

List of Missouri River Steamboats.

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER STEAMBOATS.

The following is a list of steamboats on the upper Missouri river from 1862 to the end of navigation, in 1888. They generally ran to Fort Benton, the head of navigation, and were engaged in transporting passengers and freight to the gold-mines in Montana. Many of these boats made only one or two trips and, as will be observed, a great number of them were lost. The particulars of the disasters, and sometimes even the localities where they occurred, have been omitted for want of space. With few exceptions they were small stern-wheelers, built for other rivers, and were ill adapted to the strong current and tortuous channel of the Missouri.

Abeona, 1867.

Abeond, 1867.

Abner O'Neal. Sunk near Bismarck, in the upper river, July 19, 1892.

Agnes. 1866.

Ajax.

Alex Kendall.

Alice. Sunk at St. Charles.

Alone, 1863.

Amanda. Burned above Omaha in 1867.

Amaranth. Lost at Sioux City in 1869.

Amelia Poe. Sunk in 1868.

Andrew Ackley, 1868. 9.

Andrew S. Bennett. Ferry-boat at Sioux City. Sunk by ice in 1888.

Anna Lee. Sunk at Glasgow in 1881.

Antelope, 1867-'68. 7, 9.

Antelope (No.2). Sunk at Bonhomme, S. Dak., in 1869.

Argonaut. Sunk at the mouth of Missouri, 1865.

Arkansas.

Ashland.

Bachelor. Sunk at Fort Pierre, S. Dak.. in 1884.

Bannock City, 1865. Bart Able.

Bedford (No.2). 1879.

Belle of Jefferson. Exploded at mouth of Osage, July 7, 1875. Several persons killed.

Belle Peoria. Sunk on upper river.

Belle St. Louis. 1873.

Ben Johnson, 1867. 7,9.

Benton, 1864.

Benton, 1887. 9.

Bertha. Sunk near St. Joe. June 25, 1872.

Bertrand. Sunk above Omaha in 1865.

Big Horn, 1866. This boat, or another of the same name, continued in service until 1878. 3,9.

Bishop. Capsized and wrecked in 1867 at Nishnabotna.

Black Hills, 1882. Sunk at Yankton. 9.

Bridgeport. Sunk June 2, 1868, near Sioux City.

Bright Star, 1873.

Butte. Burned at Fort Peck, on upper river, in 1883.

Carrie. Sunk above Omaha, April 13, 1868.
Carrie V. Kountz. Burned at St. Louis, March 29, 1869.
Carroll, 1877. Burned near Fort Randall in 1877.
C. C. Carroll Sunk at Chapman's Landing, above Glasgow, Mo., in 1886.
Champion. Sunk at Portland, Mo .. in 1864.
Chippewa, 1859. Burned at Poplar river, Montana, May 10, 1861.
City of Pekin.
C. K. Peck, 1877. 9.
Clipper.
Coleman. Exploded and sunk near Rocheport. Mo .. in 1882.
Colona, 1858. See" The Kansas River - its Navigation," by A. R. Greene, in this volume.
Colonel McCloud, 1878. Sunk near Bismarck, on upper river, in 1879.
Colonel Parr. 7.
Colossal.
Coosa.
Cornelia. 1870.
C. P. Huntington. A transfer boat.
Cutler.
Cutter, 1864. 9.
C. W. Mead, 1875.

Dakotah, 1881. 7.
Dakota, October 23,1874.
Dallas. Sunk below Brownsville, Neb .• in 1870.
Daniel Boone.
David R. Powell.
David Watts, 1866.
De Bussy, 1873.
De Smet, 1873.
Deer Lodge, 1866.
Dells. Sunk at White Cloud in 1878.
Denver (No.1), Burned at St. Joseph, May 16, 1867.
Denver (No.2)'. Sunk at Fort Lincoln in 1880 . .
Dora.
Dorcas. Sunk below Hermann, Mo.

Eclipse. Sunk near Sioux City, September 3, 1887.
Edgar. Sunk at Omaha in 1884.
Effie Deans. 1864-'65. 7, 9.
E. H. Durfee, 1872-'78. 7,9.
E. Hensley.
Elkhorn (No.2), 1873.
Ella. Built at Leavenworth.
Ella Kimbrough, 1865. Sunk near St. Charles.
Emma. Built at Leavenworth.
Emma (No. 21. ..Sunk above Omaha in 1873.
E. O. Stanard. Sunk below Sioux City. See "The Kansas River- its Navigation," by A. R. Greene, this volume.
Esperanza, 1872. Burned at Prophet's island,
Eureka, 1860. Built for the Kansas river. See "The Kansas River - its Navigation," by A. R. Greene, in this volume.

