ROUSE SIMMONS - CHRISTMAS TREE SHIP

Newspaper Articles by Date:

1. 11/30/1912 **Chicago Daily Tribune** – November 29th – *Rouse Simmons* 3 days overdue in Chicago
2. 11/29/1912 **Detroit Free Press** – November 28th – *Rouse Simmons* Overdue
3. 11/29/1912 **Chicago Daily Tribune** – Watch for Lost Schooner commanded by Capt H. Nelson
4. 12/15/1912 **Detroit Free Press** – Schooner Butcher Boy overdue – Reference to *Rouse Simmons* lost with 17 persons
5. 12/03/1912 Chicago Newspaper Article – *Rouse Simmons* overdue – reference leaving Thompson Harbor. Captain Scheuneman, Captain Charles Nelson and 14 hands are on board
6. 12/05/1912 **Chicago Daily Tribune** – Christmas Ship Lost on the Lake with 17 On Board. List of crew members including Captain Nelson’s wife. Rumors Craft was Unseaworthy
7. 12/06/1912 Chicago Newspaper Article – Continued Search for *Rouse Simmons* – Cutter Tuscarora searched for *Rouse Simmons*
8. 12/06/1912 Unknown Source - Vessel’s YAWL is Found – Continued search for *Rouse Simmons*. The Seamen’s union asked to have boat sent to Mud Bay or North Bay to see if *Rouse Simmons* can be found.
9. 12/07/1912 **Chicago Daily Tribune** – Search for Bodies Continue, Sailor’s Union to sell Christmas Evergreens Lost from *Rouse Simmons*.
10. 12/08/1912 **Chicago Daily Tribune** – Schooners Minerva & Arizona captains state weather had been as nasty as they had ever experienced, and they declared it impossible that the *Rouse Simmons* could still be afloat. Search by Cutter Tuscarora continues to find the wreck
11. 12/09/1912 **Chicago Daily Tribune** – Schooner George Marsh and Hossack arrive in CThicago after storm which is supposed to have sunk the *Rouse Simmons.*
12. 12/15/1912 News Article Sault Ste Marie, MI – Revenue Cutter Mackinaw, acting under orders from Washington, make search for *Rouse Simmons*. Possibility that schooner was stranded on one of the isolated islands in northern Lake Michigan.
13. 12/18/1912 News Article Sault Ste Marie, MI – Search for *Rouse Simmons* by Cutter Mackinaw under orders from treasury department was abandoned, believed sank with crew.
14. 04/11/1924 – Two Rivers Wisconsin news article - Find Relics of Lost Ship – Captain Norman Allie, owner of the “Reindeer”, found billfold of Captain Schnemann in nets along with clipping from Thompson Michigan newspaper.
15. Escanaba Daily Press – Date Unknown – Christmas Tree Ship Wreckage Sighted – Interviews with local residents of Thompson – Nels Bouschor, Osborne Stanley & Mrs. Alvin Nelson
16. Manistique Pioneer Tribune – by Jack Orr – An Unpublished Story about the Christmas Tree Ship Sinking – Letter written by late Ernest Williams who cut trees for the schooner and knew Captain Schunemann
17. Manistique Pioneer Tribune – Date Unknown – by Jack Orr. There Were Two Christmas Ships. An article written by Mr. William Griffin in the Chicago Tribune.
18. The Journal – Schooner Tragedy Sank Old Time Yule Custom by Robert Wells
19. Unknown Source – Mrs. Herman Scheunemann and Daughter Elsie Take Up Work of Husband and Father
20. 06/22/1933 Christmas Tree Lady Summoned – Mrs. B. Scheunemann, Well known in County dies in Chicago
21. 05/23/1913 From The Dead – Note Supposedly Written by Member of Crew of Ill Fated Rouse Simmons, Found. Here for Trees, Widow of Capt Scheunemann, who was drowned, now conducts business.

