UNIT NUMBER:

MANITOBA   AREA OF SERVICE: ASSINIBOINE RIVER (1880-1882)
(Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co. Ship)
SASKATCHEWAN RIVER (ca. 1882-1884)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
Sternwheeler.

Construction:

Dimensions: 165' x 31', 4' draught (in 1880 lengthened nearly 40').

Draft:

Number of passengers: Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Two horizontal non-condensing engines, North Star Iron Works, Minneapolis, 1875 (29.2 h.p.).

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage: Registered - 194.61 tons.

HISTORY:
1874-1875 Built for Merchants International Line (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").
1875 Was sunk by the International in a collision near Winnipeg but soon raised and repaired (Info. on photo in 1987/363-M-450).
1876, 26 April Bought by Red River Transportation Company for $9,446.00 (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").
1879, Spring Bought by Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Winnipeg.
1880 Began regular runs on Assiniboine River.
1881 Brought down trying to save City of Winnipeg (Info. on photo in 1987/363-M-450)
ca. 1882 Transferred to Saskatchewan.
1884-1885 Laid up inside mouth of Sturgeon (Shell) River.
1885 Intended for use as troop transport for Riel Rebellion, but when ice broke filled with water and was a total wreck. Boiler used in a succession of sawmills (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

MASTERS:
None identified.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:
Molly McFadden, "Assiniboine Steamboats", The Beaver, June 1953, p. 38-39, 42

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:
1987/363-M-450 and others

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MICROFILM REELS:

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