

UNIT NUMBER:

MARQUIS

(Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co. Ship)

AREA OF SERVICE: SASKATCHEWAN RIVER (1882-1886)

(Grand Rapids-Prince Albert)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Double-deck sternwheeler, square stern.

Construction:

Designer and builder: Mr. Gregory for Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co., in Winnipeg, 1882.

Dimensions: Length - 201'; width - 33.5'; depth - 5.3'.

Draft:

Number of passengers: 50 Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Two horizontal high pressure engines, Iowa Iron Works, Dubuque, Iowa, 1882 (83.74 h.p.).

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage: Registered - 474.87 tons; gross - 753.76 tons.

HISTORY:

1882, 25 July Arrived at Grand Rapids towed by *Princess* (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

1882, 25 September After machinery was installed, she was ready for use, operated Grand Rapids to Prince Albert (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

1885 Chartered to the government, used as General Middleton's flagship and troop transport in Riel Rebellion (SF: "Ships - *Marquis*"; (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

1886, 26 July Struck a rock at the foot of Thorburn's Rapids, was ordered raised and repaired (SF: "Ships - *Marquis*").

1887 Was handed over to the Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co., Winnipeg (SF: "Ships - *Marquis*").

1888-1890 Beached at Cumberland House (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

1890 Hauled to Prince Albert but was beached and abandoned, salon used as dance hall, some wood used for house construction, some fretwork used in *Saskatchewan*, anchor in Pas Museum, bell and part of flue in Prince Albert City Museum (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

MASTERS:

1886 Captain Sheets



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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

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B.89/z/2 Statements of English River packages on wreck

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F.40/2 Inventory, 1890

F.41/2 Certificates, 1884-1887

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MICROFILM REELS:

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