02/1835-02/01/1923)

Conrad, Charles F. (Business man, carferry entrepreneur, d. 1995)

Consaul, James (Capt., tug Dick Davis, late 19th Century)

Cook, Alexander Burns (maritime artist, b. 1924)

Cook, Frank J. (Capt., Goodrich Transit Co., d. 1954)

Cook, Lloyd L. (Photo finisher, real photo postcard publisher, d. 05/17/1972)

Cooper, David (State Underwater Archaeologist, 1989-1998)

Cooper, Michael (Lighthouse keeper, Northpoint Light, resigned June 2002)

Coughlin, Gerald (Capt., Interlake Steamship, ret. 1975)

Coulby, Harry (President, Interlake Steamship, d. 01/1929)

Cousteau, Jacques (French inventor, diver d. 06/1997 at age 87)

Craig, John (Shipbuilder, Toledo Shipbuilder, B. 12/24/1938)

Crange, Thomas (lumberman, Bay City, MI ship owner 7/21/1833-3/5/1911)

Crawford, J. M. (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines, photo only)

Crawford, Robert M. (Capt. Died 1957)

Crimmins, Thomas (Commodore, Lake Ontario Towing Assn. d.8/26/1918)

Cronin, Andy (died 1914, disappeared from Port Washington)


Crosby, Fred. G. (Vessel owner, CONNESTOGA, info. 1918)

Crosby, Jacob H. (Capt. tug QUEEN, drowned at Oconto, WI info. 6/12/1876)

Culbertson, Edgar A. (Boatswain’s Mate 1st class, died trying to rescue three teenage boys in the Duluth Ship Canal, April 30, 1967)

Cummings, Michael J. (Oswego, NY vessel owner, info. d. 06/19/1911)

Cummings, Robert C. (Chief Engineer, SS HARVEY H. BROWN, died 9/1930)

Cushing, William C. (Asst. Superintendent of Docks, Pickens & Mather, died 1930)

Cuthbertson, George Adrian (Marine historian and author, info. 1898-1969)

Daggett, Henry J. (Capt., DREADNAUGHT, from Oswego, NY info.8/16/1826 - 05/06/1870)

Dall, David (Capt. & vessel owner, info. 7/07/1822-10/18/1890)

Dall, William (Racine, WI resident d. 1877)

Dana, William (Capt., pilot, info. 1812-1902)

Danaher, Cornelius D. (Lumberman, info. 8/02/1857-03/17/1921)

Daniels, Israel (Algonac, MI boat builder, died at 93 6/11/1935)

Davidson, James (Bay City, MI wooden ship builder, info. 1841-1929)
Davidson, Thomas (d, 1936)
Davie, William (seaman, gold prospector, farmer, d. 1937)
Davis, Richard A. (Capt., info. died April 15, 1900)
Davis, W. J. (Capt., RN, info., photo, born 1954)
DeBaptiste, George (African-American sailor, vessel owner, info. 1800s)
Decker, Joe (Capt. Cleveland Cliffs, Corps of Engineers, info., born 12/21/1920)
DeNike, Lee (Capt., D&C, 1915 photo, d. 1950)
Denis, Joseph (Capt., d. 1931)
Derusha, Harold (Owner, Marinette Marine Corp. info., died 0/04/1985)
Dettollof, Adam & Guste (Waukegan Harbor Master, Guste d. 1933)
Dever, William W. (LADY ELGIN survivor, info., picture, b. 7/15/1827)
Dewey, George (Admiral, 2 Runge scrapbooks, info., Hero Manila Bay)
Dietrich, George J. (Lake Carriers Assn, d. 1954)
Doak, John A. (Capt., info. born 02/21/1856)
Doak, John R. (19th century Capt., scow-schr. ELLA DOAK, info.)
Dobbie, Thomas (Capt. of tugs, Oswego, NY, info. born 3/21/1815)
Dobbins, Daniel (Sailing-master, architect of Perry's fleet at Put-in-Bay, info.)
Donnelly, Thomas (Wrecker captain, Lake Ontario, info. late 1800s, early 1900s)
Donovan, George L. (Capt. Lake Ontario, Oswego, NY, info. d. 10/1937)
Dooley, Martin (aka Dooly, Doorly, Milwaukee harbormaster, died on LADY ELGIN, Correspondence from relative)
Doolittle, Sylvester (boat builder, schooners, canal boats, info., d. 10/11/1881)
Dority, Frank A. (Capt. car ferries, EASTLAND, info. died 1953)
Dorr, Eban (Capt., salvager, ship builder, info. 1817-1881)

Doyle, Thomas E. (Capt., Interlake SS Co., info., retired 1973)

Drake, David H. B. (Folksinger, song writer, musician, info. 44 years old 1991)

Drayer, Bernard G. (Capt., Interlake SS Co., info. retired 1986)

Drew, Frank A. (Capt., Booth Fisheries, lighthouse keeper, info. ret. 1929)

Driscoll, Jeremiah (Capt., Pennsylvania Fish Commission, info. early 1900s)

Driscoll, John & Mary (Capt. of Tugs, Mary d. 1930)

Drouillard, Alfred C. (Capt., Interlake Steamship Co., of Cleveland, retired pre 1958)

Drummond, Gavin (engineer, chief surveyor for Lloyds Register, died 1953)

Dube, Edmund (Capt., various vessels on Georgian Bay, died 8/1930)

Dufrane, Peter (pioneer shipbuilder, Oswego, NY, info. 1821-1913)

Dulac, Bert (Capt. of MINERAL CITY, son of Wm Dulac, info., photo)

Dulac, William (Capt., of Mt. Clemens, MI, shipbuilder, born 1837, info.)

Dulwage, Moses, Young Canadian sailor who was lost trying to return to his ship after visiting friends when a mighty storm came up and blew his small boat away.

Dunlap, Frank M. (Mechanical Engr, designer of Poe Lock, d. 1935)

Dunphy, B. L. (marine architect, no info., just plans. 1948)

Dyer, C. D. (V.P. Shenango Furnace, dir. Great Lakes Towing, died 1/1931)

Dyer, Lottie V. Wolf (daughter of shipbuilder William H. Wolf of Milwaukee)

Dykstra, Frank (Model builder, info., photo, 2001)

Eads, James Buchanan (self-taught engineer, inventor of a diving bell, builder of Ironclads, builder of Mississippi River bridge, bust, book)

Earl, Arlene (The Flower Lady, died 2016)
Eastman, Geo. S., (Vessel owner, WM. H. WOLF, registered 4/29/1913, Milw.)
Edward, William S., (Mech. Engineer, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock, info. d. 06/05/1937 when air compressor exploded.)
Edwardsen, Christ (Capt. died Sep 1928)
Egan, Wiley M., (Shipper, vessel owner, info., picture, died 1903)
Eggers, John (Capt., died June 1929)
Ehorn, Paul, (Diver, accused of removing items from a shipwrecks in 1999, info.)
Ellis, William Donohue, (Novelist, regional historian, editor Inland Seas, info., 09/23/1918-09/06/2000)
Elser, John (Milwaukee bridge tender, d. Oct 6, 1928)
End, Edgar, (Physician, hyperbaric pioneer, info., died 05/23/1981)
England, Richard, (Capt., director of Lake Carriers Assn., 1922-1942, d. 11/12/1954)
Ericcson, John, (Inventor of propeller, ironclads, info. 19th century)
Ericksen, Henry, (Capt., Steamboat inspector, Milwaukee, info., )
Erickson, Donald, (Capt., WILLIAM CLAY FORD, invitation to museum display)
Erickson, Halver (Capt. d. January 1932)
Erickson, Mark (Operations manager at CN, Two Harbors)
Etzel, Frank A., (Pilot Milwaukee fireboat DELUGE, retired 1960, brother of Henry and Max, info.)
Etzel, Henry, (Capt. Milwaukee Tug Line, info, brother of Frank A. and Max, died 1951)
Etzel, Frank J., (Milwaukee fireboat pilot, info., brother of Frank A. and Henry)
Evans, John, (Capt., Boland & Cornelius fleet, info., died 1934)
Evans, William R., (Controller, Great Lakes Transit Corporation, info. died 1934)
Evanson, Arnold (Capt. d. Dec 6, 1944)

Ewig, Emil, (Port Washington, WI fisherman, info. died 1924)

Ewig, William, (Port Washington, WI fisherman, info. died 1950)

Ewing, Edgar, (Capt., steamboat inspector, 1936)

Fairless, Benjamin F., (President, U.S. Steel, vessel namesake, info.)

Falzetti, David, (Capt., Executive Director, Milwaukee Lake Schooner, info.)

Farquhar, Alexander (chief engineer, died 1953)

Fehlig, Charles, (Capt., riverboat captain, info.)

Felixson, Glen, (Capt. harbor master St. James, Beaver Island, 1997)

Ferris, Charles W., (Tug Captain, Oswego, NY, info., died 1907)

Fetting, William M. (engineer, died 1953)

Fitz, Justin Allen (gyro compasses, died 1953)

Fitzgerald, Edmund (Scion of family of lake captains, insurance executive, founder WMHS, info., died 1986)

Fitzgerald, Michael, (Capt., involved in collision between Hadley and Wilson, 1902, info.)

Fleming, Martin F., (Capt., info., sailed for Eber Ward, died 1894)

Ford, Augustus (Capt., U.S.N., early Lake Ontario sailor, War of 1812 vet. 1772-1855)

Ford, Henry, (Automobile manufacturer, vessel owner. Info.)

Ford, John Baptiste, (Capt. [honorary], riverboat vessel owner, glass manufacturer, President, Michigan Alkali Co. info., 1811-1903)

Foster, Amos, (Capt., born 1834. Civil War hero, info.)

Foster, Luther H., (Lumberman, info., murdered 06/29/1876)

Foster, William W. (Capt.& keeper of Milwaukee lighthouse, d. Dec 1943)
Fox, Charles W. (mate, Gilchrist Fleet, Capt. Cleveland Cliffs, died 1/1931)

Fraley, Mark, (As 3rd Mate of INDIANA HARBOR rescued man overboard. 12/07/1993, info.)

Fransee, Arthur C., (Capt./owner excursion boat IROQUOIS, info., d. 1994)

Francis, Joseph, (Inventor of the life car, 1838, 1847, picture, info.)

Fredrickson, Arthur C. (Capt., author, info., picture, died 1966)

Freeman, Wendell Rodell, (Chief Engineer on EDMUND FITZGERALD, info.)

Friedlander, Theodore Jr., born 02/11/1917, died 07/14/2011, Served 5 years in US Army and Army Air Corps during World War II, marketing consultant, 25 years in the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Door County, WI, past President and board member of Wisconsin Marine Historical Society and officer in many other organizations. He received the Milwaukee Foundation Community Service William Frye Award.

Fries, V. A., (Member pioneer shipbuilding family, info., died 1937)

Frietsch, Adolph, sponsored by Schlitz Brewery he sailed alone via the Great Lakes to England 1896.

Fritsch, Charles (Milwaukee Tug Boat Line, Evinrude Co, d. 1929)

Froemming, Bernard A, (head of Froemming Shipyard at Milwaukee, which constructed 24 ships during World War II. Died August 16, 1945.)

Frost, W. Lewis, (Yachtsman, commodore of Rhode Island and Edgewood Yacht Clubs, died 11/22/1954)

Frumveller, John H., (Capt., ferries, U.S. Steel fleet, info., d. 4/14/2002)

Frye, Roland P. (engineer, died 1942)

Fuller, Brian T. (Master Chief, USCG, Sector Lake Michigan, 2017)

Gabrielson, George, (Watchman on the ADELLA SHORES, lost in sinking 5/01/1901, brother of Fred)

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Gallagher, John M., (Capt. Steamer George M. Humphrey of the M.A. Hanna fleet), died 1958 while the vessel was under his command.

Gallagher, Owen D., (Capt., Lake Michigan car ferries, info.)

Gardner, George William, (Founder of Cleveland Yacht Club, Cleveland Mayor, info.)

Gardner, George Henry, (Son of George William, owner of Ballast Island, info.)

Gardner, Kenneth, (Son of George Henry, owner of Ballast Island, info.)

Garrity, Thomas, (Capt., car ferries, Pittsburgh Steamship Co., Harbor Master Milwaukee, WI, info., died 1935)

Garry, Thomas A., (Admiralty Law attorney, info., died 1939)

Gaskin, Edward, (President, Union Drydock Co., Buffalo, died 1/1931)

Geiger, George K., (President of Bay Shipbuilding Corp., info. )

Georg, William V., (Milwaukee poster artist, info. 1853-1923)

Gerlach, Frederick "Fritz", (Author, artist, philanthropist, info. died 1998)

Gibbs, J. H., (Capt., bark TWILIGHT, drowned in shipwreck, info. d. 11/15/1872)

Gilbride, Francis J. (VP of Todd Shipyards)

Gilchrist, Joseph C. (Fleet owner, d. May 1919)

Gillham, Edwin Barry "Skip" (Author, sailor, Great Lakes historian, info.)

Gillott, Marcelle, (Director of Electron Microscopy, volunteer for Wisconsin Lake Schooner Association, died in freak accident when struck by mast, info., 1995)

Gilson, Joseph, (Capt., tug MAGNOLIA, hero in Chicago fire, info.)

Glockner, William, (Capt., schr. LA PETITE, 07/17/1856-05/03/1926, info.)

Genewuch, Charles, (Tug Capt., Canfield Line, Manistee, MI, info.)

Genewuch, William, (Capt. son of Charles, Milwaukee Tug Line, info.)
Goble, George, (Shipbuilder, Oswego, NY, info, died 1906)
Goble, George W., (Shipbuilder, son of George, info., died 1912)
Goble, Joseph Heron, (Shipbuilder, son of George, info., died 1934)
Goble, Nicholas C., (Shipbuilder, son of George, info., died 1909)
Goble, Thomas C., (Shipbuilder, Son of George, info. died 1931)
Godden, Jack, (Curator- WMHS, marine historian, model builder, writer, info.)
Golden, Charles, (drowned at Downsville, 1874)
Goodrich, Albert E., (Capt, fleet owner, 1825 - 1886, info.)
Goodyear, Frank H., (Railroad executive, vessel namesake, 1902)
Gould, Thomas W. (Capt. Steamboat Inspection Service, d. 1951)
Gouldner, Harvey D., (Maritime lawyer, organizer of Lake Carriers Assn.)
Gowan, Richard W.,(Capt., Interlake, photo, retired 1986)
Graham, Roderick (Capt., ferry Chief Wawatam, info.)
Grant, Charles Henry (marine artist)
Gratwick, William H., (Lumberman, vessel namesake, born 2/14/1870)
Grebe, Henry C. (Shipbuilder, Henry C. Grebe & Co., Chicago, d. June 1952)
Green, E. A. "Ted", (Capt., SS SUREWATER, brother of Matthew Green, died 12/1930 with his brother in automobile accident)
Green, James W., (Survivor of USS ARIZONA at Pearl Harbor, 12/07/1941, diver, assisted in salvage)
Green, Matthew, (Capt., EAGLECLIFFE HALL, brother E. A. Green died 12/1930 with his brother in auto accident)
Greene, Mary, (Capt., wife of Gordon C. Greene, Greene Line of riverboats, info., 1930s)
Greene, Tom, (Son of Mary and Gordon C., Green Line of riverboats, info.)

