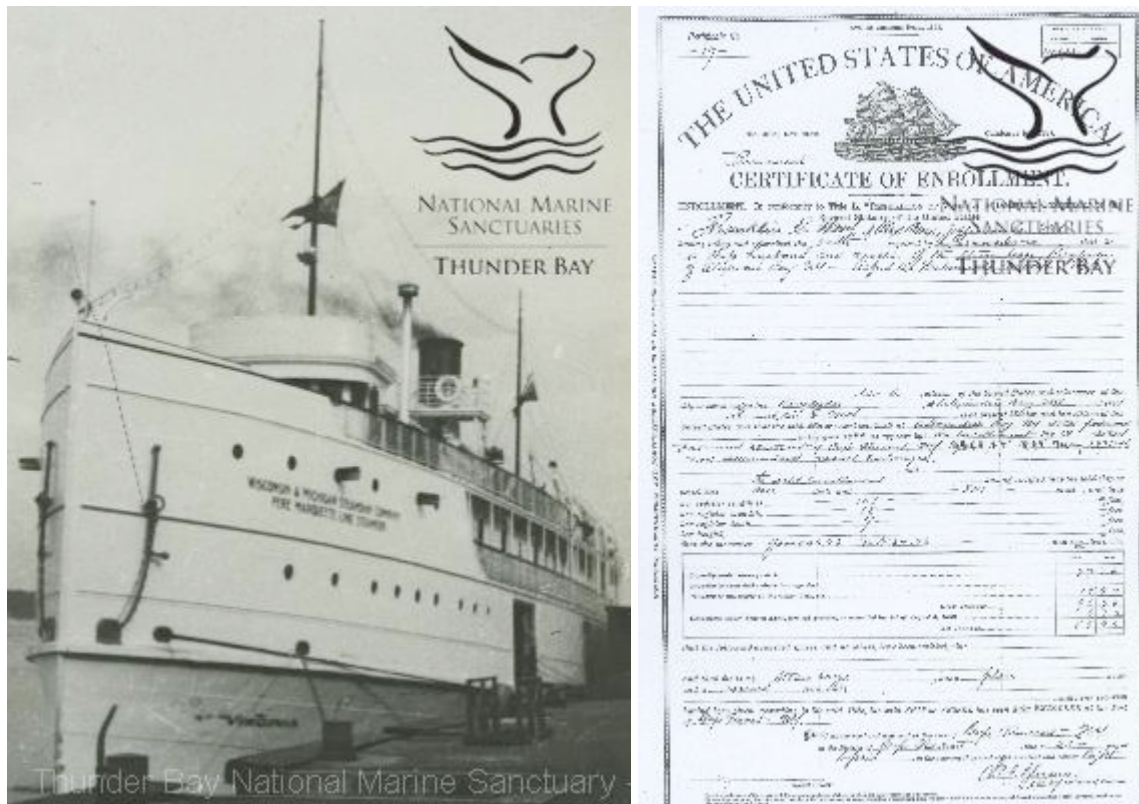


Digitizing the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Research Collection - \$4,000

Supplements a current project to digitize a pre-1900 archive of Great Lakes maritime history by providing additional equipment to complete the digitizing and archiving of 65,000 images, 45,000 negatives, 2,000 books and periodicals, 350 ship plans, and 8,000 vessel enrollments. The resulting archive will be available to the public through the Alpena County Library. Contact: Russ Green

PAIG funding for the project, Digitizing the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Research Collection, was used to purchase a computer workstation, high resolution scanner, and two high capacity external hard drives to help digitize the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Research Collection, one of the nation's largest archives of nineteenth-century Great Lakes vessel data and maritime history documents. The collection is owned by NOAA and jointly managed by the Alpena County Library and Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. PAIG funding supplemented a \$235,000 Library of Michigan Digitization for Preservation and Access Grant to digitize the collection's 65,000 photographs and create a database of 15,000 Great Lakes vessels. Digitization was completed in 2007 and the photos and database are now available online to historians, archaeologists, genealogists, resource managers, students, journalists, and anyone with an interest in the maritime past of the Great Lakes. Digitized photos and the vessel database are available online at www.greatlakesships.org.
~ Tera Panknin



Historic image and vessel enrollment for one of the thousands of Great Lakes ships represented in the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Research Collection.