Fanchon, 1877.
Fanny Barker.
Fanny Lewis, 1871,
Fanny Scott. Burned at St. Louis, March 29, 1869 . . .
Fanny Tatum, 1877.
Far West, 1871.
Favorite, 1866.
Flirt, 1871.
Florence Meyer.
Fontenell. Sunk in Amazonia bend, above St. Joe, August 21, 1871.
F. Y. Batchelor, 1885. 9.

Galatia.
Gallatin, 1866. Sunk at mouth of Sioux in 1868.
Gate City, 1874.
G. A. Thompson, 1867.
General Bragg. Sunk near Hermann, Mo.
General C. H. Tompkins, 1878.
General Custer, 1877. Sunk at Rush bottom, opposite Rulo, Neb., in 1879.
General D. H. Buckner, 1878.
General Dix. Burned at St. Louis.
General Gaines.
General Grant. Sunk below Bellevue.
General McCook.
General McNeil. Sunk in Howard's bend, lower river, in 1860.
General Mead, 1880. Sunk at Pelican island, upper river, in 1888. (See page 236.)
General Perry, 1887. 9.
General Terry. Sunk at Omaha in 1888.
Geo. C. Wolf. Sunk in Bowling Green bend, below Brunswick, Mo., May 3, 1874.
George Lee. Ferry-boat at Rocheport, Mo. Sunk February 14, 1883.
George Spangler. Sunk at Portland in 1879.
Georgia.
Gerard B. Allen. Burned at St. Louis, March 30, 1869.
Gladiator.
Glencoe (No.2). Sunk at Nebrasksa City in 1887.
Gold Dust, 1877.
Gold Finch, 1866.
Gov. Allen. Sunk in Malta bend in 1877.
Grafton.
Gray Cloud.
Great Western. 7.
Guidon.
Gus Linn. Sunk below Sioux City in 1865. See, also, "The Kansas River - its Navigation," by A. R. Greene in this volume.
G. W. Graham. Went to Fort Benton in 1867. She was the largest boat that ever went that high up; her dimensions were 249 by 40 feet. She burned at St. Louis in 1869.
Gypsey.

H. D. Bacon. Burned at St. Louis.
Helena (No.1), 1866. Sunk at Bonhomme island, on lower river, near the mouth, October 31, 1868.
Helena (No.2). Sunk at Bonhomme island, S. Dak., in 1887.

Henry Adkins, 1868.
Henry M. Shreve, 1869.
Hilman. Sunk in Miami bend.
Hiram Wood (No. 1), 1868. Sunk at Rose Bud, on the upper river, in 1873. 7,9.
Hiram Wood (No.2). Ferry-boat at Sioux City.
H. M. Shreve, 1869.
Hope. Went to Fort Benton in 1880.
Huntsville (No. 2), 1867.
Huron. Sunk at St. John's island, near Washington, Mo., in 1871.

Ida Fulton, 1867. 9.
Ida Reese. Sunk at White river in 1871.
Ida Stockdale. Sunk at Bismarck in 1871.
Imperial, 1867. Sunk at Bonhomme Island,
Importer, 1868.
Ione. Sunk at mouth of Saline.
Irene. Sunk in the lower river.
Iron City, 1866.
Island City: Sunk at Fort Buford in 1864.

Jacob Sass, 1865. See, also, "The Kansas River-its Navigation," by A. R. Greene, in this volume.

James D. Rankin. Wrecked on the Yellowstone in 1877.
James Lyons. Sunk at Bonhomme, near the mouth of the Missouri, in 1882.
J. C. Irvine. Built at Leavenworth.
Jennie.
Jennie Brown, 1867. 7,9.
J. F. Frazier.
J. F. Joy, 1875.
J. H. Lacy. Sunk at mouth of Nodaway river in 1867.
J. H. Peck. 7.
J. M. Chambers, 1878.
John Warren, 1859.
Josephine. A small stern-wheeler. In 1876 she went up the Yellowstone ten miles above the mouth of Powder river, being the highest point ever reached by a steamboat on that river.
Judith. 1886. Sunk at Pelican island, below St. Charles, July 30, 1888. There were two Pelican islands.

Kate Kearney, 1871.
Kate Kinney, 1877.
Katie P. Kountz, 1872. Sunk at Blackbird Hills, Neb., on upper river, in 1878.
Key West, 1860-'62.