Gregory, Francis Hoyt (War of 1812 time)

Grieg, Gerald, (Capt., Upper Lakes, Grand Lodge President, ISMA, info.)

Griffin, Joseph H. (freight solicitor, d. Nov 1954)

Griffith, Thomas R. (Capt., Pere Marquette/Grand Trunk, d. April 1952)

Gritzmaccher, F. J. (officer of Wisconsin Steamship Co. in the "teens" of 20th Century, enrollment 1914)

Gubin, Mark, (Vessel owner, tug SOLOMON JUNEAU, photographer, info.)

Gulder, Guido, (Capt., Pittsburgh Steamships, JAMES FARRELL, 2003, info.)

Gunderson, Gabriel, (Capt., photo only, 19th Century)

Gunnell, Elias (Capt. and shipbuilder, d. Feb 1926)

Gussenbauer, Peter, (lighthouse keeper at Monroe Piers, MI 1888 – 1904)

Haas, Florence (first woman captain on Great Lakes, d. Dec 1943)

Hackett, James, (Capt., lighthouse keeper, died 1872, info.)

Hackett, Thomas, (Capt., died 1894, info.)

Hagen, (Capt., Richardson Fleet, survivor of Big Blow of 1913, info.)

Hagenson, Helmer August. (Capt., 1866-1911, ship chandler, info.)

Hale, Alan, (Sailor, shipwreck sole survivor, author, info.)

Hale, Ozro Judson, (Agent, Northern Transportation Co., b. 5/13/1828, info.)

Hall, James (famed author, d. July 1951)

Hall, Samuel Sr., (Ship builder, grain merchant, vessel owner, 1832-1914, info.)

Hallin, Mitchell B., (Capt., Interlake, died May 3, 2002, age 55, info.)

Hamilton, Frank E., (Capt., marine historian, of Kelly’s Island, died 1/22/1972)
Hanford, Robert H. “Lighthouse Bob”, (lighthouse keeper, 1925-2010, info.)
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, (businessman, U.S. Senator, yacht owner, info.)
Hansen, John H., (Capt., steamboat inspector at Marquette, MI, b. 1809, info.)
Hansen, John Thomas, (Capt., CHARLES A. STREET, ISMA, d. 9/05/1923, enrollments, obituary.)
Hansen, John (Capt. of Virginia and government inspector, d. Jan 1940)
Hansen, Robert E., (Shipbuilder, obituary, died 1/13/1989)
Hansen, Theodore L. (Hansen Seaway Service, stevedoring, Milwaukee, d. 8/28/1991)
Hanson, Ole A. (Capt., d. Aug 1929)
Harmon, Frank, (Steward on PM car ferries, died 1941, info.)
Harper, Lynn, (Bridge tender [Michigan St., Milwaukee], info.)
Harris, Charles A., (Realtor, freighter passenger, award recipient)
Hart, Henry W., (Shipbuilder, vessel owner Green Bay, born 1/8/1846)
Hart, Fannie C., (Vessel namesake, daughter of Henry W.)
Hart, Harriet A., (Vessel namesake, daughter of Henry W.)
Harvey, Carolyn Hays, (02/25/29 - 09/09/2011, graduated University of Kentucky, married Richard G. Harvey Jr, 08/10/1972. She had a career in marketing and management for Procter and Gamble and Quaker Oats. She was very active with the Windpoint lighthouse in Racine, WI.)
Harvey, Charles (Builder of first Soo Locks, photo only)
Harvey, Mike, (British submarine captain, WWII POW in Germany, info.)
Haskell, James, (Deputy Port Director, Milwaukee, info., d. 8/22/1994)
Hawgood, Arthur H. (Capt., Fleet owner, d. June 1945)
Hawkins, Rufus, (Capt., SS VANDALIA, d. 8/30/1879 at age 72)
Hays, John, (Discoverer of copper deposits in UP, info., 10/09/1804-4/24/1902)

Hayward, E. (Capt., D&C Steamship Line, photo only)

Hebert, George F., (Chief engineer, SS MANCHESTER, b. 12/09/1874, info.)

Hebert, Helga Ness (Shipwreck survivor, HARRIET HART, wife of George F., mother of John, info.)

Hebert, John, (Pulp wood, heir to marine tradition)

Hebert, Joseph, (Worked on steamboats and tugs, car ferry engineer, father of George F., grandfather of John.)

Hedine, Bob, (Capt., American Steamship Co., INDIANA HARBOR, born, Detroit, MI, worked on SOUTH AMERICAN, worked for several steamship companies before going with ASC.

Helling, Fred rich, (Capt., mysteriously disappeared from vessel SIRIUS 1987)

Hellyser, Alfred, (Figurehead carver, model maker, London, 1939)

Henderson, Henry (Capt. of sch ISHPeming, smuggled Confederate officers and civilians back and forth across Lake Erie to Canada during Civil War)

Henman, Frank, (Capt., LADY OF THE LAKE, born 1/30/1850, died 1926, info.)

Herreshof, L. Francis, (Marine author, 1940s)

Herriman, Horatio N., (Vice-president and Great Lakes manager of American Bureau of Shipping, naval architect, d. 9/18/1934, info.)

Herman, Eugene (editor of Great Lakes News, d. Jan. 1949)

Heyl, Erik (Marine historian and artist, info.)

Hightower, John B., (President and CEO of Mariners’ Museum at Newport News, VA, 1993, info.)

Hill, Charles Borland, (Corporate attorney and law professor, 6/05/1866-11/27/1959.)

Hill, James J., (RR tycoon, vessel owner, info.)

Hill, Ludlow L., (Capt., General Mngr. of Hill Steamboat Line, son of Ludlow P., born 8/8/1855, info.)
Hill, Ludlow P., (President of Hill Steamboat Line, lighthouse keeper, of Kenosha, WI)

Hill, Samuel (Captain, born January 3, 1858, Dominion Diary)

Hill, William S., (President of Hill Steamboat Line, son of Ludlow P., b. 12/09/1866, info.)

Hillarat, Moise, (Builder of LaSalle’s GRIFFON, born 1640, info.)

Himelrick, Richard, (Keeper of Boston Lighthouse, last manned lighthouse in US, last Coast Guard lighthouse keeper in US, sworn in 5/7/1999)

Hinckley, Augustus R., (Lake Ontario Capt., born 8/11/1856, info.)

Hirsimaki, Eric, (Facilities manager at Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, photographer, writer, publisher)

Hirthe, Mary, (Marine historian, author, wife of Walter)

Hirthe, Dr. Walter, (Mechanical engineer, marine historian, author, officer, WMHS, 2/6/1927-2/9/1991)

Hobaugh, Jimmie, (USCG Capt., commanded WOODRUSH in EDMUND FITZGERALD search, director Le Sault de Sainte Marie Historic Sites)

Hobbs, Capt. Dean, (Senior captain of carferry SS Badger, graduate Maine Maritime Academy, died November 21, 2013 at age 51)

Hodges, Lena, (Stewardess on MORO CASTLE, saved many lives, died 9/15/1987)

Hoey, William A., (Vessel owner, Gaelic Towing, Captain of various tugs, marine photographer. Photo)

Hoffman, Roy, (Milwaukee Port Director, resigned 1968, info.)


Holmes, John A. (Capt., d. July 1934)

Holmes, S., (Captain of the ADELLA SHORES, went missing May, 1909, info.)
Hopkins, Albert Lloyd, (President of Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock Co., died on the LUSITANIA, 1871-1915, info.)

Houghton, Elijah, (Capt., various Wisconsin cities, various schooners, 19th cent., info.)

Hourigan, Dan (Captain, George Hall Co. fleet of Ogdensburg, died 1921)

Howard, Alan, (Curator, Marine Museum of Upper Canada, general manager of Cayuga Steamship Company, 1914-1986, info.)

Howard, James, (River steamboat builder, Howard boatyard became Jeffboat, 19th century)

Howe, Lord Admiral Richard Sir William, (British naval commander during Revolutionary War, info.)

Howell, Morgan L. (Capt. of AQUARAMA et al, info., died 8/15/200)

Hoxie, Allan K., (Capt. MILWAUKEE CLIPPER, photos, info.)

Hruby, Libby, (Last known survivor of EASTLAND disaster, died 2004)


Huehns, Ferdinand (sailor, owner of Harbor Beach tavern and rooming house, d. May 1950)

Hugunin, Robert, Veteran of War of 1812, from upper New York state, ship owner, later traded with Canada, sailed Lake Ontario, later out of Chicago, IL. Died 11 June 1862 at the site of the Chicago Portage.

Hull, James D., (Rear Admiral USCG, Commander 9th CG District, info.)

Hull, Walter C. (Yachter, model boat builder, d. Nov 1941)

Huskins, Norbert, (Dredge HIAINS engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Info., 1960s)

Hutcheson, William H., (Capt., Whitney Fleet, info., died 1902)

Hutchinson, Charles L., (Vessel owner, vessel namesake, son of John T., info.)
Hutchinson, Charles L. II (VP Hutchinson Fleet, Buckeye Fleet and Pioneer Fleet, died 12/7/2001)

Hutchinson, John T., (Vessel owner, vessel namesake, father Charles L., info.)

Hutchinson, William S. (Manager, Rud Machine Co. of Cleveland, director Pioneer Steamship Co., President and Director Buckeye Steamship, died 9/1930)

Inman, Byron Bonaparte, (Capt., tugs et al, vessel owner, info., 5/3/1849 - 02/15/1903)

Inman, Hiram G. (Capt., tugman, photo, d. Nov 1936)

Inches, H. C., (Capt., author, marine historian, Dir. GLHS museum, info.)

Iwer, Ernest F. (shipbuilder, d. Sep 1, 1936)

Jackson, James, (Capt., Interlake fleet, d. 5/19/1937, info.)

Jacobs, Edward, (Capt., Columbia fleet, info., born 2/10/1892)

Jacobson, Abraham (Capt., tugboats, newspaper photo, d. Feb 9, 1953)

Jager, Ron, (Great Lakes fisherman, died at 59 in 2000, lost at sea)

James, William D. (fireboat captain, newspaper photo, d. May 13, 1950)

Janbersky, R.J., (U.S. Coastguardsman, witness sinking of str. MUSKEGON in 1919)

Jantz, Richard, (Vessel designer, only vessel design shown)

Jarcho, Fred W. (Pres Sheriffs Wheel Co., d. 1937)

Jardine, Robert John, (Canadian sailor, member Lake Huron Lore, 1930-2009)

Jensen, Nels, (Capt. schooner. AGNES, died 11/25/? )

Jilbert, Charles V. (Capt., Cleveland Cliffs, pilot, info., died 1981)

Johnson, Andrew A., (Shipbuilder, Norwegian, out of Green Bay and Oshkosh, info.)

Johnson, Grant, (Chief Engineer on str. MUSKEGON when wrecked on Muskegon piers 10/28/1919)
Johnson, Hans Peter, (One of the last caulkers on the Great Lakes, Manistee, MI)

Johnson, Jay L., (Admiral, USN, Wisconsin native, promoted 1996, info.)

Johnson, John G. (schooner Capt., d. Feb 1944)

Johnson, Levi, (Capt., vessel builder, info., 1792-1872)

Johnson, Roy E. (Capt., died 1947)

Johnson, Theodore A., (Capt., Washington Island, WI native, Hutchinson fleet, info. died 1957)

Johnson, William, Born 1782, Canadian who sided with US in War of 1812, worked as privateer. The British regarded him as a pirate, the “Pirate of the Thousand Islands”.

Johnston, Simon G., (Capt., Thousand Islands, born 1821, ship builder, info.)

Jolliet, Louis, (Explorer, 1637-1700, explored the Mississippi watershed, Chicago Portage, etc., info.)

Jones, C. F., (Capt., schr. KEWAUNEE, died 9/7/1880, possible other info.)

Jones, George Washington, (Capt., pioneer shipbuilder, advocate of iron and steel ships, info. d. 1894)

Jones, James, (Capt., marriage notice, 1850)

Jones, James Monroe, (Photo with wife, shipbuilder on Jones Island)

Jones, Augustus, (Shipbuilder, info.)

Jones, George Washington, (Shipbuilder, son of Augustus, info.)

Jones, Benjamin Buell, (Shipbuilder in Milwaukee, son of Augustus, info.)

Jones, Frederick Nelson, (Shipbuilder of Buffalo, son of Augustus, info.)

Joy, Carl C., (Vessel owner, str. MANCHESTER, registration 1913, d. May 1941)

Joys, John, (President, Joys Brothers ship chandlers of Milwaukee)

Juneau, Solomon, (A founder of Milwaukee, WI, fur trader, vessel namesake)
Kane, Henry C., Capt. Schooners, A.P. Lyman fleet, born 1846, retired from the Lakes in 1893, obituary 10/07/1940.

Karnath, Walter H., (Upper Mississippi steamboat pilot, info., died 5/21/85)

Kaysen, James P. (1910-1994, historian)

Keating, (Ship builder - Runge's list, no first name shown)

Keith, William G., (Capt., shipbuilder in Saugatuck, MI, vessel namesake, info.)

Keller, Frank H. (Sailor, Master's Certificate of Sick or Injured Seaman, 5/10/1921, on str. HARRY A. JONES)

Kelley, Henry T. (Capt., P.A.B. WIDENER, Pittsburgh Fleet, died 1/26/1931)

Kelly, Timothy, (Capt. SS MANCHESTER, photo of officers in dining room, commanded various vessels, info., Interocian Transportation Co., d. April 1943)

Kenniston, Frank "Foggy", (Tug lineman, tugboat captain, part time rooming house proprietor and sometimes bridge tender in Milwaukee, WI, info.)

Kent, Tim, (Yachtsman, around the world alone)

Kenyon, William, (Capt., D&C steamships, photo)

Kerr, Duncan, (Master of schr. HUNTER, knocked over by jibboom and drowned, 1821)

Ketola, Robert O. (Capt., Interlake, J. L. MAUTHE, info.)

Kevich, Brana (Owner of private lighthouse in Port Washington, WI)

Kimball, Joseph L. D., (Capt. vessel owner, info. died 1892)

Kirby, Frank E., (Vessel designer, naval architect, info.)

