Libraries with inland river collections include:
G.W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT, http://www.mysticseaport.org/research; The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books and Special Collections, Inland Rivers Collection, Third Floor – Bridge, Main Library/North Building, 800 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071, 513-369-6957;
Tulane University Library, New Orleans, LA http://www.tulane.edu/~lmiller/Transportation.html; and Murphy Library, 1613 Pine St., La Crosse, WI 54601, http://www.uwlax.edu/MaryLibrary/archome.html
Fred A. Bill. Photographs and pictures of river steamers, ca. 1860-1920. 5 vol. Also one box of photographs of river steam boats. http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/phocol.htm

http://steamboats.org A steamboat information resource that has a glossary of steamboat terms, interactive steamboat model, and books and message board.

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/lt American Memory from the Library of Congress collections provides free internet access to historical images, maps, newspapers, periodicals, sheet music, narratives of early travel, and steamboat photographs. Other Library of Congress images are included in:
Selected Library of Congress Steamboat Photographs and Pictures
Microfilm
http://levysheetmusic.mse.jhu.edu/ The Johns Hopkins University has the Lester S. Levy Collection of Sheet Music of over 29,000 pieces focusing on popular American music from 1780 to 1960: The
www.waterwaysjournal.net The Waterways Journal is a weekly trade publication covering news of the inland rivers and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.
http://www.boatnerd.com Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping website.

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**BIOGRAPHY AND GENEALOGY**

**Government Records**

http://tris Largest and most comprehensive source of information of published transportation research on the Web, was a joint project between the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) and the Transportation Research Board.

[www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov) National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408, 1-800-234-8861. The regional (NARA) that includes St. Louis is the National Archives Kansas City Branch, 2312 East Bannister Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131-3011. At the regional archives there are licenses for various positions within their regional jurisdiction.

On **August 30, 1852**, licenses were required of pilots and engineers, and the **1871 Act** added masters, chief mates, engineers and pilots of all steam vessels. **April 17, 1874 Act** licenses required of alien engineers and pilot who declared their intention of becoming citizens. In the **May 28, 1896 Act** steam vessel officer's licenses were issued for five years, and renewal at any time before expiration. **March 23, 1898 Act**, extended licensing of steam vessel chief mates to include ocean or coastwise steam vessels' chief mates, and second or third mates in charge of a watch, and mates of river steamers. The 1871 Act was amended by the **December 21, 1898 Act** to include licensing of masters and chief mates of sail vessels over 700 tons,
and all other vessels or barges of over 100 tons carrying passengers.

The Steamboat Inspection Service of the Commerce Department administered the acts by creating districts where the licenses were obtained. **First Supervising District** - Local port: St. Michael, AK. **Second Supervising District** - Local port: Albany, NY. **Fourth Supervising District** - Local ports: St. Louis, MO; Dubuque, IA. **Sixth Supervising District** - Local ports: Louisville, KY; Evansville, IN; Nashville, TN; Memphis, TN. **Seventh Supervising District** - Local ports: Pittsburgh, PA; Cincinnati, OH; Point Pleasant, WV. **Eighth Supervising District** - Local port: Chicago, IL. **Tenth Supervising District** - Local ports: New Orleans, LA; Mobile, AL. Licenses and records can also be found in State Historical Societies, State Archives, or other collections.

Copies of these licenses were not kept by the government, but the names were listed by supervising districts in:


Library has 1874 and 1881. A complete set (1853 - 1893) with the list of vessels and officers licensed is available at the University of Chicago Library: Microforms, microfiche J83.U13 1990:T3810-1 to T3810-*, and SLU Law Library. Rare VM 600 .U5

Steamboat-Inspection Service. *List of Masters, Mates, Pilots, and Engineers of Merchant Steam, Motor, and Sail Vessels, Licensed During the Year Ended December - for a Period of Five Years.*

Library has 1897 - 1905. Annual publication (1894-1905) that has lists of licenses granted for a five-year period and status of licenses. Publication dates cover the previous year, example, 1894 is for people "licensed during the year ended December 31, 1893". Merc Ref HE 589 .U5 A25

Steamboat-Inspection Service. *List of Officers of Merchant Steam, Motor, and Sail Vessels, Licensed During the Year … for a Period of Five Years.*


Other Sources

Evidence of early steamboat travelers can be found in newspapers of time, for instance travelers placed notices thanking the captain and crew for a particular steamboat trip. 19th Century newspapers carried lists of people with letters waiting to be picked up at the post office, and also list of people staying at different lodgings.