National Archives & Records Administration Great Lakes Region, Chicago ILL

1. License – Rouse Simmons of Kenosha
2. Patrols & Watches – Record of Kewaunee Life Saving Station spotted a schooner flying a flag at half mast – telephoned Two Rivers Station
3. Patrols & Watches – Record of Two Rivers Life Saving Station – Unable to locate schooner
4. The Christmas Tree Ship: Captain Herman S. Schuenemann and The Schooner, Rouse Simmons, in the Records of the National Archives – Great Lakes Region, Chicago
5. Prologue – Quarterly Magazine of the National Archives & Records Administration, Winter 2006. The Christmas Tree Ship by Glenn Longacre
6. List and copies of select records in the National Archives & Records Administration – Great Lakes Region relating to the Christmas Tree Ship, Rouse Simmons, Herman Schuenemann and the schooner S. Thal (see #7)
7. Records in the Great Lakes Region Relating to the Christmas Tree Ship Rouse Simmons and S. Thal
8. Records of the U.S. Coast Guard held in NARA’s Great Lakes Region. Field Unit Records, Life Saving Station Logs for the Chicago and Cleveland Districts. 1876-1943
9. Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States – Congratulates the people of Thompson Michigan as they commemorate their towns connection to maritime history

Miscellaneous Articles/Stories/Etc

1. Great Lakes Marine Historical Collection – Milwaukee Public Library – The Christmas Tree Ship, Story of the Rouse Simmons by Jon Paul Van Harpen. Article outlines the history of the schooner and timeline of events before and after wreck
2. Ghost Ships of Lake Michigan – by Kathleen Winkler printed *Exclusively Yours* May 1998
3. Wisconsin Then and Now – December 1973 – Sailing Ship Won Place in History Because of Christmas Tragedy
4. Detroit Free Press – Mystery of Lakes – Christmas Tree Ship Defied 1912 Storm and Lost – Captain Schuenemann watched unloading the trees from flatcars from the “Haywire” whose tracks went to Thompson docks.
5. 12/18/1981 Earthwatch/Wisconsin – The Lore of the Christmas Tree Ship by Warren Downs
6. A Tale of Tall Tales of The Christmas Tree Ship by Florence “Alex” Meron 1995
7. The Sheboygan Press – When Then Was Now – Tragic Voyage – Death Wins The Christmas Tree Race by Bob Joslyn
8. Bowling Green State University – Great Lakes Vessels Index – Historical Collection of the Great Lakes – Registry & Rig Information of the Rouse Simmons
9. Kenosha Ramblings – Christmas Tree Ship by Phil Sander
10. Just Yesterday Volume III – A Collection of Short Stories by the Senior Writers of Manistique Michigan 2004. Story written by Marie Sellman and uses information written by Theodore Charrney of Chicago IL
11. United States Environmental Protection Agency – Great Lakes Monitoring. The Fate of the Christmas Tree Ship
12. The Maritime Heritage Center – Schooner Rouse Simmons –
13. Christmas Tree Ship Rouse Simmons – written by Allen Holden
14. Wikipedia – Rouse Simmons – The History and references
15. Newsletter from the Kenosha County Historical Society, Volume 76, Number 3 – The Christmas Tree Ship: Rouse Simmons
16. Wisconsin Historical Society – Highlights Archives – The Tale of the Christmas Tree Ship
17. Andrew Kemper, Student, Manistique High School – 04-22-2004 – The Christmas Tree Ship and Captain
18. Alyssa, Big Bay de Noc Elementary School, 4th Grade – The True Story of the Christmas Tree Ship
19. Sheboygan County Bicentennial – The Christmas Tree Ship article

Photos

1. Rouse Simmons docked in Sheboygan Harbor
2. Thompson Docks – Rouse Simmons (left/front) identified by Jim Brotz and Kent Bellrichard
3. Rouse Simmons Anchor – Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee Wisconsin
4. Ships Wheel – Rogers Fishing Street Museum, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Top photo: Wheel in original condition when found. Bottom Photo: Ships wheel after restoration by Jim Brotz
5. 1909 Photo, Captain Herman Schuenemann
6. Rouse Simmons

Video – The Christmas Tree Ship by WTMJ-TV

1. Original 16mm film of The Christmas Tree Ship
2. Letter from Thomas L. Nolan who was in charge of the Christmas Tree Ship project and Vice President of Loewi & Company. Dr. Nolan owns the rights to the video

Poetry

1. A Christmastide – written by Char Crosby, member of the Thompson Historical Advisory Committee