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MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY Ship Information and Data Record

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BUILT: 1898

at Wyandotte, MI

by Detroit Dry Dock (E.C.) Dunbar and Rig McMillan of Michigan City

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Hull steel

OPERATING DATA		DIMENSIONS		
ENGINES Type: Tr. Exp. Cyl. & St.: 15-24 & 38 x 24	BOILERS Type: Scotch No.: 2	GR.T 486 NET T. 283 LENGTH 164.6 BEAM 31.0 DRAFT 11.0 HATCHES No. SIZE CENTERS Cap.		
H.P.: 700 Rev.: 160 Built by: Dry Dock Eng. Works Detroit MI Year built: 1898	Size: 10d x 10 2/121 Press.: 125 Built by: Dry Dock Eng. Works Detroit MI Year built: 1898	COMPARTMENTS No. Cap.		

HISTORY:

She was built for excursion trade between Chicago and Michigan City. About 1902 she was bought by A. Booth & Co. of Chicago and put on the run between Duluth and north shore ports of Lake Superior as far as Isle Royale, carrying freight, passengers, mail, and picking up fish to be shipped from Duluth. In 1911 she was lengthened about 18 feet and tonnage raised from 681 to 937 gross. While on her regular run, she stranded on Isle Royale June 7, 1928 and went down in deep water. She belonged at that time to Booth Fisheries Co. of Duluth. There were 48 on board and no lives were lost. There was a salvage attempt in 1965-66 but it was discovered the hull had apparently been dynamited. She was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

See file for numerous articles, clippings and photos.

ILLUSTRATIONS: 15 in various sizes.

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