Kirby, Robert F., (Vessel dispatcher for Cleveland office of Oglebay-Norton [Columbia], retired 1985 after three decades of service.)

Kirsch, Joseph A., (President, Frontier Engine Works, died 08/19/1931)

Kitts, Willard A. (Ship builder, Oswego, NY, info.)

Kitzinger, Gus A. (Pere Marquette steamers., newspaper photo, d. July 1929)
Klein, P. J. (Northern Michigan Steamship Line, Newspaper photo, d. October 1932)

Kluka, Lillian, (Capt., first Canadian woman captain on Great Lakes, 1986, info.)

Knapp, Gilbert (Capt., US Revenue Service, USS FESSENDEN etc., info.)

Knapp, Walter H., (Contractor, President Frank Doherty Co., built Kinnikinnic River car ferry dock, 1919)

Knight, Alfred G., (Steamboat inspector, retired 9/1/1936, Marquette District)

Knudsen, Martin W. (wife Theresa, Milwaukee Light House keeper, d. July 26, 1943)

Knusi, Oscar, (Boat builder, cabin builder, Finnish immigrant info.)

Koch, Robert, (Capt., of the UTICA, held for carrying liquor, 1929, photo)

Kohl, Chris, (Diver, author, marine historian, photo, info.)

Kolar, Frank, (Volunteer, Manitowoc Maritime Museum, Cobia Tour guide, photo)

Kolenda Family, (Capt. LeRoy Kalenda, Duluth, MN native, sailed for U.S. Steel Great Lakes Fleet, Captain of PRESQUE ISLE, passed away 05/11/2008. His sons still sail the Great Lakes. LeRoy is port engineer for the Great Lakes Fleet/Key Lakes Inc., Michael is first engineer on the EDWIN H. GOTT, Dominic is 3rd Asst. Engineer on the PAUL R. TREGURTHA.)

Kopmeier, John Henry, (Businessman, Wisconsin Ice & Coal Co, Upper Milwaukee River Improvement Assn, born 2/16/1854, biography, photo.)

Kopmeier, John T., (Businessman, Wisconsin Ice & Coal Co., father of John Henry, biography, photo.)

Kopmeier, Norman, (Businessman, Wisconsin Ice & Coal Co., son of John Henry, biography)

Kortum, Karl, (Marine historian, San Francisco Maritime National Park, biography, photo.)

Koss, John, (Vessel owner, KOSS BROTHERS (11 tons), tax paid May 27, 1953. tax document)

Koster, Edward J. (Capt. Milwaukee tugboats, Great Lakes Towing, biography)
Kraemer, Rose. (Barkeeper, Port of Milwaukee, died March 9, 1993, photo, obit)

Kramer, Albert G. (Model maker, Revenue Service veteran, died July 16, 1920)

Kress, George F., (Founder Green Bay Packaging, Inc., philanthropist, small craft sailor, died 1997)

Krones, Herman, (Capt., schooner captain [BURTON], marine salvage, died 2/24/1946)

Kryzer, Thomas C. (Asst. Vice-President for coal and ore, Burlington-Northern, Inc., photo only)

Kuehn, Otto, (Model builder, West Allis, WI, 1958, short article)

Knayston, William, (Capt., schr. LIBERTY, keeper Milwaukee, WI Pierhead Lighthouse, Soundings article 1987, Vol. 27, No. 2)

Labadie, C. Patrick, (Marine Historian, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Lake Superior Marine Visitor Center, Duluth, MN, Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary. Alpena, MI, article)

LaFond, Henry, (Capt., fish tug FAITHFUL of Algoma, WI, sold out 1930)

LaFond, Leland, (Vessel owner, commercial fisherman out of Algoma, WI, Milwaukee, WI, vessel tax receipt May 23, 1952)

Lamoree, Peter, (Shipyard owner, Oswego, NY, obituary, died April 7, 1892)

Landgraf, William H. (Capt., died 1953)

Landgrebe, W. H. (Chief hull draftsman of American Shipbuilding Co., died 1/1931)


Langell, Simon, (Ship builder, born 1833 in Nova Scotia, shipyard in St. Clair, MI. article from Telescope, vessel namesake.)

Lancefield, Thomas William SEE Parker, Thomas Lancefield (Capt., b. Oct 20, 1814 as Thomas William Lancefield, d. March 10, 1883)

Lapham, Increase, (Helped build Erie Canal, weatherman, Milwaukee, WI, died September 14, 1875)
LaPointe, Paul, (charter boat operator, diver, discoverer of shipwrecks of schr. EXPLORER and schr. SAN JACINTO. Died 1995, Chatham, ON)


LaSalle, Rene Robert Sieur de, (1643-1687), French explorer, builder of the GRIFFON, first ship on Great Lakes.)

Lawrie, William J., (Veteran Milwaukee yachtsman, past commodore of the South Shore Yacht Club, 3 obituaries, died August 1961)

LeClair, Daniel "Pete", (Born June 28, 1929, fisherman, owner Susie-Q Fish Market, Two Rivers, WI)


Leisk, Henry (Capt., d. March 1927)

Leisk, John (Capt., four brothers as captains, Henry, Thomas, James, d. March 1926)

Leitz, Russell, (Compiled list of vessels, lighthouses, docks, quarries etc. from Door County Advocate from 1862 onward, online database 2000)

Lenz Family (Fishing family, vessel owners, article, tax receipts)

Leonard, James T.,(Master Commander, USN. fought on Lake Ontario under Isaac Chauncey in War of 1812)

Leonard, John, (Capt., Quebec and Ontario Transportation Co., CHARLES DICK, 1958-1973 obituary)

Leskinen, Arne, (Capt., JOHN A. KLING, died April 6, 2000, obituary)

Lester, Marshall, (Marine City, MI shipbuilder, died February 10, 1929. Obituary)


Lewis, Charles H. & Linda H. (Teed) (lighthouse tender and sailor, Charles d. 1937; Linda d. 1935)

Lewis, George (second mate, drowned 1957)

Lewis, Hosea, (Keeper of Lime Rock Light at Newport, RI)
Lewis, Ida (Lighthouse keeper, successor to her father Hosea)

Lightbody, John, (Capt. D&C Navigation Company, picture only)

Lightbody, Matthew, (Capt. D&C Navigation Company, picture only)

Lindemann, Clarence C. (manager for M. A. Hanna Co., died Sept 1953)

Lindemann, Walter, (Yachtsman, 3 time winner of Mackinac race, Director Milwaukee Yacht Club, obituary, died November 18, 1997)

Linn, Robert R., (Vessel designer from Grand Rapids, MI. Design from Rudder magazine, July 1948)

Linn, W.L. (Shipyard owner with John Craig at Gibraltar, MI in 1866)

Livingstone, William, (banker and president of Lake Carries Association, 1844-1925, Livingstone Channel named after him, article)

Lorentz, LaVern, (Great Lakes sailor on steamers MARION, COVALT, later career in railroading with Pere Marquette Railway, and L&N. 1903-1987)

Lorenz, Fred W. (Capt., Born in Sweden, sailed salt water, in 1880 came on Great Lakes. He captains a number of schooners including FLORENCE M. SMITH and LOTTIE COOPER. Late vessel owner. Born March 7, 1858)

Love, Roy R., (Capt., hardhat diver, marine engineer, founder of Love Construction and Engineering Co. of Muskegon, MI, which built the ferry dock at St. Ignace, the Grand Trunk ferry dock, Huron Portland Cement dock, and Standard Oil terminal docks in Muskegon. He designed largest dredge on the Lakes.)

Lovelace, Clinton, (Owner Hi-Lo Diving, helped Milwaukee Fire Department develop their dive team. Obituary. Died April 2003.)

Loveland, Dorice E. (alias "Capt. Weathereye", boat watcher on the St. Clair River, marine historian)

Ludington, James, (vessel owner, founder of the city of Ludington, MI, lumber baron.)

Ludington, Lewis (Capt., founder of Ludington News Co, d. Aug 1934)

Ludwig, Daniel, (Self-made ship owner and real estate man. His vessels were saltwater, but he had 4 uncles who were Great Lakes captains, 1897-1992)

Luling, Charles, (Manitowoc, WI banker, October 6, 1830 - June 30, 1892)
Lund, William, (Capt., first captain to pilot an American ship into the port of Riga in 1876. Great Lakes captain of schooners ARCTURAS, JASON PARKE, JESSIE HOYT and WILLIAM H. WOLFE.)

Lund, Thorwald J. (Capt. (wife Rhoda), Milwaukee bridge tender, d. Oct 1924)

Lyons, S. A., (Capt. of the JAMES CARRUTHERS, lost in the “Big Blow” of 1913.)

MacCracken, Guy see McCracken

MacDonald, Robert J., (June 19, 1930-August 1998, Great Lakes sailor, grandson of Donald Sutherland MacDonald lost on the SEVONA, Marine Historical Society Historian of the Year 1987, marine historian and writer, obituary.)

Mackey, M. D., (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines, photo only)

Macualay, George A. (Capt., 1878-1929, Interlake Steamship Company, Gilchrist Transportation Co., Commanded TACOMA, JAMES H. REED, JAMES H. HOYT, and AMASA STONE among others, article.)

Macy, Slivanus, J., (Coal shipper, grandson of William H. Macy, resident Avon, NY, died 05/17/1903)

Madsen, Hans Christian, (ship modeler, story teller, two newspaper articles, photos)


Manning, Harry, (Vice-Admiral, "one of the most prominent shipmasters of the modern era" - sole information about him in this article)

Manuel, George R. (Capt., Great Lakes Steamship Co., died 1957)

Manwaring, Hiram. (Capt., tug boats including the CRUSADER, obituary 1910)

Manzzutti, Feliciano (Capt. Born July 27, 1910, died June 14, 2000)

Marr, George A. (Lake Carriers’ Treasurer, newspaper photo, d. July 1943)
Markakis, Constantine "Gus" , (Capt., Oglebay Norton, article, retired 2001)

Marsh, William H., (Ship chandler, McCarthy and Marsh in Oswego, NY, sailed the Lakes as a young man, obituary, 1909)


Martin, Don, (Diver, co-founder of the Thousand Islands chapter of SOS, died suddenly in 1998 at age 5, obituary)

Martin, Jay, (Curator, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 1997, article, photo)

Martin, Roland J., (Capt., CITY OF MILWAUKEE, later superintendent of car ferries for Grand Trunk, article, photograph)

Martyn, Grace Hannagan, (EMPERESS OF IRELAND survivor at age 7, article, photo)

Masse, Bruce, (Capt., carferry BADGER, photo only)

Massingham, William, (lumberjack, writer, Lakes sailor and poet, article, died September 20, 1933.)

Massman, Emory A. "Bud" Jr., (Detroit Marine Historian of the Year 1986, son of Capt. Emory A. Massman Sr., Nicholson Transit, article from MHSD calendar)

Masters, Irvine U., (Shipbuilder, partner of Peck & Masters, bio article)

Mather, Samuel, (Vessel owner, Pickands and Mather fleet managers (Interlake), 6 time vessel namesake, three articles)

Mather, William Gwinn, (scion of the puritan Mathers, son of Samuel Mather, large biographical article, pictures, died 4/5/1951)

Matt, Charles E., (Marine historian, member Toronto Marine Historical Society, obituary, 1974)

Matta, Scott T., (Commercial fisherman, Lost in the sinking of the LINDA E, December 11, 1998)


Matthews, James T. (Capt., d. Feb 1944)

Mattson, Helen "Mike", (Radio and telephone dispatcher supplying pilots out of De Tour, MI, article, 1971)

Maxim, Erving P. (Capt. Died 1954)

Maxon, F. C., (Vessel owner, tax receipts, tug KNIGHT TEMPLAR, April 29, 1918; tug KNIGHT TEMPLAR and tug COE, April 26, 1916.)

Mayberry, Charles (Chief Engineer of HOWARD M. HANNA Jr., during the "big blow of 1913”, statement regarding the experience)


Mayo, Steve (Marine artist, owner of restored tug SKUA on west coast, article with picture.)

McCallum, John, (Bridge builder, brother of Bertrand McCallum of the SS MONARCH, hero in the sinking of the MONARCH 1906, fleet captain for Wallaceburg Sand and Gravel Co.)

McCallum, Lachlan, (Canadian Senator, member House of Commons, captain in the Dunnville Naval company, died January 13, 1903, obituary)

McCannel, James (Capt., Canadian Pacific stmr. ASSINIBOINE, articles, photos, obituary, died 1939)

McCarthy, Daniel J. (Engineer with Bolan Cornelius, died August 19, 1947)

McCarthy, Walter John Jr., (1925 – 2013, engineer, businessman, vessel namesake)

McCauley, Charles (Capt., newspaper photo, d. April 1944)

McCauley, Con. (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines, photo)

McCormick, Doug, (Lighthouse keeper on S. Fox Island, born in Poverty Island Light in 1912, lighthouse preservationist at Grand Traverse Lighthouse, article)
McCormick, R. J., (Capt. of the NELLIE JOHNSON, allegedly stolen by Capt. Dan Seavey, article.)

McCormick, William, (Owner of Pelee Island, article)

 McCracken, Guy "Mac", (Ship modeler, resident in Door County, article from 1926, Heaves rock into bank/dies, d. July 1936)

McCulloch, John, (Capt., schr. M. J. CUMMINGS, lost off Milwaukee May 1894, article)

McDonald, Alexander, (Capt., NICARAUGUA, PAWNEE, ARIZONA, and MARSAHLL, stmr. PAHLOW out of Oswego, NY died 1937, obituary)

McDonald, D. A. (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines, photo only)

McDonald, William, (Capt., marine historian, worked with Great Lakes Engineering Works, died December 21, 1968)


McFayden, Lahian, (Capt., died of injuries in the West Bay City shipyard, 05/06/1900)

McGarry, Edward, (Captain of steamer Steelton while she was downbound on Lake Superior October 12, 1958 at age 57.

