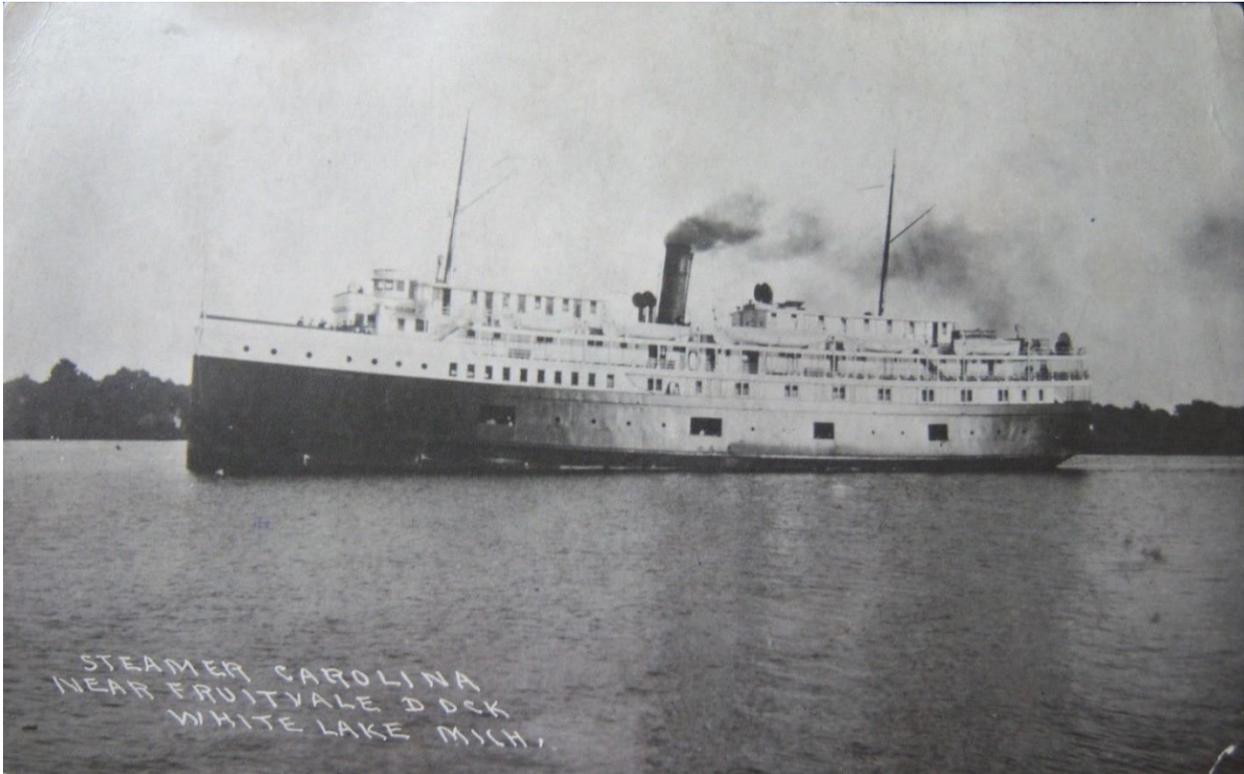


## S.S. Carolina

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The SS Carolina was built in Philadelphia for the Hartford and New York Transportation Company in 1892, and she was known as the Hartford. In December 1898 she was registered to the Quartermaster Department of the US Army and her name was changed to USQD Terry. Decommissioned in 1901, Terry was offered for sale and purchased by Capt. Miles Barry who owned and operated the Chicago & Muskegon Transportation Company - a direct competitor with the Goodrich company. Financial backing for the purchase came from two prominent lumbermen from Muskegon. The Hartford name reappeared on her documents and she arrived in Muskegon on 14 September 1901.

After a brief ceremony the next day, she was renamed Charles H. Hackley, in honor of her most substantial backer. That same evening the Hackley departed from Muskegon on her first trip under the Barry Line flag, and remained with them for the next three years.

The SS Atlanta serviced the White Lake area for two seasons in 1904 & 1905. After losing the Atlanta to a fire in March 1906, Mr. Goodrich wasted no time in approaching the owners of the Hackley and purchasing the ship at the price of \$80,000. Mr. Goodrich not only got a much needed replacement for the Atlanta, but he eliminated a competitor on the cross-lake route as well.

The Hackley was sent to Manitowoc for rebuilding and a face lift. This work included the installation of steel above her main deck, changes to her promenade deck and the installation of fine accommodations for overnight passengers. Following the completion of the work, the ship was renamed Carolina and entered regular Goodrich service on 16 June 1906 to the White Lake area.

Captain Cornelius "Con" McCauley was the first to command Carolina until April 1914. After that time and until 1928, Captain Daniel J. McGarity was at the helm.

CAPTAIN DANIEL J. MCGARITY — Here he is shown on the bridge of his beloved *Carolina*.

*Courtesy: Captain McGarity*

