

# The Christmas Tree Ship

## Additional Resource Materials

### **National Archives & Records Administration – Great Lakes Region – Chicago Illinois:**

Kewaunee Life Saving Station – Patrol & Watch Report – Spotted schooner in distress

Two Rivers Life Savings Station Log – Handwritten log entry – attempt to locate Rouse Simmons

Enrollment & Licensing for Rouse Simmons

Records of Clearance for Rouse Simmons at Grand Haven

Federal Census 1910 – Herman & Barbara Schuenemann

The Christmas Tree Ship – in the records of the National Archives

Prologue – Quarterly of the National Archives, Winter 2006, Volume 38 No 4 - The Christmas Tree Ship by Archivist Glenn Longacre

Records of the U.S. Coast Guard on Rouse Simmons

Court documents – Otto Parker vs. S. Thal

### **DVDs:**

Documentary – The Christmas Tree Ship – created by Blunt, Ellis & Loewi, Inc. and narrated by Thomas L. Nolan Jr.. The documentary includes interviews with Thompson residents and tells the true story of Captain Herman Schuenemann and the Rouse Simmons, a/k/a, The Christmas Tree Ship.

Legend of The Christmas Tree Ship by Carl Behrend – DVD created by Carl Behrend after writing his non-fiction novel on the Rouse Simmons. Includes images of the underwater wreck, Rouse Simmons and historic photos.

### **Music:**

Legends of the Great Lakes by Carl Behrend – song “Christmas Ship”

Lee Murdock in Concert – song “The Christmas Ship”

The Christmas Schooner – a Musical by John Reeger & Julie Shannon

### **Books:**

The Historic Christmas Tree Ship, A True Story of Faith, Hope and Love by Rochelle Pennington. A compilation of historical information and photos

The Christmas Tree Ship, The Story of Captain Santa by Rochelle M. Pennington – (fictional children’s story)

The Christmas Tree Ship by Cris Kohl & Joan Forsberg

Lives & Legends of the Christmas Tree Ships by Fred Neuschel

The Legend of the Christmas Tree Ship – A Novel by Carl Behrend (fictional but based on true story)

Myths and Mysteries: Underwater Archaeological Investigation of the Lumber Schooner Rouse Simmons, Christmas Tree Ship. A State Archaeology & Maritime Preservation Program and prepared by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Legend of the Christmas Tree Ship – by Larry Peterson - Wisconsin Magazine of History – Winter 2012-2013 Edition -

The Christmas Tree Ship by Carol Crane – based on a story Carol’s Swedish grandfather told of the Rouse Simmons

The Christmas Tree Ship by Judith Flesvig Merwald, Ruth Flesvig Gibson & Robert Flesgiv

### **Miscellaneous Articles and Stories**

Great Lakes Marine Historical Collection – The Christmas Tree Ship, Story of the Rouse Simmons by Jon Paul Van Harpen

Ghost Ships of Lake Michigan

Wisconsin Then & Now – Sailing Ship Won Place in History

Detroit Free Press – Mystery of the Lakes

Earthwatch Wisconsin – The Lore of the Christmas Tree Ship

A Tale of Tall Tales by Florence Meron

The Sheboygan Press – When Then Was Now

Bowling Green State University – Great Lakes Vessel Index

Kenosha Ramblings – Christmas Tree Ship by Phil Sander

Just Yesterday – Volume III – a story by Marie Sellman

USEPA – Great Lakes Monitoring – The Fate of the Christmas Tree Ship

The Maritime Heritage Center – Schooner Rouse Simmons

Christmas Tree Ship Rouse Simmons by Allan Holden

Wikipedia – Rouse Simmons – History & References

Kenosha County Historical Society – The Christmas Tree Ship

Wisconsin Historical Society – The Tale of Christmas Tree Ship

Andrew Kemper, Manistique High School – The Christmas Tree Ship

Alyssa (unknown last name) 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Bay de Noc School, True Story of Christmas Tree Ship

Sheboygan County Bicentennial – The Christmas Tree Ship

The Christmas Tree Ship by Elizabeth Myers

Unknown Source – Rouse Simmons & Photo 1913

Photo of Rouse Simmons – W.P. Larson, Reproduced from original postcard

Tales, ballad tells story by Jay Joslyn

The Christmas Tree Ship by Sidney McNeill Sutherland – December 6, 1924

Christmas in America – The Christmas Tree Ship by Harry Hansen

Correspondence - Theodore Charnney to Florence Meron

Letter from J.E. Etruski – Thompson resident to John R. Steele

Handwritten Note Cards Marine Review & Lake Carriers Association

Story of Captain Santa – Unknown source

Reference Cards from Chicago Historical Society on Rouse Simmons

Theodore Charrney – Additional Correspondence

Random articles & Stories