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Collection, circa 1850-1950.**

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Note: For more information on abbreviations used in the descriptions included with the photographs, *Way's Packet Directory, 1848-1983: Passenger Steamboats of the Mississippi River System Since the Advent of Photography in Mid-continent America* (IHLC Q. 387.2436 W364W) by Frederick Way, Jr., includes a section titled "Terms, Abbreviations and Discussion."

**1. Steamboats**

Prints are mounted and may include notes on original name of the vessel, alternate name of the vessel, owner or captain, where/when it was built, where/when it was destroyed, number of engines, purpose of the vessel, length, width and height measurements, and other notable

information. The number on each print corresponds to the listings in the 1944 edition of Frederick Way's *Steamboat Directory*.

### Exteriors

Prints are primarily in alphabetical order. Steamboats named after cities ("City of...") precede other steamboats beginning with the letter C.

#### Box 1

Abigail - Altona  
 America - Annie Russell  
 Argand - Belle of the Bends; Belle of Creole  
 Belle of Calhoun - Bellevue  
 Ben Campbell - Big Sandy  
 Black Hawk - Boone  
 Borealis Rex - B. S. Rhea  
 B. T. Enos - City of Baton Rouge

#### Box 2

City of Brunswick - City of Cairo  
 City of Clifton - City of Jeffersonville  
 City of Louisville - City of Mobile  
 City of Monroe - City of Paducah  
 City of Peoria - City of Saltillo; City of Pittsburgh (Tugboat)  
 City of St. Paul - City of Winona  
 Calhoun - Carrie Brown; Champion # 3

#### Box 3

Carrollton - Chaperon  
 Charles B. Pearce - Chesapeake  
 Chester - Chris Green, and Elector  
 Cincinnati - Commonwealth  
 Congo - Cricket  
 Crown Point - David Swain  
 David Tipton - Dewey  
 D. H. Pike - Dubuque

#### Box 4

Eagle - E. G. Ragon  
 Electra - Estelle D.  
 Eugene - Fannie Dugan  
 Far West - Frank Pargoud  
 Frank Stein - General Pike  
 General Wood - Golden Crown  
 Golden Eagle - Granite State

#### Box 5

Greater Pittsburgh - Guiding Star  
 Guyandotte - Hazel Rice

H. D. Munson - Henry M. Stanley  
 Henry Probasco - Horatio G. Wright  
 Hornet - Idlewild  
 Illinois - Jacob Guthrie  
 James Howard - Jesse k. Bell

Box 6

J. E. Trudeau - John A. Patten  
 John A. Scudder - John K. Speed  
 John L. Lowry - J. P. Davis  
 J. Q. Dickenson - Kate Cassel; Key City  
 Katie - Lady Lee  
 La Fourche - Libbie Conger  
 Lightwood - Louise

Box 7

Louise - Majestic; Mary S. Blee  
 Major Anderson - Milwaukee  
 Mink No. 2 - Molly McPike  
 Montana - Natchez 8th  
 N. B. Forest - New South; O. K.  
 Nicholas Longworth - Omaha  
 O. M. Lovell - Park City  
 Pastime - Piasa

Box 8

Pilgrim - Queen City  
 Quincy - Robert E. Lee  
 Robert Rhea - Ruth  
 Sadie Lee - Sherley  
 Shiloh - Speedwell  
 Spread Eagle - St. Joseph

Box 9

St. Lawrence - Tacoma  
 Tarascon - Telephone  
 Tell City - Tidal Wave  
 T.M. Bayne - United States - America Collision  
 Valley Belle - Virginia  
 Virginia - Will A.S. Hays  
 W.J. Young, Jr - Zanetta

### **Cabins and Interiors**

Prints are primarily in alphabetical order.

Box 10

America - Cincinnati  
 City of Providence - Greenland  
 G.W. Hill - J. M. White and Henry Frank

John W. Cannon - New South  
Ohio - Virginia; 978

### Miscellaneous

Prints are in numerical order corresponding to the listings in the 1944 edition of Frederick Way's *Steamboat Directory*.

