



RUTH ALEXANDER anchor chain blueprint. 1924, May 1

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Creator

Moore Shipbuilding Company

Extent

1 Folder, 1 Items (1 page)

Repository

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park
Historic Documents Collection
Fort Mason, Building E
San Francisco, California, 94123

Scope and Content

The collection is open for use.

This collection consists of a blueprint of the shackle and link for an anchor chain for the passenger liner, RUTH ALEXANDER. The blueprint was drawn by J.E. in May 1924 for the Moore Shipbuilding Co. in Oakland, California.

History

RUTH ALEXANDER (1913)

The passenger liner RUTH ALEXANDER was part of the Pacific Steamship Company's Admiral Line. As an ocean liner, it carried passengers along the West Coast, from San Francisco to Seattle and Victoria (and, perhaps, down the coast, to Los Angeles, San Diego and Ensenada, Mexico) between 1923 and 1938.

The ship was built in 1913, in Stettin, Germany by A.G. Vulcan. It was the North German Lloyd ship, SIERRA CORDOBA and served as a passenger liner, traveling between Germany and South America. In September 1917, the ship was seized by Peruvian authorities. The U.S. Shipping Board chartered it from the Peruvian government and turned it over to the U.S. Navy for use as troop transport in April 1919. At that time, it was commissioned as the U.S.S. CALLAO and made two voyages between the U.S. and France before it was decommissioned in September 1919.

In 1921, the ship was sold to the American-owned Dollar Line and, subsequently, chartered to the Admiral Line in Seattle for coastal passenger services. In 1923, Admiral

Line owner H.F. Alexander rechristened the ship, RUTH ALEXANDER. In 1938 the Dollar Line was taken over by the U.S. Maritime Commission, and in 1939 the American President Lines took over the RUTH ALEXANDER, rebuilt it as a cargo ship and placed it under the Panamanian flag. The ship was sunk by Japanese torpedo bombers off Balikpapan in December 1941. (Taken from “The Admiral Line,” Reflections on Black History, Part 31, by Thomas C. Fleming, April 22, 1998, <http://www.freepress.org/fleming/flemng31.html>, “Online Library of Selected Images – Civilian Ships,” Department of the Navy—Navy Historical Center, <http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/sh-civil/civsh-c/callao.htm> and “The Ship List,” <http://www.theshiplist.com/ships/descriptions/ShipsS.html>)

Arrangement

Original order was maintained.

Provenance

This collection was transferred from Golden Gate National Recreational Area to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in 1988. Originally a gift from the National Maritime Museum Association, June 11, 1986.

Language

English

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Associated Materials (Related Collections)

William Rustad photographs, SAFR 15279, PHOCOLL P79-019. One photograph of Captain Fred Nystrom on the ship, circa 1935.

Newsletter, SAFR 16891, December 2, 1932.

Booklet advertising the RUTH ALEXANDER, 1923, SAFR 16614.

Menus (by date) :

Luncheon menu from 1932, SAFR 16732.

Dining room ticket accessioned with above menu, SAFR 16733.

Breakfast menu from June 19, 1932Menu, SAFR 16744.

Luncheon menu from June 19, 1932, SAFR 16743.

Dinner menu from June 19, 1932Menu, SAFR 16753.

Breakfast menu from December 2, 1932, SAFR 16856.

Luncheon menu from 1934., SAFR 15646.

Menu, January 21, 1934, SAFR 15698,.

Dinner menu from September 28, 1937, SAFR 16858.

Reference terms

RUTH ALEXANDER (built 1913) (local)

Moore Ship Building Co. (local)

Admiral Line (LCCC)

Ocean liners (LCCC)
Pacific Steamship Company (LCCC)

Index terms

Architectural drawings--Marine (TGM)
Naval architecture drawings (TGM)

Condition

Condition is Fair, the blueprint is folded, an edge is torn, there are some brown spots and it looks as if it was once next to non-acid free paper, as part of the back side is brown.

Cataloguer

Marjorie Bryer, Archives Specialist, August 2007.