McGee, William (Capt., lost overboard from str 1889)

McIntosh, Murray G., (Capt., stmr. SAMUEL F. HODGE, stmr. EBER WARD, stmr. A. T. KINNEY et al. Died 10/16/1937)

McIntyre, Charles S. (Chairman Pittsburgh SS Co., died October 1947)

McKay, Alex J., (Capt., D&C, photo only)

McKay, D., (Capt., D&C, photo only)

McKay, George Perry, (Capt., GENERAL TAYLOR, MINERAL ROCK, PEWABIC, M. A. Hanna fleet, born on stmr. COMMODORE PERRY, died 1918)

McKee, Bradshaw C. (Chairman, Sand Products of Brevort, MI, converted AQUARAMA and MILWAUKEE CLIPPER, namesake McKEE SONS and a tug boat, died 2/2001)
McKenzie, Hugh, (Capt., stmr. B. W. JENNESS, PASAIC, J. E. POTTS, W.R. STAUFORD, tug DANIEL HEBARD. Worked for United States Shipping Board)

McLachlan, Archie, (Capt., D&C, photo only)

McLachlan, Duncan, (Capt., D&C, photo only)

McLean, Dick, (Capt., Marine Fueling,[bunkering tankers REISS MARINE, WILLIAM H. BENNETT], Buckeye Steamship Company, retired 1996, article)

McLean, William, (Capt., sailed in clipper and schooner days, captained for Crescent and Ward lines, Capt. EASTLAND, died 1934, obituary)

McLeod, Daniel aka Donald, (Capt., schr. St. LAWRENCE, shipyard owner, obituary, died 1899)

McLeod, Donald, (Capt. BRUCE MINES, incredible adventure in December 1954, article)

McMaster, James W., (Capt., C&O carferries, died 11/2000)

McMillan, James C., (Deputy Collector of Customs, Milwaukee, WI, short article, born 1861)

McNeil, Walter H., (Capt. 03/28/1876 – 01/03/1946. He was a master for Interlake commanding the AMASA STONE and SAMUEL MATHER among other vessels. He was active the Shipmasters and worked as a pilot.)

McNeilledge, Alexander, (Capt., article, born 1871, commanded New Orleans packet OREGON, also sailed out of [Port] Dover, ON)

McPherson, William A. (Lake captain, d. Feb 1945)

McQueen, J. Earl, (Capt., owner of McQueen Ltd. of Amherstburg, On, president of the International Tugboat Racing Association, captain of the tug Atomic.) Died 1957 at the age of 67.

McSorley, Ernest M., (Capt. of the EDMUND FITZGERALD at the time of her sinking, 2 photos)

McSweeney, Jeremiah J. (Capt., tug boats, Gillen Dredge & Dock, d. Nov 1929)

McVittie, Alexander, (shipbuilder, Detroit Dry Dock, Co, Toledo Shipping Co. - brief biography)
Meakin, Dr. Alexander, (MHSD Great Lakes Historian of the Year, 1989, chairman of Board of Trustees of Great Lakes Historical Society, author, short article with photo.)

Meehan, Daniel, (Fox Point [WI] philanthropist, U.S, Merchant Marine Academy graduate, owner of Meehan Seaway Service Ltd. [stevedoring], article)

Melges, Harry C. "Buddy", (Lake Geneva yachtsman, diver, duck hunter, chairman Melges Boat Works and Melges Sails, 2 long articles)

Mercereau, W. L., (Superintendent, Pere Marquette Carferry fleet, retired 1931)

Merrick, George B. (Capt., author Upper Mississippi steam boating, d. April 1931)

Merrill, John Burch, (Shipbuilder, vessel designer, in Milwaukee, also vessel insurer, born 12/11/1825, long genealogical article)


Metz, Richard, (Capt., Soo River and Heimbecker fleets, car ferry INCAN SUPERIOR, author, pilot, 2 articles)

Metzler, Gerald C., (Diver, high school teacher, expert in Lake Erie shipwrecks, article with illustrations.)

Meyer, aka Meier Family, (Family of Jones Island fishermen, owners of fish tug FORELLE, article, family reminiscences.)

Meyer, Carl J. (Forelle Fish, newspaper photo, d. Sep 1955)


Meyers, Dan, (Wheelsman for American Steamship Company, since 1983 on M/V BUFFALO, small article in company newsletter Soundings.)

Michelson, Halvor, (photo only)
Micka, George IV, President of S.S. City of Milwaukee board of directors, born December 26, 1966, died suddenly January 13, 2012. He worked as a railroad engineer for shortline Marquette Railroad. He was very active in the Society for the Preservation of the Car Ferry City of Milwaukee. He was inspecting car ferry City of Milwaukee and retired CGC Acacia when he fell into the harbor and succumbed to hypothermia and drowned.

Middleton, Edward, N., (MHSD Historian of the Year, 1984, served in USN, writer)

Midgett, John A., (Keeper, Lifesaving Station 177 near Rodanthe, NC, a family tradition, article)

Millard, Ralph B. (tug captain, manager Toledo harbor and Detroit operations of Great Lakes Towing Co., newspaper photo, d. Jan 1947)

Millen, James, (Capt., of Detroit, photo only)

Miller, Andrew, (Ship carpenter from Oswego, NY, born in Ireland 5/3/1806, died in Oswego, NY 4/09/1887, obituary)

Miller, Edward, (Capt., of the MUSKEGON formerly HOLLAND, when she sank in Muskegon, MI 10/28/1919, for which he lost his license. After that he painted boats at the Milwaukee Yacht Club, short article, obit, d. Jan 1951)

Miller, Frank, (Commercial fisherman, owner of fish tug KEVINBREN, tax documents 1952, 1953)

Miller, Jans J. (Capt., Columbia SS Co., died Dec 1952)

Miller, Jane, (Married to a man named Miller, who was lost 10/30/1854 on the PACIFIC on a passage on from Chicago to Milwaukee or off the schr. GESINE on 8/9/1856.)

Milton, Frank W. (Passenger agent Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Co, d.10/7/1953)

Mirich, Stephen Eugene, (Marine artist from California, autobiographical article with illustrations)

Misener, Ralph, (CEO of Misener Steamships, congratulatory 80th birthday article for well-known Canadian vessel owner, 1988)

Mitchell, Alfred, (Capt., head of Mitchell & Co. vessel insurance and brokerage agent in Cleveland, OH, died 7/29/1917 of Bright's disease, obituary)
Mitchell, John, (Capt., vessel owner of Cleveland, OH, Manager of Cleveland Steamships, had vessels built at American Ship Building Co. in Lorain, OH, 2 very short articles)

Moe, Peter G. (Engineer, died 1957)

Mohr, Charles, (Capt., of stmr WILLIAM NELSON, who rescued the crew of the schr OUR SON off Port Washington in 1930, two newspaper clippings with photos)

Mollison, Gilbert Sr., (Great Lakes shipper, in the "forwarding business", helped the Oswego [NY] Board of Trade, 1817-1912, 2 obituaries)

Mommsen, Meinert J. (chief engr., Milwaukee Tug Boat line, newspaper photo, d. May 1927)

Moody, C. W., (Owner of the stmr MANCHESTER, 1918, tax document)

Moody, Charles E., (Captain of the passenger whaleback CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS of the Goodrich Steamship Line, series of newspaper clippings and articles including the water tank tragedy, d. Feb 1944.)


Moore, Billy, (Chesapeake boat builder and waterman, subject of documentary film, article from The Mariners Museum)

Moore, Edwin James, (Lighthouse keeper at Grosse Point Lighthouse beginning 1888, longer article with illustrations.)

Moore, Sam, (Capt., vessel owner, schr. ELLZA LOGAN, KATE RICHMOND, CITY OF MILWAUKEE, TWO FANNIES, ZACH CHANDLER, etc. Died 1886.

Morgan, M.F., (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines, photo only)

Morine, Leon H., (Capt., USCG, Chief of Staff in Cleveland, OH, 1949, sailed on USCGC SEMINOLE)

Morris, William E., (Capt., W.E. SAUBER, foundered on Lake Superior off Whitefish 1903.)

Morrison, A. A. (Capt. supervising inspector for the US Bureau of Marine and Navigation, obituary, 1937)
Morrison, Frank, (Founder and President of Frank Morrison & Son Co., supplier of compasses and binnacles for the Great Lakes, obituary 1941)

Morton, Charles (Capt., U.S. Lifesaving Service, Keeper at Holland, served at St. Joseph. Served with Major Reno in Seventh Cavalry at the battle of the Little Big Horn. Died, 1913)

Mosbacher, Emil "Bus", (Yachtsman, skippered to victory two yachts in the America's Cup, obituary 1997)


Mucha, Alois, (Vessel owner, SILVER STAR, vessel tax statement, Forelle Fish Netting Co. 1953)

Mueller, Eric, (Rower, Olympic sculls crew, from Cedarburg, WI, 1996)

Mueller, Helen "Cookie", (Commodore of South Shore Yacht Club, 1995)

Muir, Alexander, (Muir Brothers Drydock, Port Dalhousie, ON, mid-18th century)

Murdock, Lee, (Singer of Great Lakes songs from Kane County, IL)

Murnane, James S., (Capt. for Oglebay-Norton [Columbia], sailed for them over 30 years, commanded FRED R. WHITE JR. from her christening in 1979 until his retirement in 1985.)

Murphy, Joseph L. (Moore McCormack Lines, died 1957)

Muza, Jacob, (Leader of the Kashubian colony on Jones Island. Testified against Illinois Steel Co. in 1897. Told the history of Kashubian settlement on the island. Died 1909)

Myer, Fred W., (Capt., lighthouse supply vessel LAMPLIGHTER. Died April 21, 1900)

Myers, James W. (Commercial fisherman, Kenosha, WI, article)

Napier, Joseph A., (Capt., schr. MERCHANT, rescued 32 passengers and crew, saved lives from the wreck of the stmr. D. G. WLLIAMS. Died 1914)

Navagh, Thomas, (vessel owner, tug John Navagh, died 1903.)
Nau, Libby, (Daughter of Lambert Nau, grocer, ship chandler, ship builder and vessel owner)

Nau Family, (See above. Green Bay, WI family of ship builders and vessel owners, owners of Nau Tug Line, which operated out of Green Bay for many years.)

Neal, Walter, (Capt., steamer MYRON when she was wrecked on Lake Superior in 1905, sole survivor. Born in Chatham, ON 1965, passed away 1951. Retired from the Nicholson Fleet.

Neff, A., (Alderman, 3rd Ward, Oshkosh, WI, 1853

Neff, Abel, (Completed the bridge at the foot of Ferry St. in Oshkosh in 1849. Same as A. Neff?)

Neff, E, (School superintendent, Oshkosh, WI, 1853

Neff, Charles S. (Vessel owner and shipper, born 1870, died 1940, son of Samuel Neff, short biography)

Neff Family, (Great Lakes shippers and captains, chiefly out of Oshkosh and Milwaukee, genealogy, mid-19th through early 20th centuries)

Neff, Judson (Carpenter, sash, door, and blinds maker in Chicago, born 1833)

Neff, Lucy J. (wife of Captain Sidney O. Neff, d. Aug 1955)

Neff, Mary (wife of Charles S. Neff, d. June 1945)

Neff, Samuel (Capt., first on Lake Winnebago, later on Great Lakes, later vessel owner. 1842-1904, father of Charles and Sidney O. Neff, brief biography)

Neff, Sidney O. (Capt. and vessel owner, brother of Charles, son of Samuel. 1863-1907, head of S.O. Neff Transportation Company.)

Neilson, Emma (Wife of Capt. Paul Neilson, namesake for schooner of that name, see Emma Nielson)

Nelson, Al (Capt., USS Great Lakes Fleet., 1st Mate M/V EDGAR B. SPEER, captain of the ARTHUR M. ANDERSON. EDWIN H. GOTT, interview after retirement)

Nelson, William T., (USN, October 15, 1908 - September 11, 1994. commander of Manitowoc submarines USS PETO, USS LAMPREY, influential in bringing the COBIA to Manitowoc as a museum vessel.)
Nero, Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. (Sophie) (newspaper photos, Cedarburg, WI, Diamond Anniversary, Jan 1921, Henry b. 1838, d. 1923, Sophie b. 1843, d. 1930)

Neumeier, Albert, (Capt., Grand Trunk car ferry captain, retired 1968.)

Nicolet, Jean (First European to visit Green Bay and Wisconsin, early French explorer, died 1635 in Quebec)

Nielson, Emma (Wife of Capt. Paul Nielson, nee Klingholz, namesake for schooner of that name, see Emma Neilson)

Nielson, Paul (Capt., early vessel captain on Great Lakes, born March 17, 1845, died November 6, 1925. See also Neilson)

Nienow, Albert C. (Saefke & Nienow Marine Supply Co. died June 11, 1944)

Noble, Alexander M. (Capt. Born Aug 24, 1880 in Fish Creek, Wis. D. April 11, 1946)

Noble, J. R., (Capt., of the steamer CORNELL during the “Big Blow” of 1913)

Nohl, Max Eugene (Pioneer diver of Milwaukee, WI, early user of decompression chamber.)

Norton, Pat, Marine artist, daughter of a member of the Lighthouse Service, born on Neeibsh Island. Her pictures were used by Oglebay Norton.


Oades, John (Shipbuilder, originally in Oswego, NY, then Detroit Dry Dock Co., died September 8, 1994)

Oades, Walter J. (Shipbuilder, 1884-1953, son of Walter H. Oades, grandson of John, one of the last wooden hull construction experts)

Oakley, James W. ( Capt., marine engineer, lumber steamer MARY MILLS)

Oberstar, James, U.S. Congressman, namesake of Interlake freighter the former Charles M. Beeghly, He died May 3, 2014 at age 79.

O’Boyle, Daniel A. (Capt., Great Lakes Steamship Company, tug MANITOWOC, marine pilot, died 1962)

O’Boyle, George A. (Capt., Interlake Steamship, died April 30, 1954)
O'Brien, Edward C. (Commissioner of Navigation on Great Lakes. 1892)

O'Brien, John Michael (Founding member of Marine Historical Society of Detroit, born May 14, 1920, died May 26, 1996)

O'Brien, Sean (Boater, diver, apparently lost when his boat was found circling unmanned, October 10, 1999)

Ocha, Albert (Capt., US Lifesaving Service, Keeper at Portage Ship Canal Station, one of the best and bravest of the lifesavers)

O'Connell, Emmett (Capt. for Interlake, brought out the HERBERT C. JACKSON. Milwaukee, WI resident)

Oehlenschlager, William F. (chief engr. Pittsburgh SS Co., d. Sep 1951)

Oertling, Elizabeth (wife of captain Herman Oertling, d. May 1931)

Oertling, Herman (Capt. in Valley Camp Fleet, also sailed schr. FEARLESS, d. Jan 1947)

Ogden, Ben, (Capt., Interlake Steamship Company, Gilchrist Fleet, died 1931)

Ohman, Carl (Capt. of carferry BADGER)

O'jibway, Henry (Deep sea diver 1915-1919, lockmaster at Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Born December 5, 1883, retired May 1950)

Olander, John A. (Cmdr. USCG, played significant role rescuing survivors of the SS WISCONSIN sinking IN 1929)

O'Leary, John (Milwaukee sailor, 1866 City Directory)

O'Leary, Martin (Milwaukee sailor, 1866 City Directory)

O'Leary, Patrick J. (Milwaukee sailor, 1871-72 City Directory)

Olsen, Anton G. (Capt., rescuer of bark. TANNER off Milwaukee, d.1924)

Olsen, Ingar (US Lifesaving Service, Keeper Milwaukee Station, hero North Point crib disaster1893)

Olsen, J. Fred (Capt., d. 1949)

Olsen, John K. (Capt. Lighthouse Service tender SUMAC out of Milwaukee, WI., Retired 1934)

Olson, Godford Christian (Engr., Manitowoc Shipbuilding Corp., d. 1950)
Olson, Gustav S. (Ordinary seaman, lost on the ADELLA SHORES, 1909, see bother Peter S.)

