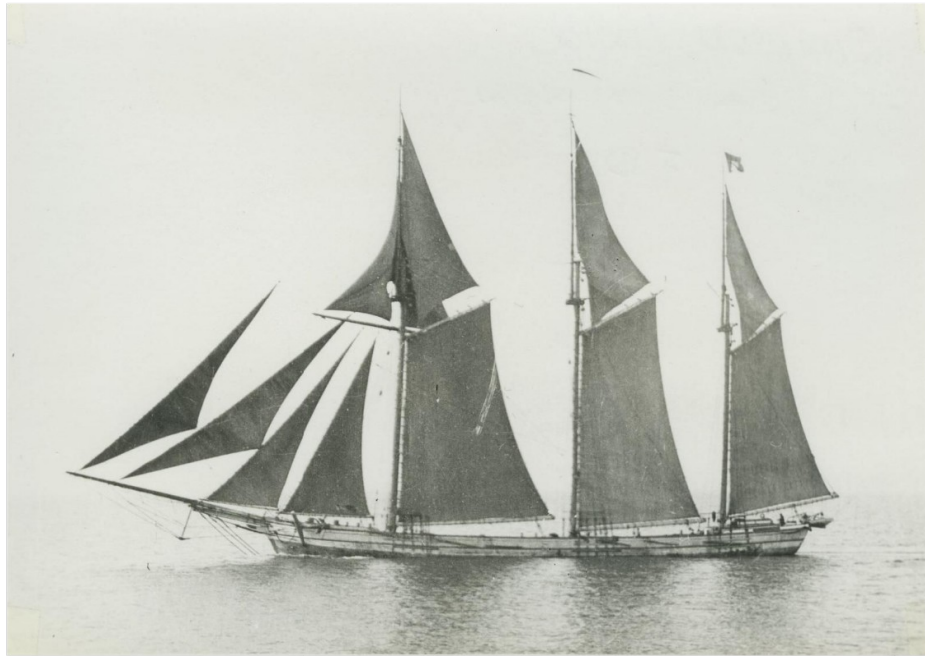


**The Lucia Simpson a Great Lakes Schooner Built in 1875
by Rand & Burger in Manitowoc , WI**



The Lucia Simpson was one of the last three masted schooners on the Great Lakes

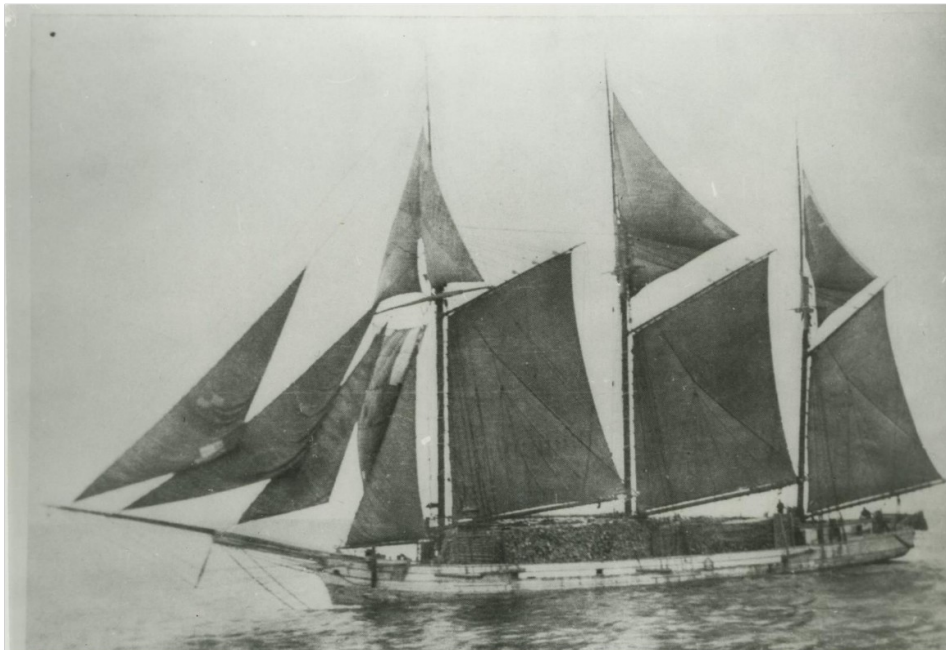


Photo of the Lucia Simpson loaded with logs that were being transported from Escanaba, MI to Milwaukee, WI.

Martin Sanderson had five sons and five daughters and the family connection was my Aunt Pearl Johnson who was his child number nine. Martin purchased the Lucia Simpson about 1901 to transport lumber from Escanaba, MI to his lumber yard in Milwaukee, WI. From 1903 to 1929 the ship captain was Hans Simonson and I think there were five crew members.

I think that Martin Sanderson and Captain Simonson knew my Great Grandfather Captain Sam Neff and his sons Captain Sidney Neff and Charles Neff because at that time those in Milwaukee that were involved in shipping on the Great Lakes all knew each other.

Martin died about the time of World War I and his oldest son Charles became the owner of the Lucia Simpson. Some time after 1929 Charles sold the ship. The ship under new owners was to be used for salvage and diving but was damaged by a storm. It was decided that repairs would be too costly and it was idled in Sturgeon Bay until it and other ships were destroyed by a major fire in 1935.

During the depression drawings were made of the ship and are in the Smithsonian collection of ship plans. A number of models of the Lucia Simpson have been made and there are paintings of the ship as well. The photos in this report were downloaded from the collection of ship photos of the Alpena, Michigan County Library.