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In conformity to an Act of the Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An Act for Enrolling and Licensing Ships and Vessels," &c., passed 18th February, 1793; and "An Act to regulate the Foreign and Coasting Trade on the Northern, Northeastern and Northwestern Frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes," passed March 2d, 1831; and "An Act to provide for the better security of the lives of Passengers on board Vessels propelled in whole or in part by Steam," passed 7th July, 1838, and the Act of August 30th, 1852, amending the same; also an act entitled "An act to provide for recording the conveyances of Vessels, and for other purposes," passed July 29, 1850.

Charles H. Lee, merchant, of Silver Creek, in the District of Buffalo Creek, having taken or subscribed the Oath required by said acts, and having sworn that he resides at said Silver Creek and is the managing owner of the Propeller called the J. W. Backus of Buffalo that he together with Wm. A. Bell and William D. Lee both residents of the City of Buffalo in said District and Charles Newell Chamberlain who resides at the City of New York and Franklin Lee who resides at Silver Creek are the owners of said Propeller as the copartners of the firm of Lee, A. Bell & Company and said persons are all of them

Port of Buffalo N.Y.

July 11. 1854

Summed this day & new paper, found changed current,

signed P. Hoffman
W. C. C.

Citizen of the United States, and sole owners of the said Propeller or Vessel called the J. W. Backus of Buffalo whereof Frank Cameron is at present Master; and as he hath sworn

Citizen of the United States, and that the said Ship or Vessel was built at Amherstburg, State of Canada in the year 1846, as appears by her last Enrollment dated April 11. 1853 No 132 dated at this port, now surrendered having changed owners, and said Enrollment having artficial that said Propeller had been made a vessel of the United States on all sale or condemnation for violation of the U.S. Revenue laws. Having certified that the said Propeller or Vessel has one deck and one mast and that

her length is 133 feet
her breadth 25 "
her depth 9 " 4 inches
and that she measures 289 tons 78 ninety-fifths
that she is a Propeller has no gallies and no figure head

And the said Samuel J. Pratt having agreed to the description and admeasurement above specified, and sufficient security having been given in conformity with the terms of the said acts, the said Propeller has been duly Enrolled at the Port of Buffalo, N. Y.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office, at the Port of Buffalo, in the said District, this 17 day of November A.D. 1854 in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

L. J.

(signed) P. Hoffman
J. J. Hudson
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