Morris, Jean S. *Western Migrations by River and Canal from PA & NY: A Bibliography*. 2005


Includes references to primary sources and lists of licensed officers from the 1857, 1859 and 1915 *St. Louis City Directories*. Merc Ref F474 .S2 Y68 1973
Names of Civil War masters of vessels contracted by the U.S. Army can sometimes be found in the NARA “vessel papers” in Record Group 92, Records of the Office of Quartermaster General. These “vessel papers” are arranged by vessel name.

Wtr Wys E 591 .U58 1987 (reprint)

Silverstone, Paul H., Warships of the Civil War Navies. Annapolis, MD: Naval Institute Press, 1989
Authoritative and illustrated
Wtr Wys VA 61 .S573 1989

Other Sources
Role of contracted vessels in the Civil War.
Wtr Wys E 591 .G53 1995

Lists contracted vessels and their role in the Civil War.
Wtr Wys VA 61 .G53 1995

Civil War gunboats
Wtr Wys E 591 .G67

Greene, F.V. The Mississippi. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1882
Campaigns of the Civil War, Vol. VIII
Rare E 470.8 .G81 1882, 1892

Written and illustrated by people with first-hand knowledge of the events
Rare E 591 .P84 1886

MACHINERY, MODELS & PLANS
http://pc-78-120.udac.se:8001/WWW/Transport/Transport.html Different sections: Air; Rail; Road; Sea Transport, contains Maritime History and Pointers to Other Sites of Nautical Interest.

Comprehensive book about knots that rivermen used.
Wtr Wys VM 533 .A8 1993

Steamboat machinery
Merc Ref VM 343 .B27 1996

Steamboat structure
Wtr Wys VM 461 .B3 1968
Illustrated catalog of this large steamboat yard

Wtr Wys VM301 .J35 J35 1972

"The Machinery of Western River Steamboats", from the International Correspondence School Textbook on Marine Engineering, Vol. II.

Steamboat machinery

Paddlewheels and Props Catalog, John Fryant, 7672 Crystal Cove Pointe, Maineville, Ohio 45039-7008

Model plans and supplies

St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club. Contact: Thomas P. O'Dell, 417 Valley View Drive, East Alton, IL 62024, Telephone: 618-259-3052


Vessel plans

Wtr Wys VN 297 .N3 S5 1998

TERMS


Towboat terms


Wtr Wys TC 623 .H24 1999


Wtr Wys V 23 .O96 1976


Wtr Wys HE 567 .W6 1963

VESSELS

Government Records

www.nara.gov National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408-000. The regional (NARA) that includes St. Louis is the National Archives Kansas City Branch, 2312 East Bannister Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131-3011.

Marine Inspection and Navigation, Bureau of (Record Group 41) Steamboat Inspection Service, was created July 7, 1838. Inspectors listed the dates of their first inspections. Local newspapers and The Waterways Journal (1891-present) would likely carry descriptions of these new vessels. Vessels had to be measured before being registered, enrolled, or licensed, and after licensing they were numbered and named. Vessels were required to have a license showing hulls inspected every twelve months, and boilers every six months and to provide safety equipment. The 1871 Act made ferryboats, canal boats, yachts and other small craft subject to vessel inspection. The August 7, 1882 Act provided foreign private passenger vessels between any U.S. port and elsewhere subject to the laws.

The Steamboat Inspection Service of the Commerce Department administered the acts by creating districts
where the inspections were done. **First Supervising District** - Local port: St. Michael, AK  **Second Supervising District** - Local port: Albany, NY **Fourth Supervising District** - Local ports: St. Louis, MO; Dubuque, IA **Sixth Supervising District** - Local ports: Louisville, KY; Evansville, IN; Nashville, TN; Memphis, TN **Seventh Supervising District** - Local ports: Pittsburgh, PA; Cincinnati, OH; Point Pleasant, WV **Eighth Supervising District** - Local port: Chicago, IL **Tenth Supervising District** - Local ports: New Orleans, LA; Mobile, AL. Licenses and records can also be found in State Historical Societies, State Archives, or other collections.

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Rare VM 600 .US

http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/vesnml.htm List of vessels that have been designated National Historic Landmarks. The full text of many of the nominations is available at this site. For copies of nominations not online robert_sandoval@nps.gov

http://psix.uscg.mil The Port State Information Exchange (PSIX) system contains vessel specific information derived from the United States Coast Guard's Marine Safety Information system (MSIS).

Title varies slightly. Library has 1870-1912. Coverage is for example for 1912 is “fiscal year ended June 30, 1912”.