Olson, John (Capt. 18 years as schooner captain. Born 1852 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Died 1931 in Sheboygan, WI)

Olson, Ida A. (Daughter of Lars and Sarah Olson)

Olson, Lars (Capt., vessel owner and builder incl. schr. IDA A. OLSON. March 17, 1844 - February 14, 1911)

Olson, Louis L. (born in Sheboygan, died in Sheboygan, 1953 - see John Olson)

Olson, Peter J. & Katherine (neeMcGuire) (Engr. Milwaukee fireboat, Peter d. 1949, Katherine d. 1955)

Olson, Peter S. (Ordinary seaman, lost on the ADELLA SHORES, 1909, see brother Gustav S.)

Olson, Sarah (Wife of Lars Olson, mother of Ida A.)


Owen, William Fitzpatrick (Capt., discovered and named Cove Island in the Georgian Bay, 1817)

Packard, Charles B., (Capt.,) October 12, 1843 - March 8, 1919, sailed for Leathem & Smith of Sturgeon Bay, namesake of steamer CHARLES B. PACKARD. Later he was a bridge tender in Sturgeon Bay.)

Palmer, Nels, (Capt., USCG, "never bummed a meal... never been arrested for violation of the law". Prior to Coast Guard service, he sailed on schooners.)

Pappa, James (Capt. for the Whitney Line of Cleveland, sailed on both schooners and steamers. Born 1830, died December 19, 1904.)

Parker, Aaron A. (Parker & Millen, successful vessel owner, b.1840s? Hamburg NY)

Parker, John G. (At one time oldest captain on the lakes. He sailed schr. FUR TRADER, born 1820.)

Parker, M. O., (Chief engineer on the KNIGHT TEMPLAR, designed the tug's whistle and was part owner.)

Parker, Thomas Lancefield (Capt., b. Oct 20, 1814 as Thomas William Lancefield, d. March 10, 1883)
Parsons, David, (Capt. Born June 9, 1911, died June 3, 1991, obituary. Sailed for the US Steel Corporation, commands included among others CASON J. CALLAWAY, SEWELL AVERY, and LEON FRASER.)

Parsons, Frank B. (Capt. following his death a memorial was set up in Vermillion, OH in his honor and that of other lake sailors.)

Parsons, Glenn (Capt., Master of the excursion boat APOLLO at the Wisconsin Dells circa 1931)

Parsons, Henry A., (Owner of yacht MAHAPA II, built in 1910 by Matthews Boat Company, Port Clinton, OH.)

Parsons, Joseph, (Capt. born in Newfoundland April 9, 1844, his 4 sons were all lake captains also. Lived in Kingston, ON and owned schr. HERBERT DUDLEY. Later moved to Detroit and owned shares of vessels with the Oads Shipbuilding Company. Lost overboard in a storm and drowned August 23, 1921. Extended story of his loss.).

Parsons, R. F., (Part owner of the steamer NYACK)

Parsons, Robert, (Capt. of the USCGC MACKINAW in 1992)

Parsons, Usher, (Surgeon in Commodore Perry's fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie, also surgeon on the frigate JAVA, antiquarian and historian as well)


Pauley, Steve, (Capt. Canada Steamship Lines, commanded RT. HON. PAUL J. MARTIN)

Payea, Bert, (Capt., LANGELL BOYS, AETNA, 1874-1963, He also commanded carferries at the Straits of Mackinac. He resided in Standish, MI. He was also a photographer of Great Lakes ships.)

Peck, Elihu M., (Shipbuilder, partner in Peck and Masters, bio article)

Pederson, Hans, (Capt., strs. CITY OF SHEBOYGAN, CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, schooners CITY OF SHEBOYGAN and OUR SON, d. 1937)

Pelkey, Paul, (Commander and owner of tug IDA STEVENS. Also commanded mail boat IVANHOE. He was mate on the propeller WESTMORELAND at the time of her loss and late located the lost hull.)


Perrett, Joseph C. (Capt., manager of the Marinette Barge Line, born 1833, died 1894)

Peters, John, Chief Engineer, Great Lakes Lightships including MILWAUKEE LIGHTSHIP NO. 95. Retired in 1937 and passed away in 1959)

Petersen, Peter Julius, Keeper of Wind Point Light from 1891 to 1913, second longest tenure of the light keepers of that light. He was transferred to Sand Point Lighthouse in Escanaba, MI in the spring of 1913.

Peterson, Clarence R., (Sailed on the Pere Marquette car ferries, retiring in 1984. He passed away March 20, 2001)

Peterson, C. O., (Capt., master of sailing ships in lumber and cord wood trade, he died in 1933 at age 91.)

Peterson, Frank J. (Capt., Peterson Steamship Co., died 1957)

Peterson, Henry N., (Capt., he commanded sailing ships and then moved over to the Bradley Fleet, also commanding vessels for Pittsburgh Fleet and Shenango Steamship Co. He died in 1935.)

Peterson, Ole, (father of Capt. John Olson, schooner captain.)

Petit, Anthony Lawrence, (USCG Chief Boatswain's Mate, killed by tsunami at Scotch Cap Lighthouse in 1946, namesake for Keeper Class cutter, 1999)

Pfister, Guido, (photo only)

Phelps, Franklin Daniel, (Capt., ship builder on the St. Lawrence including C.A. COLE, EMMA, FRANKLIN D. PHELPS, HINCKLEY, ISAELLA H., JESSIE, NORTHERN LIGHTS, etc.) He was born March 20, 1852.)

Pickands, Col. James, (Fleet manager, photo only)

Pilke, William B. (marine personality, died Feb 19, 1953)

Pilon, Oliver, (Capt., Life Saving Service keeper at Two Rivers, picture only)

Playfair, James, (Canadian Fleet owner and manager. Very brief biography.)

Poe, Orlando Metcalfe, (Gen., Army Corps of Engineers, born 1832, designed lighthouses incl. Windpoint, WI, designed and built locks at Sault Ste. Marie, died 1895)
Porter, Capt. Gil, (U.S. citizen, lived in Canada, joined USCG. Captain USCGC WOODRUSH 1959-1963. After retirement from CG he worked as a pilot and ran the Lake Carriers Deck Officer School.)

Porter, Russ, (Painter specializing in trains and Great Lakes ships. Milwaukee Journal article.)

Post, John K., (Owner John K. Post Lumber Co. of Pickering, ON, manager Oswego Tug Association, died 1884)

Powers, John (gunner on the MINNESOTA during battle of the MONITOR and the MERRIMAC, newspaper photo, d. 1938)

Preston, William E., (Capt., USCG, took part in rescue of EASTLAND survivors, also in rescue of survivors of barge SALVOR. Newspaper article.)

Prindeville, John, (Capt., photo only)

Pringle, Robert, (Capt., President, Pringle Barge Line)

Pringle, Walter, (Capt., manager of the Pringle Barge Line, son of Robert Pringle, President of the line. Died 1935 in a traffic accident.)

Pripps, Harold, (Assistant Manager of Fidelity & Deposit Co., former Great Lakes sailor and reputed hoodoo. Newspaper article)

Prothero, Frank, (Canadian Author, historian, preservationist from Port Stanley, ON)

Purinton, Richard, (Owner/operator of Washington Island Ferry Co, son-in-law of Arnie G. Richter, author of three books on the ferry line and it’s operation as well as two videos.)

Purvis, John (Fleet captain for Roen Steamships, namesake for tug, began as a deckhand)

Quick, William Rankin, (Capt., Early settler on Lake Ontario, vessel owner [WILLIAM JOHN, SARAH JANE, AMANDA], wharf owner at Brighton, ON)

Quiner, Henry N., (Sailed with load of lumber for the Straits of Mackinac on schr. OCEAN. The vessel sank and all were lost, November 6, 1845)

Quinn, John S., (Large stockholder in the Swain Wrecking Company, diver, participated in recover of the schooner THOMAS P. SHELDON in 1886)

Raab, Christian, (Vessel owner of at least 7 ships including the MORNING STAR. 1822-1880, Sheboygan alderman. Extensive history of the vessel and his family)
Raddatz, Richard, (Would-be submarine inventor of Oshkosh, WI. The submarine remained underwater for 3 hours at a time, with operator and passenger, 1897.)

Raesser, Christopher S. (shipping & lumber, firm of Chipman & Raesser, veteran of Civil War, 5th Wisconsin Calvary, d. 1927)

Ranahan, Frank P., (Head of Buffalo Marine Construction Corp. Died December 30, 1934.)

Rand, G. S & Margaret (Shipbuilder of Manitowoc, Margaret d. 1920)

Randolph, George (Capt., Pittsburgh SS, US Steel Corp, died 1957)

Ranger, Hubert O., born 07/16/1924, died March 1, 2012, Served in the Army Infantry in World War II, holder of the Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre, photographic chemist, analytical instrument manufacturer, professor of packaging and design at University of Wisconsin, avid mariner, lighthouse enthusiast and past President of Wisconsin Marine Historical Society.

Rankin, A. P., (Capt., Mate on steamer MATTHEW ANDREWS, captain of ANNA C. MINCH, sailed for Steinbrenner Fleet.)

Rasmussen, Fritz Wilhelm, (See Marine Subject File: Lives and Times)

Rawlinson, Joseph H. (shipbuilder, Toledo Ship Building Co, died 1953)

Red Cloud, Mitchell Jr., (Congressional Medal of Honor recipient (Korean Conflict) for whom a U.S. Navy vessel (sea-lift ship) was named.)

Redfern, James (Capt., d. 1914)

Reed, Alva H. (Capt., Pickands and Mather fleet, commanded J. C. MORSE, died 1939)

Reeves, Charles, (Capt., Lake Board of Underwriters Master's Certificates, 1860, 1861, 1863.)

Reinelt, Eric, (Director, Port of Milwaukee, WI, board member, Wisconsin Marine Historical Society)

Rice, Frank, (Capt., HENRY H. ROGERS, W. L. WETMORE. Died October 10, 1952 at age ninety-eight.)

Richards, Jonah, (Ship builder in Manitowoc, WI beginning in the 1860s. Named vessels after his children (schr ALICE RICHARDS, HENRY C. RICHARDS, tug WILLIAM RICHARDS, barge MAY RICHARDS and steamer REUBEN)
RICHARDS, plus tug JONAH RICHARDS named for himself. Started the
Manitowoc Dry Dock Company.)

Richards, William D. (son of pioneer shipbuilder Henry Richards, dies on board
ship during world tour, d. 1925)

Richardson, George Hallard (Capt., died aboard the WILLIAM H. WOLF,
October, 1953)

Richardson, John A. (engineer, died Sep 28, 1947)

Richter, Arni, (Owner of the Washington Island Ferry Line, son of Carl D. Richter,
father-in-law of Richard Purington, President of the Washington Island Ferry
Line, and namesake of one of the ferries.)

Rieboldt, August (shipbuilder in Sheboygan 1885-1893; Sturgeon Bay 1896, died
at Sturgeon Bay Sep 1921)

Riker, Larry, (Capt. for the U.S. Steel Fleet and Grand Trunk Ferries, long-time
captain of Ann Arbor’s ARTHUR K. ATKINSON.)

Rindlisbacher, Peter, (Canadian artist who painted "FITZGERALD Bell
Recovery", painted many other vessel pictures including that of the TASHMOO.)

Rieck, Marty, (Sailor and yachtsman, sales manager for Harken Yacht Fittings.
1949-1998)

Riordan, Lawrence W. (fire boat pilot, Capt. of tug KNIGHT TEMPLAR, d. Dec
1933)

MARENGO, died 1886.)

Robertson, Andrew, (Capt. of schooners KINGSFORD, SAMANA, LUCY J.
LATHAM, JAMAICA, and ALBION in 1800s. 1827-1897, Father of Morgan
Robertson, author of sea stories.

Robinson, Frank A. (Capt., , tanker CRUDE OIL, retired at age 60, 1934)

Robinson, S. O., (Capt., D & C Steamship Company – photo only)

Robinson, Walter, (Capt., Union Steamship Company of Buffalo, Mutual Transit
Co., superintendent of Interlake Marine Supply Co., died 1930)

Robinson, William, (Captain, White River Lighthouse, died 1919, photograph)

Roby, George W., (Head of the Roby Transportation Company, died 1900 in
Santa Monica, CA.)
Roen, John (Capt., President of Sturgeon Bay Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., salvager of the GEORGE M. HUMPHREY, namesake of same after salvage and of tugs, died December 1970. Articles with photos)

Rohr, Paul J., (Chief Engineer for Oglebay-Norton on M/V PAUL THAYER and S/S J. BURTON AYERS, made chief in 1974 and retired 1985.)

Root, Aaron (Capt., Pioneer Great Lakes Mariner, b. Aug 29, 1801)

Root, John, (USN, Part of first crew of submarine USS LAGARTO, died May 1945 when his ship was sunk by the Japanese)

Rose, Joseph S. (engineer, Cleveland Cliffs, died January 10, 1953)

Ross, David H. (Capt., first mate on pirate ship, Confederate soldier in Civil War, d. 1927)

Rossiter, John, (Great Lakes captain, survivor of the LADY ELGIN.)

Rudolph, William, (Among the last of the pioneer blue point oyster men. He lived in West Sayville, Long Island, NY, died July 22, 1941.)

Rugee, John, (He was born in Lubeck, Germany. Moved to Wisconsin, Appleton, Green Bay, and Milwaukee. He was in the flour and feed business and later held numerous political offices.)

Runge, Herman, (Great Lakes marine historian and collector, 1874-1958,. He worked for ship chandlers Joys Brothers and Milwaukee Road RR. His materials form the basis for the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society's, Milwaukee Public Library's collection)

Runholm, Arvid, (Sailor (HORACE WILKINSON, tug BUTTERFIELD), soldier (Boer War), cook (Edward Hines Lumber Company). Short biography)

Russel, George H. (Founder of Russel Wheel and Foundry, Director of American Car and Foundry, instrumental in creating the Great Lakes Engineering Works of Detroit, died 1915.)

Russell (Captain of schooner CONQUEST of Milwaukee, WI)

Russell, Joseph, (First officer of the steamer MINNEAPOLIS, 1875.)

