

CAPTAIN JAMES B. WATTS

DETROIT, Aug. 5 (AP)—Captain James B. Watts, who in the great storm of November, 1913, was the only shipmaster to run his freighter the length of Lake Huron, died at his home here yesterday after a year's illness. His age was 80.

Captain Watts went on his first ship at the age of 13. At 17 he was the youngest master on the Lakes, handling a scow-built schooner for two trips. He retired at the close of the 1930 season from the steamer Nettleton.

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