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Name: SS *Seven Pines* Hull No: 259

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1. Ship's Information:

1.1: Sun Ship Data ^[1]

Hull No:	259
Name Orig:	<i>Seven Pines</i>
Sailing Port:	Philadelphia, PA
Contract:	1941.05.27
Shipway:	SY-11
Keel Laying:	1943.04.19
Launching:	1943.07.28 11:25am
Date Delivery:	1943.08.09
Time on Way:	3m-9d
Time in Wetdock:	0m-11d
Time total Building:	3m-20d
Delivery Promised:	1943.08.31
L-B-D:	503', 68', 39'3"
DWT:	16,420
Gross Tons:	10,195 ^[5]
Net Tons:	6107 ^[5]
Type:	Tanker, T2-SE-A1 ^[3]
Propulsion:	Turbo-Electric-GE
Propeller(s):	1
HP:	6,000
Boilers(s):	2
Speed-Knots:	14.5
Complement:	44 (Officers and Crew) ^[5]
Classification:	A.B.S.
Capacity:	141,158 bbls ^[3]
Sponsor:	Mrs. S.W Green

Owner:	Maritime Commission ^[3]
Operator:	Barber Asphalt and Oil ^[3]
Engine No./Mfg:	General Electric

1.2: Maritime Commission Data ^[3]

Contract Design:	T2-SE-A1
MC Hull No:	362
Official Number:	244056
Contract No:	DA-MCc-85
Contract Price:	\$2,700,000
First Ship Operator:	Barber Asphalt and Oil

1.3: Armament-Typical^[6]

-1	Single 5"/28 Dual Purpose Gun
-2	4-Single 5"/50 Dual Purpose Guns
-3	4-Twin 40mm Guns
-4	4 Twin 20mm Guns

2. Ship's Ownership Transition:^[2]

-1943:	Name- <i>Seven Pines</i> Owner- U.S. Govt. Port- Philadelphia, Pa
-1948:	Name: <i>Charles S. Jenney</i> Owner: Jenney Manufacturing Co. Port- Boston, Mass
-1957:	Name: <i>Katina</i> Owner- Commerce Tankers Corp. Port- Wilmington, De
-1959:	Name- <i>Zephyrhills</i> Owner- PanAmerican Overseas Corp Port- New York, NY
-1966:	Name: <i>Zephyrhills</i> Owner- Hudson Waterways Corp Port- New York, NY
-1968:	Name- <i>Zephyrhills</i> Owner- U.S. Govt. Port- New York, NY
-1969	Disposition ^[2] Ship broke up at Kaohsiung, Taiwan 1969.01

3. Ship's Naming History^[4]

SS Seven Pines was named for the battle of Seven Pines, also known as the Battle of Fair Oaks or Fair Oaks Station, took place on May 31 and June 1, 1862 as part of the Peninsula Campaign of the American Civil War. It was the culmination of an offensive of the Virginia Peninsula by Union Major General George B. McClennan, in which the Army of the Potomac reached the outskirts of Richmond, VA. His opposition in this battle was Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston.

4. Artifacts:[1]

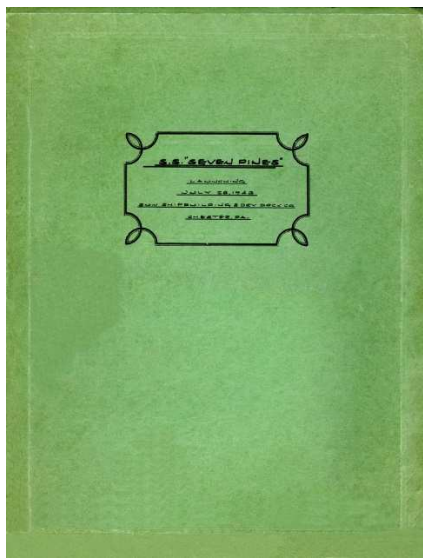
4.1: SSHS: 011_259
Ships 'Victory Launching Pin'



4.2: SSHS: 500_259_03
First Day Cover



4.3: SSHS: 500_259_03
Ship's Launching Booklet:
Series of photos taken during the launching of the ship on July 28, 1943. Courtesy of Mrs. Margaret Adams, granddaughter of the Ship's Sponsor, Mrs. Charlotte Green.
Note: See section 5 for samples photos from the launching book



5. Photos:

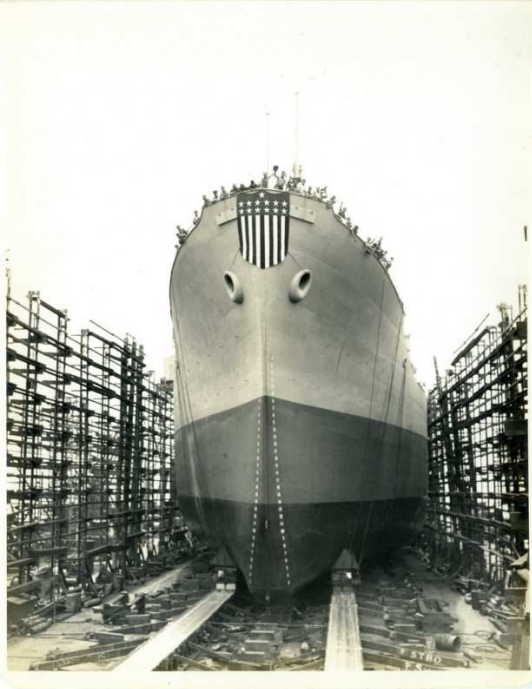
5.1 Ship shown on #11 Shipway in the South Yard prior to launching.
SSHS: 500_259_02_002a



5.2 Mrs. Charlotte Green christening the ship
SSHS: 500_259_02_006a



5.3 **Seven Pines** sliding down the shipway. She was 90% complete when launched 500_259_02_007a



5.4: Launching Party with Mr. & Mrs. Green (Sponsor) L/R: Front row #3 and #4. Mr. Richard Haig (Sun Ship VP) Back row #3.



5.5: **Seven Pines** being moved to Wet Dock, after lunching, for 11 days of outfitting prior to delivery on 1943.08.09.



5.6: **Seven Pines** underway showing ship's armament and transporting planes and cargo on Meccano Deck

SSHS: 500_259_01_001a



6. Sources:

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- 6: Shipway Designations:
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 - CY: Central Yard 1 thru 8
 - NY: North Yard 13 thru 20
 - 4Y: No.4 Yard 21 thru 28
- 7: Historic American Engineering Record
HAER 500_52002_01
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