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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MICROFILM REELS:

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