Russell, William J., (Capt., for the Graham and Morton fleet of Benton Harbor, MI. Barely escaped death by missing trips on the CHICORA and the fire on the SS CITY OF CHICAGO. Died March 1938.)
Rutledge, John, (Capt. for Columbia Transportation Company, he commanded the BRITON. Also sailed for Hutchinson Fleet including FRANK BILLINGS, later shore captain for Hutchinson. Died in 1956)

Rydhelm, Carl, (Capt. for Cleveland-Cliffs, captained the FRONTENAC, later marine superintendent for Cleveland-Cliffs. He died in December 1962.)

Sabin, L. C., (Vice-President, Lake Carriers Association from 1915 and General Superintendent of the locks and canals at Sault Ste. Marie from 1906. The man for whom the Sabin Lock is named. Brief article)

Saefke, Herbert J. (Pres Saefke Marine Corp., d. 1951)


Sanderson, Charles J., (Managing owner of the LUCIA A. SIMPSON, 1916, taxation statement.)

Sanderson, Martin, (Owner of the KEWAUNEE as verified in tax statements from 1918 and 1922. He resided in Milwaukee, WI.)

Saunders, John, (Capt. and part owner of the steamer ELLA MURTON of Kingston, ON, 1889, as told in an anecdote about hauling barley on Lake Ontario.)

Saunders, Thomas H. (Capt., oldest retired ship master of Great Lakes, died July 21, 1953)

Savage, John L., (Civil engineer who supervised the design of the Hoover Dam, he was born in Cooksville, WI and received his degree from the University of Wisconsin. Information is from a short obituary upon his death in 1967 at age 88.)

Schantz, A. A., (President, D & C Navigation Co. for 11 years, retired 1930)

Scherbarth, Otto E., (Owner of the launch SENECA of ten tons out of Milwaukee, WI as shown in two tax statements from 1917 and 1918.)

Schickluna, Louis, (Maltese born Canadian shipbuilder of St. Catherine, ON, 1808-1880. He produced a long list of vessels and was considered one of Canada’s greatest shipbuilders. The file contains a list of his ships plus a brief biography.)
Schickaluna, Robert, (Steward for many years in the Boland & Cornelius fleet. Well-known for having served on the schr. MOONLIGHT when she raced the PORTER.)

Schlicht, Adam (2018 named Port Director in Milwaukee)


Schlosser, John (Milwaukee Grocer and ship supplier, died 1934)

Schlosser, Winard, (Managing owner of the stmr. CREAM CITY, 1916, and the schooners STAFFORD and CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, 1916-1918 and of the stmr. RHODA EMILY and of the schooners W. D. HOSSACK and CITY OF SHEBOYGAN, 1914. This information is all from tax statements.)

Schoolcraft, Henry Rowe, (Indian Agent for the upper Midwest, married to Jane Johnston, oldest daughter of John Johnston. Aided Douglas Houghton in his exploration for minerals in the area. His accounts of the native populations were the inspiration for Longfellow's "Hiawatha". This is an 8 page biography with much more information.)

Schrader, William Andreas, (Vessel owner and operator of the schooners JAMES H. MEADE, ARENDAL, DAY SPRING, and WALESKA. Born in Germany in 1821 and settled in Sheboygan about 1850.)

Schrader, William Ernst (Cabin boy on lumber schooners running between Michigan and Sheboygan, WI in the 1860s. Eldest son for William Andreas Schrader.)

Schroeder, Elroy C., (Part owner along with Alois Mucha of the SILVER SPRAY of Milwaukee. Connected with the Forelle Fish Netting Company. Taken from a tax statement of 1953.)

Schroeder, John, (Owner of the Schroeder Lumber Company of Milwaukee, one of the largest lumber companies in the Midwest with interests in Ashland, WI and Milwaukee, WI. He owned a fleet of tugboats and ships to transport his lumber, i.e. the tugs ASHLAND, SAUGATUCK, and HENRY F. BROWER. The file contains a biography plus tax statements from 1914-1918.)

Schubert, Frank, (The last Coast Guard civilian lighthouse keeper in the United States, died December 11, 2004. He served 22 years, including at Sturgeon Point, MI.)

Schueneman, August, (Capt., of the S.THAL, one of the Christmas tree ships lost with all hands of Winnetka in 1899 and brother to Herman Schueneman of the famous ROUSE SIMMONS also lost with all hands a few years later.)
Schueneman, Barbara, (Wife of Herman Schueneman who carried on the Christmas tree ship tradition of tree sales in Chicago long after the trees were no longer brought in by boat.)

Schueneman, Herman, (Capt., owner of the Christmas tree ship ROUSE SIMMONS, also known as Captain Santa for his merchandising skills regarding Christmas trees in Chicago. His wife Barbara carried on for years after his death.)

Schueneman, Rose, (Wife of August Schuememan, who after his death emigrated to Los Angeles, California. She died in an automobile accident in California in 1945.)

Schutz, Frank D. (Port Master, d. Feb 26, 1939)

Scott, Eugene, (Chief Engineer on carferry MILWAUKEE, chief on JOE MORROW, died 1930)

Scott, Howard D. (cook, sailed for 55 years, died March 1953)

Scott, James, (Capt., commanded the schr. CORNWALL and later the schr. ALGERINE, of which he was given a quarter interest by his former sailor turned oil millionaire by the name of Corrigan.)

Scott, William J., (Capt. and owner of the tug TONAWANDA lost 1913 crossing Mexico Bay on Lake Ontario. It was believed that a lurch of the boat sent him overboard as he was leaving the pilothouse to retire to his cabin for a nap.)

Sedonk, Mathew (wheelsman, d. Oct 29, 1947)

Selvick, Capt. John M. (Tugboat captain, owned Calumet Fleeting in Chicago and fireboat in Door County, appeared on television in “Great Lakes Warriors” on the History Channel. Died September 13, 2012 aged 60 at Brussels, WI.)

Sertich, Mick (manager Gavilon Grain)

Shambeau, Douglas R., (USCG Commander in charge of marine inspection in Detroit from 1959-1961.)

Shane, Samuel P. (President of Great Lakes Towing, also identified with Panhandle Railroad, Erie Railroad and served as manage of Gilchrist Transportation Co. 1857-1918. The above is from a brief obituary.)

Sheenan, James (Capt. Milwaukee fireboat CATARACT, d. Apr 10, 1943)

Shepherd, W. D., (Capt., First World War hero who had two ships blown up under him, the EMPRESS OF FT. WILLIAM and the EMPRESS OF MIDLAND. In both he was instrumental in saving his crews.)
Shandy, G. Phil (Great Lakes and Ohio River area, died Nov 15, 1956)

Simensen, H. (Vessel owner have 1/4 interest in the LUCIA A. SIMPSON of Milwaukee, WI in 1916.)

Simmonds, Robert R., (Capt. who sailed 44 years for Interlake Steamship Company, died 2001. His last command was the JAMES R. BARKER.)

Simons, A. J. (Capt., Goodrich Steamship Lines 1930, photo only.)

Simpson, F. J., (Capt. Detroit and Cleveland Steamships, photo only.)

Simpson, Lucia A. (Wife of Samuel Simpson, 19th century financier involved in shipping, who put up the money for the schooner which then bore her name. She was born 8/14/17 at Hartford, CT and died 9/22/1898.)

Sims, William Sowden (Admiral, Cmdr of America’s European fleet in WW I, newspaper photo, d. Sep 28, 1936)

Skauk Brothers, (Vessel owners [1/4] of schr. LUCIA A. SIMPSON in 1916. They were from Bay De Noc, Michigan.)

Slater, Mason P. (Chief Engr, Tomlinson Fleet, d. Nov 22, 1947)

Slattery, Joseph "Sloke", (Stevedore, Great Lakes Transit Corp. in Buffalo, NY, died 9/23/1931)

Sloan, Bernard, (Capt. active on the St. Lawrence River, commanded ships for the D. Sullivan fleet and the WESTERN STAR for the Oakes fleet. Died November 25, 1934 at Detroit, MI.)

Slyfield, Henry J., (Capt. for the D & C fleet in 1898, drawing only.)

Small, Thomas, (Capt. who sailed for 52 years for U. S. Steel and predecessors. He helped open the Poe Lock at the Soo in 1969 on the PHILIP R. CLARKE and was the wheelsman on the COLGATE HOYT at the opening of the first Poe Lock in 1896.)

Smith, Allen (marine architect, died 1953)

Smith, Christopher Columbus, (1861-1939, founder and owner of the Chris Craft boat company of Algonac, MI. He was famous for his motor boats and his boat racing. He was one of most famous boat builders on the lakes.)

Smith, Delos, (Capt. of the fish tug TESSLER out of Port Washington, WI. He was instrumental in saving more than 70 people when the steamer ATLANTA burned south of Sheboygan in 1906, and returned to beach the burning hulk.)

Smith Family, (Materials regarding the family as a whole or the restaurant.)
Smith, Gilbert, (Founder of the Smith Brothers fishing dynasty. He had a large family, only some of whom were involved in fishing. In 1869 he organized G. H. Smith and Sons.)

Smith, Harsen, (Grandson of Christopher Columbus Smith and was chairman of the board of the Chris Craft company until it was sold in 1960. He died in 2002 at age 94.)

Smith, Herbert, (Head of Port Washington's Smith Bros. Fisheries, grandson of Delos Smith. Active in the commercial fishing industry, he was born 3/24/1924 and died 8/28/1998.)

Smith, John A. (Capt., shipbuilder & lumber, d. Detroit Jan 23, 1931)

Smith, John E., (Capt. who began his career with Northern Navigation Co. and later became Fort Gratiot Lighthouse keeper. Born 01/02/1872.)

Smith, Leathem D., (Shipbuilder [Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding Co.], inventor and innovator, particularly with self-unloaders, he died in a tragic boating accident in 1946.)

Smith, Lester H., (Fisherman, conservationist, namesake of the fish tug, son of Delos Smith.)

Smith, Melbourne, (Artist, sailor, marine surveyor, builder of vessels from the past including the US brig NIAGARA, the schr. PRIDE OF BALTIMORE and many others. Taken from a profile in Naval History magazine 1993.)

Smith, Oliver H., (Son of Delos Smith, President of the Smith Brothers Fisheries and Director of the National Fisheries Institute, namesake of the fish tug.)

Smith, Peter C., (Capt., steamer WAVE, the SOL S. RUMAGE, the tugs ELLA SMITH and PETER SMITH, the schooner ALLEGHENY and mate on the steamer TRAVELER. He was resident in West Bay City, MI.)

Smith, Paul, (Rum [or beer] runner sentence to a year in Leavenworth Penitentiary for smuggling beer into Milwaukee from Canada in 1924.)

Smith, Ralph S., (Capt, USNR, led naval reserve in Wisconsin, captained the USS HAWK, participated in the sinking of the captured WWI German submarine UC-97 off Kenosha, WI. Died 10/10/1956.)

Smith, Roy K., (Pioneer Lake Michigan fisherman, last survivor of the original Smith Brothers family, former Sheboygan harbor master, died 12/29/1963.)

Sogge, George E., (Capt., Keeper of the Two Rivers, WI lifesaving station, born 10/29/1857 in Norway.)
Somma, Dan T. (Commander, USCG, Sector Lake Michigan, 2017)

Sommer, Christian, (Vessel owner, co-owner of the LEGIONNAIRE, HANNA KILDAHL, both out of Milwaukee, WI, 1953. Taxation statements.)

Sommer, Willie, (Vessel owner, co-owner of the LEGIONNAIRE, HANNA KILDAHL, the MINDORA, all out of Milwaukee, WI, 1952, 1953. Taxation statements.)

Sorenson, Al (From Manistee, MI, sailor on a skilled lumber schooner sailor and tough barroom brawler, per a tale by Capt. Nels Palmer.)

Southgate, James A. (chief engineer Columbia Transportation Co, died Oct 15, 1947)

Speltz, Robert G., (Archivist, historian and author, antique motorboat enthusiast, a fund was established in 1993 in his memory to promote antique motorboats.)

Spence, John, (Shipbuilder, Capt. of the NEMESIS, from Southampton, ON, born 1815 in Scotland)

Spencer, Albert T., (of Waukegan, IL, part owner of the CITY OF DULUTH and the CUYAHOGA, BACKUS, LADY ELGIN, OGONTZ, and ONTONAGON.)

Spencer, William T., (Capt. of the MASSACHUSETTS, commodore of the Inter-Ocean Transportation Company, died 1884 at age 33. He had sailed the steambarge IRA OWEN for 10 years. His death was sudden and unexpected.)

Spooner, William, (Great Lakes sailor. For most of his career he sailed as second mate for Canada Steamship Lines. He later sailed for Algoma Central Marine. He died 2/19/2001 at age 63.)

Springer, Jim, (Harbor Master of Lake City Marina [on the Mississippi River]. He died unexpectedly 10/08/1994 at age 59.)

Stahl, Roger Allen, (Capt. tugboat captain for Dunbar and Sullivan Dredging Company. In 1979 he became Fleet Engineer with Gaelic Towing Co. based in Detroit. He retired in 2003, born 04/08/1923, died 05/20/2010. Obituary and photo included.)

Stalker, William, (Capt., Canadian, mid-1800s, born 1830 commanded British barque LION, Canadian schooner LILY HAMILTON, the ORKNEY LASS, the NEBRASKA. Died in a storm-related accident. Log entries of various voyages.)

Stark, Conrad, (President, Sheboygan Dock and Dredge, died August 8, 1896, very brief biography.)
Stark, William, (Milwaukee resident, writer, shipped on the Lakes at age 16 as a dishwasher, as a deckhand in the Alaska fishery, oiler on a liberty ship.)

Starke, Christopher, (President, Milwaukee Bridge Company, born in Germany, 6/12/1834, very brief biography.)

Starke, Christopher H. (son of Conrad, Sheboygan Dredge & Dock, b. 1870, d. Aug 1929)


Starke, Frederick C., Sr. (Capt., Vice-president of the Milwaukee Dry Dock Company, died May 17, 1915 at age 59, designed fireboat CATARACT. Two brief obituaries and letter to Henry Barkhausen from Frederick Jr., note from Walter Hirthe.)

Starkey, Henry, (Shipbuilder or the steambarge ARCADIA, born in Germany, settled in Milwaukee, contractor for government pier in Manistee, MI, owned saw mill from which he obtained high quality oak for shipbuilding business. Died 1898.)

Stearn, Richard, (Naval architect for Peterson Builders or Sturgeon Bay and for Marinette Marine Corp. He died of mesothelioma due to exposure to asbestos, April 16, 1985.)

Steele, John, (Diver, retired Chairman, First National Bank of Waukegan, producer of underwater films, member, Wisconsin Marine Historical Society. Biographical data from two articles with photos.)

Stein, Cecil E., (Associate editor of Telescope, [Dossin Museum newsletter].)

