

UNITED STATES INSPECTORS' CERTIFICATE TO PILOTS



ISSUE

No. [redacted]

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

William T. Welles

has given satisfactory evidence to the undersigned Local Inspectors of Steam Vessels for the District of *New York* that he is a skillful **PILOT** of steam vessels and can be entrusted to perform such duties upon the waters of *the Hackensack, Passaic, Hudson Rivers, Newark & New York Bay & Harbor & Heden Island Sound, on Steam Launch Marine.*

and he is hereby Licensed to act as *Special* class Pilot on steam vessels for the term of *One* Year from this date, upon the above named route.

Given under our hands this *24* day of *July* 18*90*



Joseph S. Grantham
Inspector of Hulls.

Thomas H. Barron
Inspector of Boilers.

July 1 40

New York

Dear General
Thomas H. Barrett

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July 1 40

New York

Dear Sir
Thomas H. Barrett

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This document is in the possession of David Fletcher. Although the name is spelled incorrectly, he states that it is in with other family documents and is almost certainly W. T. Wells.

We have news reports that Mr. Wells operated a steam launch in New York, so this is likely his certificate.