Lacon. Captain, John Lynds. Sunk near Arago, Neb., about 1883. 7,9.
Lady Grace, 1867. Burned at Omaha, January 3, 1870.
Lady Lee. Sunk at Fishing river, opposite Sibley, Mo., March 29, 1882.
Lancaster. Sunk at Smith's Landing, near St. Aubert, Mo., in 1864.
Leni Leoti. Sunk near Omaha in 1868.
Leodora. Burned at Ponca Landing, S. Dak., in 1867.
Lexington.
Lillie, 1867. Sunk at Rulo, Neb., October 24, 1868.
Lillie Martin, 1866.

Little Blue.
Little Rock, 1867.
Live Oak.
Livingston. Sunk at Running Water, on upper river, in 1868.
Lizzie Campbell. Sunk near Nebraska City. Transfer boat at Nebraska City.
Lizzie Gill Burned at St. Louis.
Louisville. Sunk at Pratt's cut-off, above Nebraska City, in 1864.
Lucile.
Lucy Bertrand.
Luella, 1866.

Mansfield.
Mariner. Sunk in Onawa bend, near Onawa, Iowa, in 1867.
Marion. Sunk below Fort Benton, in upper river, in 1866. See, also, 9.
Mars. Sunk at Fishing river. below Kansas City. in 1865.
Mary Bennett. Sunk at Sioux City in 1869.
Mary Lowry.
Mary McDonald, 1872.
Mary McGee. Sunk at Plattsmouth, Neb., in 1877.
Mattie Lee. Sunk in Murray's bend, near Jefferson City, in 1893.
May Bryan.
Metamora. Sunk near Boonville, Mo., September 27, 1875.
Michigan.
Milwaukee.
Miner, 1866.
Minneola.
Minnesota.
Minnie. Sunk at Leavenworth.
Minnie Belle. A Kaw river boat. See "The Kansas River-its Navigation." by A. R. Greene, in this volume.
Minnie Herman. Sunk at Sioux City. Missouri. This was the last steamboat to land at Fort Benton, and her voyage marks the termination of steamboat navigation on the upper Missouri, She landed there September 12. 1888. -Historical Society of Montana, vol. 3.
Mollie Herbert.
Mollie Moore. Sunk at mouth of White river, on upper river, in 1881.
Monitor.
Monongahela. Sunk at Leavenworth in 1870.
Montana, 1879.
Moses Green.
Mountaineer, 1867.

Nadine. Sunk at the mouth of the Missouri. September 10, 1878. Several lives lost.
Ned Tracy.
Nellie Peck, 1871-'80. 9.
Nellie Rogers. 1866.
Neut. Sunk at Port William, Kan.
Nick Wall. Sunk on the upper river, April 25, 1869.
Nile, 1867.
Niobrara.
Nora. Sunk at" Pratt's cut-off, Nebraska.
North Alabama, 1868. Sunk at mouth ,of Vermilion river, on upper Missouri, in 1870.
Telegram in the New York Tribune, July 12, 1906: "Vermillion. S. Dak., July 11,

1906. -The river steamer North Alabama, which sank in the Missouri river six miles below here in 1870, strangely rose to the surface yesterday, and to-day crowds of spectators line the banks. The boat carried a cargo of flour and whisky for the Yellowstone district. The fifty barrels of thirty-six-year-old whisky have attracted lovers of good liquor, and already a scramble to find the prize has begun. As yet it has not been reached, owing to the quantities of mud accumulated over the lower decks."_

Nugget. Sunk on upper river, in Onawa bend, in 1866.

Nymph. Sunk in Jackson bend, above Sibley, March 4, 1868.

Octavia, 1867.

Omaha. Sunk by ice at St. Louis in 1865.

Ohio. Sunk below Omaha.

Onawa. Sunk in Onawa bend, Iowa, in 1880. The town of Onawa took its name from the bend, and the bend from the boat. A similar case to the town of Malta Bend, Mo. There are nine wrecks in Onawa bend.

Only Chance, 1866-'69. 2, 7, 9.

Ontario. Sunk near Omaha in 1866.

Orion. Sunk in Eureka bend, above Jefferson City.

Oronaka.

Osage.

Osceola. Her cabin was blown overboard on the Yellowstone in 1878, and her hull was towed down the river, and sunk near Kansas City by striking a snag.

Paragon, 1865.

Paris.

Pawnee.

Peninah, 1868. Wrecked at Sioux City, April 6, 1875.

Peoria Belle. Sunk in Cheyenne bend, at mouth of the Cheyenne, on the upper river, in 1864.

Peoria City,

Petrel. Lost at South Point, Mo., in 1883.

Pin Oak. Lost at Sandy Hook, 1896.

Portsmouth. Sunk below Weston, Mo., in 1861.

Prairie State.

Prima Donna.

Princess. 'Sunk at Napoleon, Mo., May 31, 1868.

Progress.

Red Cloud. Sunk at Red Cloud bend, Mont., in 1882.

Rialto. Sunk at Weston, Mo., in 1864.

Richmond, 1867.

Roanoke. 4 Sunk at Pratt's cut-off in 1867.

Rob Roy:

Robert Campbell (No.2). Was on the river in 1863.

Robert Emmet. Sunk at St. Aubert, Mo., in 1869.

Rose Bud, 1878. Sunk at Bismarck, May 25, 1880.

Rubicon (No.2).

Rucker. 7.

St. Johns, 1865.

St. Joseph.

St. Luke, 1868. 9.

Sallie, 1868.
Seitz. Sunk in Onawa bend, Iowa.
Senator. Runk at Yankton.
Seventy-six. Sunk near Spring House, above St. Charles, in 1876.
Shamrock. Sunk at the mouth of the river in 1863.
Shreveport, 1861-'63. Owned by La Barge, Harkness & Co., and ran on the upper river. A small, light-draft boat. 9.
Silver Bar, 1869.
Silver Bow, 1869. Sunk by ice at St. Louis in 1872.
Silver City. Was on the river in 1866. Silver City, 1877.
Silver Lake, 1868-'71. 7, 9.
Silver Wave. Sunk at Columbus, Ky., in 1873.
Sioux City (No.2). Lost by ice at St. Louis, December 16, 1865.
Sioux City, 1872. Stephen Decatur.
Success, 1868.
Sully. Sunk near Doniphan, Kan., October 22, 1869.
Sunset. Sunk at the mouth of Sioux river. July 18, 1869.
Sunshine . . .

Tacomy. Sunk at Fort Peck. Montana.
Taony, 1866.
Tennessee. Sunk above Sioux City, April 25, 1869.
Thomas Morgan. Sunk near Parkville, Mo., February 5, 1866. See, also, "The Kansas River-its Navigation," by A. R. Greene, in this volume.
Tidal Wave.
Trover. Sunk at Trover Point, on upper river, in 1867.
T. T. Hillman. Sunk near Grand river.
Tyler. Sunk above St. Charles in 1879. U. S. Mail. Sunk on the lower river.

Urilda, 1868-'69. Sunk in Kate Sweeney bend, near Vermillion, in upper river, April 24, 1869.
Utah, 1869.

Victoria.
Vienna. Sunk at Washington, Mo., in 1889.
Vint. Stillings. Sunk at Sioux City.
Viola Belle. Sunk near Doniphan, Kan., August 28, 1871. 9.
Violet. See "The Kansas River-its Navigation," by A. R. Greene, in this volume.

Walk-in-the-Water. Sunk in Malta bend, above Miami, Mo., in the '80's.
Walter B. Dance, 1866. Ran to Fort Benton, and afterward put in the Miami Packet Company, in the lower river . . .
Washington, 1871. . .
Watson. Sunk in Amazonia bend, above St. Joseph.
Waverly, 1866.
Welcome. Burned at St. Louis in 1863.
Western, 1872-'78. 9.
Western. Sunk at Yankton, Dak., March 29, 1881.
Wild Duck. W. J. Behan.
W. W. Walker. Sunk at Plattsmouth, Neb., in 1874.
Wyoming. 7.

Yellowstone (No. 2). A small stern-wheeler, on the upper river in the '60's. Sunk on the Yellowstone river in 1867.

Yellowstone (No.3), 1872-'78. Yorktown, 1867.

Zephyr. A small stern-wheel boat. Sunk at Sibley, Mo., July 21,1870

NOTE 4.-About June 1,1865, the Roanoke, near Fort Benton, on the upper Missouri, encountered so many buffalo crossing the water that its passage was blockaded. The buffalo were in sight for 700 miles, and thousands perished in the quicksands on the banks of the river. When they would emerge from the water they would immediately sink into the quicksands and go out of sight, others coming on top of them. The officers of the boat say that a mass of buffalo five or six miles square could be seen, and that millions of them crossed the river at that time.- Buffalo clipping, Kansas City Star, October 31, 1904. (See page 236.)