Stender, Walter (M. A. Hanna Co., died January 1, 1953)

Sterling, Louis, (Capt., schr. MERCURY, schr. CHALLENGE, steam barge COLIN CAMPBELL in late 1880s. Excerpts from Milwaukee Sentinel.)

Sterling, Kathryn M., (Teacher, high school principal in Ludington, MI, daughter of Capt. Louis Sterling., picture and letter from James Cabot.)

Stewart, H. A., (Capt., stmr FRANK H. GOODYEAR, 1902.)

Stewart, Harry, W. (Capt., master of the stmr. SCRANTON, sole survivor of the WESTERN RESERVE., brief article from 1906 on sinking of the latter.)

Stewart, John, (Capt., first Flint & Pere Marquette captain on their cross-lake steamers. Born 1847. Also master of the JOHN SHERMAN, DOVE, later master
of the FLINT & PERE MARQUETTE No. 3, Graham and Morton's CITY OF MILWAUKEE and CITY OF CHICAGO. Died 1919. Several biographical articles plus pictures.)

Stewart, Robert, (Vessel modeler and author on ship modeling, 1989 article.)

Stinson, Peter J., (Capt., of the steamer KENORA, Canada Steamship Lines, died July 3, 1939. Brief obituary.)

Stobart, John, (Maritime artist of the "photo realist" school, both fresh and salt water vessels, native of Derbyshire, England. Two articles.)

Stokdyk, Kenneth, (Commercial fisherman, writer and modeler, article with photo.)

Stone, Amasa, (Father-in-law of Samuel Mather of Pickands and Mather, namesake for one of their vessels, bridge builder, died 1883. from Vein of Iron: The Pickands Mather Story by Walter Havighurst.)

Stonehouse, Frederick, (Historian, professor of Great Lakes history Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI, prolific author.)

Strachan, Allan P. (Capt., master of SEEANDBEE, ALABAMA, d. Sep 26, 1945)

Strang, James J. (Mormon King of Beaver Island, WI)

Streater, George Wellington (Streeter) (Capt., Squatters Fight of Chicago, d. Chicago 1921)

Stronach, James, (Lumber dealer of Manistee, MI, owner of the steambarge MARY MILLS. Excerpts from the Milwaukee Sentinel.)

Struck, Felix, Fisherman, born on Jones Island, later kept Old Harbor tavern on the Island, called "Mayor of Jones Island”. Last resident evicted in December 1943.

Stufflebeam, Gerald Edson, (Capt. stmr. ALABAMA, in 1935 became captain of the CHIEF WAWATAM, later served as superintendent of the state car ferries at the straits. Died under mysterious circumstances [murder] in 1938 while serving on a marine underwriters commission."

Stuhlreyer, Tom (Captain, Commander, USCG, Sector Lake Michigan, 2017)

Sufak, Tom, (Chief Engineer, with American Steamship Company, Chief on the GEORGE A. STINSON. Seaway Review article 1997.)

Sullivan, Daniel Clifford, (Capt. of the FRED G. HARTWELL, E. J. EARLING, brother of Denis Sullivan, died 1930. Family tree, marriage certificate, article, and Great Lakes Redbook listings.)

Sullivan, Daniel C. Jr. (Capt., Reiss Steamships, died 1952, article, family tree)

Sullivan, Daniel F. (d. June 29, 1952)

Sullivan, Denis (aka Dennis), (Capt. schr. MOONLIGHT, stmr VERONICA, 1849-1918, leading member of Great Lakes Carriers Assn., manager of Chicago Navigation Co., Christopher Steamship Co., and Gartland Steamship Co. Brother of Daniel Clifford, father of Arthur Clifford and grandfather of Jere (Jerome). Numerous articles, marriage certificate, family tree, and articles about his namesake schooner.)

Sullivan, Frank J. (ship broker, d. Cleveland, March 5, 1940)

Sullivan, Jere (Jeremiah) Brassil, (Capt. for Bethlehem Steel fleet - JOHNSTOWN, ARTHUR B. HOMER, brother of Daniel Sullivan Jr., son of Daniel G. Sullivan, grandson of Denis Sullivan, several articles, family tree.)

Sullivan, Jere (Jerome), (Yachtsman (Milwaukee Yacht Club), grandson of Denis Sullivan, article, family tree [on which he does not appear].

Swain, Daniel M., (Capt., Machinist and foundryman, developed his own version of steamboat machinery, started steamboat line with raftboat PERCY SWAIN, then passenger vessels VERNE SWAIN AND BOREALIS REX. Moved his line to Peoria on Illinois River, died 07/03/1918. An article/book review.)

Swain, Fred (Vessel builder and owner, built first side-wheel Swain boat, built the 2nd VERNE SWAIN, the DAVID SWAIN, the 2nd PERCY SWAIN, the 3rd VERNE SWAIN, and the JULIA BELLE SWAIN. An article/book review.)

Swain, R. D., (Capt. of schooner A. BUCKINGHAM, schooner A. E. HART, born 08/13/1844, captain by age 21)

Sweatland, Solomon, (Early Ohio pioneer who canoed across Lake Erie, unplanned, and landed on Long Point, made a substantial amount of money on wreck salvage, and returned home after his wife had "buried" him., article)

Sweet, Lewis, (Fisherman who was lost ice fishing from an ice flow in upper Lake Michigan. Short newspaper article.)
Swenson, Albert, (Capt., 1874-1955, sailed for Gilcrest Line, officer of the hydrographic station at Duluth, active in Naval Reserve.)


Swinford, Clayton Eugene II, (Milwaukee harbor master, served in the Navy and Coast Guard, ran afoul of Mayor Henry Maier over river pollution and left to captain a research vessel and run a paddlewheel boat at the Dells. Died 1998. Obituary.)

Sykora, Thomas Andrew (d. Aug 2, 2016, affiliated with the Great Lakes Historical Society and Inland Seas)

Szallai, Kenneth, (Coast Guard officer, Manager of Marine Transportation for Namolco, President, Ocean Transportation Strategists, President of Troll Tankers, Municipal Port Director for the Port of Milwaukee, President and Chief Executive Officer of the fast ferry LAKE EXPRESS, in that order. Series of articles about his career.)

Szczpanck, Stephen, (Wireless operator on the car ferry PERE MARQUETTE 18, who went down with her when she was lost in 1910 but was instrumental in summoning help to the sinking vessel. Memorial article.)

Talbot, Louise, (Capt., Captain, mate, engineer, pilot, cook, deckhand, stewardess and just about everything but owner of schr.-barge SUNSHINE. Engaged in altercation with captain of schr.-barge SELKIRK over access to coal dock in Sandusky, OH, refusing to move from dock without a cargo. Article.)

Tamms, Cornelius, (Capt., commercial fisherman on Jones Island, Milwaukee, partner of Julius Meier, co-owner of the tug FORELLE, lost on the FORELLE when it sank in 1923. Son of Frederick W.)

Tamms, Frederick W., (Commercial fisherman on Jones Island, Milwaukee, boat ARTHUR, partner of Henry Doepke. Father of Cornelius. Article)

Taylor, Joseph W. (Merchant and postmaster of Fort Howard 1861-1879. Also city treasurer and other offices. No indication he was ever a sailor.)

Taylor, William James, (Capt. sailed before the mast on U.S. and Canadian vessels, joined the U.S. Lighthouse Service, rose to command the CLOVER and the ASPEN. He was also a skilled marine photographer before and after WWII, 1882-1958, Marine Historical Society of Detroit calendars, 1973, 1987.)

Tebo, George, (Capt., sailed as boy on schr. LOOKOUT, served in Civil War. His first command was propeller NEPTUNE. Later owned and operated ferry
between Port Huron and Sarnia. Later commanded stmr. SAGINAW. Later
customs collector for Port Huron, then became coal merchant in Chicago coaling
vessels as the Independent Fuel Company, he as vice-president.)

Telander, Newell "Telly" L., (Yachtsman, yachts CONTENT, NOR'WESTER,
ISLANDER, GYPSY QUEEN, member Milwaukee Yacht Club, Cruising Club of
America. Died 1959.)

Tesnow, Rudolph (marine fireman, DELUGE, d. Feb 1956)

Tessler, August Frederick, (Capt. Commercial fisherman, born in Altdamm,
Prussia near Stettin. Emigrated to US in 1880s, and settled on Jones Island,
Milwaukee. Involved in legal wrangle with Illinois Steel Co., a leading figure of the
islanders. He died July 29, 1909 at age 79. Biography.)

Tessler, Charles, (Capt. Commercial fisherman, son of August Frederick, owner
of 80 foot fish tug TESSLER, born in Germany, Jones Island resident.
Purchased property across the river when expelled from Jones Island, 1915. -
from The Squatters of Jones Island by Ruth Kriehn.

Tessler, Richard Albert (Capt., tugobats, EDWARD E. GILLEN, d. August 1956)

Tessler, William, (Operator of the wholesale Forelle Fish Co. on Milwaukee's
south side, named after the fish tug lost in 1923. Grandson of August Frederick.
Died 1997.)

Tetard, John, (Capt., sailor on the Great Lakes, the first man to run a boat out of
Kenosha, WI, stmr. STANDING. Died March 29, 1900)

Tews, Edward G. (Capt., fishing boats, Clayton Fish Co., d. Dec 1939)

Thibodeau, Frank (Capt., Tug, Duluth, died aboard his boat Nov 1950)

Thompson, Tamara, Underwater archaeologist for Wisconsin Historical Society's
Maritime Preservation and Archaeology Program. As a maritime archaeologist
she has participated in numerous shipwreck studies.

Thorpe, Philip E., (Capt., Pilot of salt water vessels for the Grace Line incl.
SANTA REGINA, served in Navy in WWI, captained tankers, the C & O
carferries between Detroit and Windsor, and the CANADIANA.)

Thorpe, John W., (Capt., Milwaukee harbor master succeeding Capt. Thomas
Garrity. John Thorp sailed as 1st mate on the ILLINOIS for some time.

Thorpe, William J. (Bureau of rivers and harbors for Milwaukee, d. Nov 1945)

Thoro, Ken, (Vessel photographer, collector of Great Lakes ship photographs,
resident of Superior, WI, sailed with 6-8 different fleets on the Great Lakes.)
Thro, Ken (maritime collector and photographer, d. Jan 29, 2017)

Throop, Horatio Nelson, (naval architect in Pultneville, NY, early proponent of the screw propeller, perhaps simultaneously with John Ericsson. Throop’s propeller was used on the EXPRESS and the ONTARIO.)

Tiebout, Henry H., American-born Canadian shipbuilder born June 3, 1792 who helped build the very early steamboat Frontenac 1817. Died October 18, 1846.

Tilley, Robert G. (Capt., strs. Pickands Mather SS Co., HEMLOCK, d.Sep 1938)

Tinkham, Ralph, (Lighthouse engineer, managed construction of lighthouses, including Rock of Ages, installation of fog horns.)

Tobin, Gordon, (Capt. of steamer LIBERTY, where he died, October 14, 1934 after two days illness.)

Tomlinson, George Ashley (Pres of Tomlinson fleet, d. Jan 1942)


Townsend, Joseph W., (Capt., Lighthouse keeper of the Seul Choix Lighthouse, whose spirit is said to still haunt the area. He was keeper from 1901 until his death at the light in 1910.)

Treder, Rudolph, (Ship designer and builder of Milwaukee [Fox Point]. Was the operator of the R. W. Treder Co, a small craft design and building firm at the Milwaukee Yacht Club, native of Hancock, MI. 1962.)

Trotter, David L. (Diver, underwater archeologist, wreck finder, side scan sonar expert, video producer and author, head of Undersea Research Associates.)

Trowbridge, John T., (Salt water sailor, master of the THOMAS, which he sailed around the Cape of Good Hope, fought in the War of 1812, from 1816 -1840 he was identified with the marine and shipping interests of Oswego and Rochester, NY. Later moved to Wisconsin to a place near Racine called Trowbridge. Member of the Wisconsin territorial legislature. Died age 78 in Racine. This information is based on an obituary in the Oswego Commercial Times, 5/8/1858.)


Turner, William T., (Superintending Engineer, M. A. Hanna Co. effective 1931, previously assistant superintendent for Anglo-American Oil Company)
Tyler, James G., (Marine artist, born February 15, 1855 in Oswego, NY, his grandfather a lake captain and his father police chief. Drew the boats of Oswego, then moved to NY City. He did painting so New York vessels and Great Lakes ones, frequently tugs.)

Tyler, Joel F. (Capt., born 1802 in Oswego, NY, died 1878. Master of the MORNING STAR and later schr. CAROLINE. He also sailed the stmr. UNITED STATES from 1833-1835. Obituary from Oswego Times, Mary 24, 1878.)

Van Alstyne, John, (Capt. Obituary from the Oswego Palladium, Oct. 27, 1887. "He commanded vessels for forty-two years and never lost one." He began as a cook on the EAGLE and later a common sailor on the schr. ROBERT BURNS. In 1839 he went salt water in the HARRIET for Liverpool. In 1843 he returned to the Lakes and sailed on the propeller VANDALIA. Was 1st mate on the schooner JOSEPHINE. His first command was the MARSEILLE, then the MOSES AND ELIAS, the HAMILTON and the RED BIRD. In 1852 he captained the schr. ODD FELLOW. He was 51 years a sailor and 42 years a captain.)

Van Ells, Andrew M. & Alberdina (nee Drissen) (Capt. Fisherman, Alberdina d. March 1943)

Van Ells, Henry M. (Capt. Fisherman, H. VAN ELLS, b. 1838, d. Oct 1923)


Vance, George, (Sailor, cousin of Capt. David Vance, fell overboard off the schr. MARINER and was lost at age 16, May 13, 1868.)

Vance, William, (1776-1860, father of Capt. William Vance Jr. Articles with genealogical information but nothing on shipping careers.)

Van Cleve, James, (Capt., Important figure in the development of the propeller VANDALIA. Born in Lawrenceville, NJ, shipped on the ONTARIO as clerk. He commanded the UNITED STATES, the ST. LAWRENCE, and the BAY STATE. 1808-1888.)

Van Dongen, Clarence, (Capt., commanded MILWAUKEE CLIPPER, taking over from Capt. Hoxie. Previously commanded the HIGHWAY 16, undated.)

Van Dongen, James, (Capt., son of Clarence Van Dongen, learned to wheel on the Clipper, began maritime career as wheelsman on CITY OF MILWAUKEE. His career was with American Steamship Company, captain of the M/V AMERICAN REPUBLIC and the stmr. JOHN J. BOLAND, 1995.)

Van Dyke, Peter III, (Jan 18, 1941-August 6, 1994, served in USN, an active diver with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society.)
Van Roosemalen, Miriam, (Capt., the first woman commanding officer of a Canadian Coast Guard vessel, CCGS KENOKI in 1986.)