Merc Ref HE 589 .U5 A15

Comprehensive American naval history with illustrations

Gov Docs D207.10:1/pt.A/991- 

Annual publication, some issues available on microfiche

Wtr Wys HE 565 .U5 A27


**Dubuque**

Permanent Enrollments by Dubuque Steamboat Inspectors, 1870-1888, Steamboats, Steam Ferryboats, Flatboats, and Barges (Record Groups 26)  
Microfilm

**New Orleans**

Ship Registers and Enrollments of New Orleans, Louisiana. University, La.: Hill Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, 1941- Vol. I-VI, 1804-1870  
Merc Ref HE 565 .U73

**New York**

Merc Ref HE 565 .U5 A43 1968 v. 1 & 2

**St. Louis**
Microfilm

Vessel Documentation Records from the Port of St. Louis, Mo., 1835 – 1944,
Copies of Licenses of Vessels Over 20 Tons (1844 – July 1912) Rolls 1 – 17
Copies of Licenses of Vessels under 20 Tons (September 1893 – May 1931) Rolls 18 - 20
Copies of Licenses of Yachts (April 1902 – June 1911); Enrollments, Volumes B90-B92 (May 1835 – December 1901) Roll 21
Enrollments, Volume B93 (January 1902 – July 1911) Roll 22
Combined Certificates of Enrollment and License (August 1911 – June 1918) Roll 23
Accident Reports (May 1884 – 1942) Roll 24
Reports of Vessel Construction, Destruction, and Legal or Physical Alteration (June 1900 – June 1914) Roll 25
Quarterly Abstracts of the Status of Vessels (July 1900 – June 1914); Annual Listings of Vessels (July – June 1911); Annual Vessel Recapitulations (July 1900 – June 1911); Licenses of Vessels Over 20 Tons: Cairo, IL (1867 – 1870) Roll 26

Microfilm

City of St. Louis. Index to Steamboat Arrivals and Departures, 1878 to 1881 and 1888 to 1918. (Roll H-379)

Other Sources
The Steamship Historical Society Archives (SSHSA) http://www.sshsa.org consists of over 200,000 steamship photographs including WWII, cargo and inland. Collection is currently unavailable.

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse - Murphy Library, Special Collections Department, La Crosse, WI 54601 Tel. 608-785-8511 Extensive collection of photographs of inland river steamboats and river scenes. http://perth.uwla.edu/murphylibrary/Departments/archome.html

Dick’s Towboat Gallery has Mississippi and Ohio River Towboats and links. http://www.towboatgallery.com

Wtr Wys F 351 .B18 1941

Merc Ref HE 633 .E35 B7 1951

Shipping industry, especially ship management
Wtr Wys HE 571 .B67 1981

Classified Index for the Harold Brown Adkinson Collection of Mississippi and Ohio River Steamboats, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN

Microfilm

Merc Ref CC 77 .U5 C97 1997

Entire history of steamboating

*Steamboat history from the opening of the west to towboats*

**Merc Ref VK 23 .E7 1929**


*Early steamboat development*

**Wtr Wys VM 615 .F63 1944**


**Wtr Wys UC 323 .G53 1992**


**Wtr Wys HE 631 .W4 H35 1975**


*Western Steamboats listed on p. 213-263, 290-304*

**Rare F 353 .H19 1838**


*Western Steamboats listed on p. 213-263*

**Rare F 353 .H17 1836**


**Merc Ref VM 23 .H4 1964 v.3**


*Many drawings and photos of world steamers*

**Wtr Wys VM 615 .H54 1976**


**Wtr Wys GV 836 .H93 1905 (ovr)**


*Authoritative overall history of the steamboat age*

**Merc Ref HE 627.H8 1949**


*Annual publication of barge and towing companies, terminals, services, shipyards on Midwestern and southern rivers, professionals and agencies*

**Wtr Wys HE 627 .I54, current year in Merc Ref**

Inland River Record. St. Louis, Mo.: The Waterways Journal, Inc.

*Annual publication of stack logos, pertinent information about river boats and their owners on Midwestern and southern rivers*

**Wtr Wys VM 23 .I5, current year in Merc Ref**


*Scholarly combination of historical sources and steamboat archaeology*

**Wtr Wys VM 461 .K35 2004**


Saskatchewan River steamboats

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Preble, George Henry.  *A Complete List of Vessels of the United States Navy, from 1797 to 1874* … 
Philadelphia?:  For private Distribution, 1874  
Merc Ref VA 61 P69 1874

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Microfilm

http://www.steamboats.org/cgi-bin/database.pl includes photos  
Merc Ref HE 565 .U5 W39 1994  
Wtr Wys HE 565 .U5 W39 1983

Wtr Wys HE 565 .U71 W3 1954  
Merc Ref HE 565 .U71 W33 1990