979-992

#### Box 11

1000 - 1017  
1018 - 1033  
1034 - 1048  
1049 - 1065  
1066 - 1083; 43  
1082 - 1099  
1100 - 1115

#### Box 12

1116 - 1132  
1133 - 1148  
1149 - 1163  
1164 - 1179  
1180 - 1195  
1196 - 1211 [note that 1212 and 1213 are not included in this collection]  
1214 - 1231

#### Box 13

1232 - 1247

### Unmounted Duplicates

#### Box 19

9 - 86  
89 - 182  
183 - 271  
278 - 397  
401 - 480  
482 - 558

#### Box 20

565 - 650  
654 - 790  
795 - 865  
870 - 917  
926 - 1108

## 2. Tugboats (Mounted)

Each subseries is in primarily alphabetical order. Prints are mounted and may include notes on original name of vessel, alternate vessel name, when/where it was built, captain, purpose of the vessel, number of engines, number of boilers, how it was destroyed, length, width, and height measurements, and other notable information. The number on each print corresponds to the listings in the 1946 edition of *Towboats- Old and New*.

### Part 1

#### Box 13 (cont.)

A.B. Sheets - Alice L. Barr; Red Wing  
 Alicia - Atha  
 Baltic - Bill Clark  
 Boaz - C. B. Reese  
 Charles F. Richardson - Coat City  
 Coal Valley - Crown Hill

#### Box 14

Cruiser - Darling  
 Defender - D. R. Weller  
 D. T. Lane - Elizabeth Smith  
 Ellen R. - Excell  
 E. D. Kenna - Fred Wilson  
 Fulton - George Shiras  
 General Craighill - Harry Anderson

#### Box 15

H. B. Hulings - Henry A. Roemer  
 Harbor No. 25 - I. Lamont Hughes  
 I.N. Bunton No. 2 - Iron Duke  
 Iron Mountain - J. B. Lewis  
 J. B. Finely - Jim Brown  
 Jim T. Duffey, Jr - John Mackey  
 John Moren - Joseph Walton

#### Box 16

J. P. Jackson - Macarthur  
 Maggie May - Midland  
 Mike Dougherty - Nellie Walton  
 Oakland - Plymouth  
 P. M. Pfeil - Reliance  
 Rescue - Sallie Marmet

#### Box 17

Sam Brown - Spring Hill  
 Standard - Tigers No. 2  
 T.J. Wood - Valiant  
 Val P. Collins - W. C. Jutte

W. C. Mitchell - Yellow Poplar

**Part 2**

Anne Girdon - F. C. A. Denkmann; Yocona

Box 18

F. Weyerhauser - John H. Douglas; Wabash

Kit Carson - North Star; Glenmont

Ottumwa - W. J. Young, Jr

**Part 3**

A. O. Tyler - Cricket

Daisy - Linder

Louisville - Ozark

Peosta - W. H. Brown

**Harbors**

Pittsburgh Harbor, 1903

Box 21

**3. Tugboats (Unmounted)**

Photographs are unmounted. Due to preservation concerns, access to these photographs is restricted pending conservation treatment.

Box 22

**4. Photographs of Various Subjects**

8" x 10" photographs are unmounted.

Box 23

**5. Miscellaneous Photographs**

Series contains miscellaneous postcards and photographs of various sizes in 11 envelopes.

Envelope 1: Postcards and 5" x 7" photographs of showboats and floating theaters (may include the source and description)

River Scenes

Envelope 2: 20 River Scenes

Envelope 3: River Scenes -Unnumbered

Photographs not in 1944 Directory

Envelope 4: President Theodore Roosevelt Trip (1907), people, and crews

Envelope 5: Steamboat Life

Envelope 7: Steamboats

## Maps and Sketches of the Mississippi River

Envelope 5A: Map of the Mississippi River and Upper Mississippi River circa 1848 by Henry Lee

Envelope 6: Series of Pen Sketches from Life on the Mississippi

Envelope 8: Photographs Categorized by Geographic Location

Envelope 9: Special prints from the original collection of the late Capt. Sam G. Smith, (may include location) and River Scenes from Pittsburgh Harbor, 1903

Envelope 10: Civil War Additions

Envelope 11: "Gasboats" on Inland Rivers (includes vessel name and year)

## **6. Steamboat Photographs**

8" x 10" photographs are unmounted and organized alphabetically by vessel name. May provide information on the year and location of where the photograph was taken.

## **7. List of Packet Companies**

## **8. Negatives**

Negatives of selected prints made for patrons.