Van Raalte, Albertus C., (Reverend, founder of the community of Holland, MI in 1847. In 1850 a 44’ schooner was named for him and in 1867 a 94’ wooden steamer.)

Vander Linden, Peter (Father, priest, marine historian, member of numerous marine societies. Born May 3, 1929.)

Vickery, Charles, (Marine Artist, born 1913 in Hinsdale, IL. Noted for his seascapes, particularly clipper ships. He also did several prints of the schooner ROUSE SIMMONS. He was owner of the Clipper Ship Gallery in LaGrange, IL.)

Vincent, Wilber J., (Capt. born 1840, began his career at 14 on the barque Northern Light in 1854, captained a long list of vessels trading out of Oswego, NY, retired in 1896 and died 1919.)

Vinette, Thomas Dale, (Highly decorated Seabee (USNCB), author of Deep Water Man, published 1999)

Von Neumann, Robert, (Artist from Rostock, Germany born Sept. 10, 1888, resident of Milwaukee, WI, teacher at Layton School of Art and UW-M. He painted many subjects including marine ones.)

Vornholt, Paul (Milwaukee's Port Director, 2012-2018)

Waffle, Edward M., (Manager of the Elkhorn Lumber Company of Elkhorn, WI. Born 06/13/1854. Carpenter and cabinet maker with no discernable nautical connection.)

Waffle, John Henry, (1/1/1758 - 5/24/1841, from the Mohawk Valley, NY, was in the "boat service" during Revolutionary War, father of Capt. John Waffle.

Waffle, John, (Capt. of brig MOHEGAN, sailed on the lakes for 15 years, born 3/27/1824, died 02/95/1913. Son of John Henry Waffle. Moved from Brownsville, NY to Milwaukee, WI to Ogle County, IL, mostly family genealogy.)

Waffle, Leander, (Capt., schr. EXCELSIOR out of Buffalo, NY in 1850, as carpenter, committed suicide 1879 in a state of intoxication.)

Waffle, Lowell H. (Secretary, Brothertown, Calumet County, WI paying respects to Lieut. John T. Tinker for his kindness and courtesy during the Civil War, 1864. No mention of ships or Great Lakes.)

Waffle, Otto, ("...seriously burned about the eyes in a foundry at Kaukauna, WI while pouring Babbitt meal into a box that had water in it.", 1889)
Waldman, Jeff, (Yachtsman, boat builder, captain of the EDELWEISS tour/dinner boat, thrown from the sailboat he built and lost while sailing off Milwaukee in 2005. His son Noah was a deckhand on the LAKE EXPRESS.)

Waldman, John H., (Capt. son of Capt. Thomas Waldman of Holland, MI, captain of schr. WONDER. Was on the ANTARES when the WELLS BURT was sunk in 1883. Also commanded the schooners UNION, WILLIAM TELL, and MARY. Died 1934.)

Walker, Richard Osborne, (Owned Service and Sales Industries in Detroit, supervisor for Great Lakes Steel, owned Bay Marine in Boyne City, MI, on Board of Directors of Great Lakes Maritime Institute. Feb. 8, 1928 - March 29, 2000.)

Wall, Daniel, (Capt., born in Richibucto, New Brunswick, received his first maritime experience on the Atlantic Ocean, came to the Great Lakes in the spring of 1884. Seaman on the BUTCHER BOY of the Marinette Barge Line, wheelsman on the stmr. FAVORITE, second mate on stmr. MICHAEL GROH, in 1895 master of stmr. FRANCES HINTON, then I. WATSON STEPHENSON.)

Walsh, Frank P., (Secretary of the Livingstone Steamship Company owners of the stmr LIVINGSTONE, Also secretary of the Holland Steamship Company of Milwaukee owners of the stmr. HOLLAND, tax documents 1917 and 1918.)

Wanvig, A. C., (Owner with John Wanvig of the vessel AGNES W., 1165 tons of the port of Milwaukee, WI. From tax statements of 1917 and 1918.)

Wanvig, John D. (Capt., schooners, lumber and ore boats, newspaper photo, d. Jan 1951)

Ward, Eber, (Capt., cousin of E.B. Ward, nephew of Samuel Ward born 1923, worked as a clerk of stmrs. HURON and INDEPENDENCE. He bought the HURON and built the FRANKLIN MOORE in 1847 using her engines. Later bought the FOREST QUEEN from E.B. Ward and SAGINAW AND KEWEENAW while they were being built. He lost all his ships in the panic of 1873, went into insurance and paid off his debts)

Ward, Eber Brock, (Capt., cousin of Eber Ward, nephew of Samuel Ward, born 1911 as American citizen in Canada. Family moved back to Ohio and then Michigan. Moved with his father to Marine City in 1822. Wanted to sail but then called by his uncle Samuel to be a clerk in his ship building business. In 1850 he moved to Detroit and pushed his marine interests. He also went to Milwaukee to pursue his marine interests. He died 11/08/1870 in Detroit.)

Ward, Samuel, (Capt., Native of Vermont, migrated to St. Clair River in Michigan and started with trading schooner SALEM PACKET. He platted the town of Marine City, MI (then Newport), and opened a shipyard there. He amassed a fleet of vessels and was an innovator in lake shipping. He died 02/04/1854
leaving a considerable fortune. He was the uncle of Eber Brock Ward, who succeeded him in the shipping business.)

Warriner, Samuel Dexter, (Corporation officer, born 02/24/1867, died 04/03/1942, elected president and chairman of the board of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in 1912. His company was a major shipper of coal.)

Watts, J. Murray, (Vessel designer, designed a boat for Robert R. Linn of Grand Rapids, MI, 1948.)

Weathereye, (Capt., pseudonym for Dorice E. Loveland, marine historian, radio operator who corresponded with vessels on the lakes.)

Weborg, Andrew, (Door County fisherman from "Hedgehog Harbor" (i.e. Gills Rock, WI, father of Arthur Weborg.)

Weborg, Arthur, (Door County fisherman, son of Andre Weborg, husband of Eleanor. His sons were also Door County fishermen.

Weborg, Eleanor (Wife of Arthur Weborg, had four sons and two daughters. Her whole family were Door County fishermen.)

Weborg, Leif, (Milwaukee commercial fisherman who perished when his tug the LINDA E was run down by the tug barge MICHIGAN/GREAT LAKES in 1999, resulting in a long search for them and eventual discovery of what happened.)

Wegner, Arnie, (Model maker, died before 2000)

Wehrley, Doren F., (Dentist in love with Milwaukee history, Confederate ships. He served in the Navy during WW II and the Korean War, obituary from September 1996.)

Weir, Ernest T. (chief executive, National Steel Corp., died 1957)


Wescott, John Ward, (Capt., president and founder [1874] of the J.W. Wescott marine reporting and dispatch boat service on the Detroit River near the Ambassador Bridge.. the only vessel with its own postal zip code.)

Wheeler, Frank W. (Shipbuilder in West Bay City, MI. His yard produced numerous vessels and lasting until after WW II).

Wheeler, Morgan M., (Capt., born 05/12/1932, died 03/16/1877, one of the founders of Lyme, NY, commanded tug J.H. BLOORE, vessel owner of the JAMAICA, NEVADEA, MADEIRA, SAMANA, and BOLIVIA.)
Whipps, William H., (Canadian marine engineer, on the ALGOMING ferry at the Soo as well as on a number of other vessels. Died December 31, 1930)

White, Capt. Richard, (captain of the BYRON BAXTER, captain and part designer of the DURABLE.)

White, Stoddard, (Marine editor of the Detroit News, died 1972.)

Whittaker, Pierre J. (Milwaukee swimmer drowns as boat capsizes near Milwaukee River dam, 34 years, d. Sep 1931)

Wiening, Paul, (Great Lakes historian and author from Port Washington, WI.)

Wiersch, Henry F. (Capt., b. 1892, retired 1958, d. 1972)

Wilcox, Asa, (Shipbuilder in Chaumont, NY, 1805 - 1875. His vessels included the stmr. FLORA HOLDEN, stmr. HINCKLEY, schooners. DECATUR, RICHARD M., NEW YORK, R.C. SMEAD, and WATERTOWN.)

Wilda, James, (Carpenter who was a major contributor to the building of the Racine Reef Lighthouse in 1906. Also helped build the White Shoals Lighthouse at the Straits of Mackinac.)

Wilkinson, Neil, (Capt., of the steamer MAPLE LEAF in 1871, Canadian from Leskard, ON, killed in an accident at age 43 in 1853.)

Williams, E. B. (Naval architect from Cleveland, OH, designer of Great Lakes freighters, retired 1962. 2 newspaper articles)

Williams, Frank, (mate of the schooner BLAZING STAR in 1876.)

Williams, William, (Capt., stmr. UNITED STATES in 1843, ST. LAWRENCE in 1853, ST. NICHOLAS in 1855, side wheeler STATE OF MINNESOTA in 1864. Born 04/05/1809, died 12/07/1890 in Oswego, NY. Obituary)

Williamson, Halvor Andrias, (Capt. of the FEARLESS and other vessels used to carry lumber, mostly to Chicago. Born 1847 in Norway, died 1914 in Racine, WI. Based on letter from a descendant.)

Williamson, William (Capt., master of sail and later motorship WHITE SWAN, d. August 1956)

Willick, Clark, (Construction diver, died Nov. 25, 2002 at age 75 in Appleton, WI)

Willicke, Don, (Great Lakes pilot, president Western Great Lakes Assn. In 1999 he had a narrow escape falling off the MAND RATI and being rescued by the tug SEA COLT.)
Willoughby, W.J., (Capt., commanded freight and passenger steamers including the STATE OF OHIO and C. B. LOCKWOOD. Marine superintendent for Nicholson fleet. Died 10/02/1931)

Wilnamaki, Robert D., (Captain for the Apostle Island Cruise Service out of Bayfield, WI.) He died December 11, 2013 at the age of 78.

Wilson, Andrew, (Wheelsman, may have been on the ADELLA SHORES when she was lost with all hands 1909.)

Wilson, John, (Capt. of the FREE DEMOCRAT, lost at age 40 when the vessel went over in 1868.)

Wilson, Loudon Guthrie, (Scottish born Canadian marine artist and historian, later moved to Detroit, friend of Herman Runge, born 1903, died 1988.)

Wilson, Thomas, (Capt., Lake captain, vessel owner, vessel namesake, Scottish born, died in Cleveland, OH, April 18, 1900.)

Wiltencox, Charles, (First engineer of Stmr. BALL BROTHERS, former USN, died October 1, 1930)

Wilterding, John H. Jr., (Marine historian, author, and photographer, particularly interested in whaleback vessels.)

Wineman Jr., Henry, (Vessel owner, steamer S. NEFF, schrs. J.F. CARD, LEM ELLIS, steamers RAWLEY, CITY OF BERLIN, TAMPA. He was among other things a lumberman and capitalist.)

Wolf, Harry, (Ship’s photographer on the SOUTH AMERICAN, NORTH AMERICAN, Born in Detroit in 1909, collector of marine memorabilia, member Great Lakes Maritime Institute.)

Wolf, William H., (German born ship builder and co-owner of Wolf and Davidson Shipyard in Milwaukee, WI including WILLIAM H. WOLF, MOONLIGHT, ITASCA, FRED PABST, and FERDINAND SCHESINGER. Died Jan. 28, 1901.)

Wolgast, Charles, (Born in Prussia, first came to Quebec in 1862, shipped on schr. VERMONT. He was on the SCENECA CHIEF when it caught fire in 1870 and wrecked on the schr. HOPE in 1880. He sailed for 30 years, died 1922. Obituary.)

Wolter, Joseph (shipbuilder, Wolf & Davidson, August Rieboldt, died in Sturgeon Bay, age 72)

Wolter, William (Sturgeon Bay Shipbuilding & Drydock Co, 54 years, d. Sep 1950)
Woltman, John, (Captain and vessel owner of the schr. MARY A. GREGORY, last cargo to reach Chicago under sail in 1924. The ship was moored in the mud on the north branch of the Chicago River next to Abe Burell's Yacht Yard, where Woltman became foreman. Born the Netherlands 1874.)

Wolvin, Augustus B. (Capt., Fleet manager and owner, vessel namesake, born 10/16/1857 in Cleveland, OH. His father was a lake captain. Later moved to Chicago and then Pecatonica, IL, Master of the ANNIE SMITH, RALEIGH, and CITY OF ROME. Was a small-town merchant in Pecatonica, then moved to Duluth and became involved in vessel brokerage business, in which he engaged for most of his life. Died 03/31/1932.)

Wood, Capt. Joseph S. (President, Wilson Transit company, lakes captain, president, Lake Carriers Assn.)

Woodward, Cedric, (Great Lakes pilot on the AVAFORS, involved with the sinking of the EDMUND FITZGERALD in 1975. Earlier commanded several Great Lakes freighters. Article on the loss of the FITZ.)

Worden, Peter B. Sr., (1938-1988, marine historian, former USCG officer, past president, Marine Historical Society of Detroit.)


Wright, Ross F. (lighthouse keeper, 67 yrs old, d. Sep 1945)

Wylie, Robert E. (Sault Marine Bureau, died March 5, 1953)

Yeo, Sir James Lucas, (1783-1817, RN commander of British naval forces on the Great Lakes, chiefly on Lake Ontario during the war of 1812, later commander-in-chief of British naval forces on the west coast of Africa.)

Yewdale, Percy S. (Pres J. H. Yewdale & Sons printers, “it is said that he could give better sketches of ships than are found in the average reference library”, collector of nautical books and ship photographs, d. Oct 1939)

Yost, Paul J., (Diver, died searching for artifacts on the PRINS WILLEM V off Milwaukee after having become disoriented in the vessel's engine room and having then exhausted his oxygen supply, 1992.)

Young, George (Capt., Pittsburgh SS Co., died January 1957)

Young, Richard A., (Model builder from Manitowoc, WI, specializing in models made of different colors of wood rather than painted although he also does painted ones, associated with the Manitowoc Maritime Museum.)
Zealand, Edward, (Commodore, commanded the schr. ORION, the 1871 journal of which was written by his son Capt. Edward Zealand Jr. provides insights to what it was like to captain a ship on the Great Lakes in that era, as does the commodore's correspondence with his wife when he sailed the ZEALAND.)

Zeidler, Lt. Carl F., (former Milwaukee mayor, enlisted USN and was lost when his vessel was sunk)

Ziesing, August (Pres of American Bridge Co., d.Feb 1942)

Zimmer, Nelson, (Marine architect who designed a sloop in 1947 for Richard Jantz of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI., drawing in Rudder magazine.)

Zoble, Elmer (Chief Engr, Interlake Fleet, d. Oct 27, 1947)


Zych, Harry, (Diver and legal owner of the wreck of the LADY ELGIN, having purchased the rights from the underwriters and after a long law suit contested by the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency).