

## Steamboat Wrecks on Missouri River in Central Missouri

Name: CORVETTE

Type:               Size: 149 tons, aprox 135' X 26'

Launched: 1830's or 40's ?, Brownsville, PA

Area: Rio Grande R.

Owner: 1846: U. S. Army? Kenedy, Capt Mifflin? See comments.

Captain(s): Kenedy, Mifflin

Comments: Transported General Taylor's troops and supplies to Camrgo

              The source below does not make it clear whether the Army or  
              Captain Kenedy owned this boat.

Comments: Article

              : More on this boat

1. Name: E.A. OGDEN

Type: Sidewheel, wooden hull packet. Size: 280.5' X 36' X 6.', 399 tons.

Launched: 1855, St. Louis, Mo.

Destroyed: 1860, Feb. 22, Jefferson City, Mo. Don't know how.

Area: Mo. R.

              : 1857, Diary of E.F. Beadle has arriving at Omaha June 11, June 30,  
              July 19.

                              : 1858, Summer, St. Louis - Sioux City

Captains: 1855, Hamilton Lee

                              : 1858, Wm. Thompson

Comments: Said to have made enough to pay for herself in first 6 months.

Name: MORNING STAR

Type: Side-wheeler               Size: 230' x 34' x 5.5' 465 tons

Launched: 1856, Elizabeth, PA

Destroyed: 1859, June 21, St. Louis, Burned

Area: Mo. R.; Ohio R.; Miss. R.

Owner: St. Louis and St. Joseph Union Packet Line

Captain(s): McPherson, H.

                              1858, Thomas Brierly, pilot William Massie

Comments: Plied trade from St. Louis to Lexington, Ks., Ft.

              Levenworth, and and St. Joseph.

Comments: Mentioned in this Article

Name: TIMOUR

Type: Sidewheel wooden hull packet Size: 232 tons

              Power: 1851 after rebuild, engines 19's-7 ft., 3 boilers

Launched: 1849, St. Louis, Mo

Destroyed: 1854, Aug., blew up 3 mi. below Jefferson City, Mo. killing

                              19 people including the Capt., pilot and clerk.

                              She was taking on wood, and many passengers

                              were ashore picking wild flowers.

Area: 1849, Made trips up Mo. R. with Capt. Miller

Owners: When exploded, Capt. Edmund F. Dix, Charles F. Eckler and others

Captains: 1849, Miller

Comments: 1849, May 17, badly damaged in The Great Steamboat Fire at  
St. Louis docks.

              : 1851, Rebuilt.

              : 1852, collided with and wrecked the FLORA.

I. Name: EMMA

Type: Sternwheel, wooden hull packet. Size: 64' X 18' X 3'.

Power: one engine, one boiler

Launched: 1872, about 50 mi. above sioux City, Iowa, on Mo. R.

Destroyed: 1885, Aug 18, dismantled after becoming stranded opposite Ewung's Landing when Osage R. river fell.

Area: 1872, Mo. R.; 1873-1885, Osage R. Mo.

Owners: 1872, George and Fay Mattison

1873-85, Capt Louis Charles Lohman.

Comments: 1873, Aug. 1, 20 mi. above Omaha, sunk during storm.

Name: DEW DROP

Type: Stern-wheeler Size: 148 tons.

Launched:

Destroyed: 1860, June. Mouth of Osage R.. Burned.

Name: BELLE of JEFFERSON

Destroyed: 1874, blew up.

Comments: Had new system that blew explosion harmlessly upward. Don't know if this explosion destroyed boat.

I. Name: EXCEL

Type: Sternwheel, wooden hull packet. Size: 150' X 27' X 5'

Power: 12's-4 ft. 2 boilers.

Launched: 1851, McKeessport, Pa.

Destroyed: 1856, Mo. R., Osage Chute, snagged and lost. Map

Area: 1851, Cumberland R.

Later was on Ill. R. then went Memphis to Hatchie R. and Mo. R.

Later still went Mo. R. with Capt Beasley

Owners: 1851 was under W.P. Henry and Company.

Later went to a Mr. Miller, St Louis

Later yet to Capt. Ben F. Beasley

Captains: toward end, Ben Beasley

Name: KATE HOWARD

Type: Sidewheel wooden hull packet. Size: 235' X 35' X 6.', 504 tons.

Power: Engines, 24's- 7', 3 boilers. Machinery from N.J. EATON.

Launched: 1857, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Destroyed: 1859, snagged and sunk, in the Osage Chute on Mo. R. Another Map

Area: Mo. R., St. Louis-St. Joseph, Capt. Nanson with W.W. Hilliard, clerk.

: 1858, Nov. New Orleans, Bayou Sara and Ft. Adams, Capt. Gross

Captains: Joseph S. Nanson,

1858, E.F. Gross with W.W. Hilliard as clerk

1859, Aug. 4, when snagged, Joseph S. Nanson with Joe Fetco as pilot.

Comments: from the Boone's Lick Heritage Quarterly.

: When snagged and sunk was downbound, St. Joseph to St. Louis with tobacco and hemp.

Name: THOMAS JEFFERSON

Launched: 1810s

Destroyed: 1819, Snagged

Area: Miss. R.

Comments: Accompanied WESTERN ENGINEER up Mo.

1. Name: ROBERT EMMETT

Type: Stern wheel wooden hull packet. Size: 43 tons.

Launched: 1864, Memphis, Tenn.

Destroyed: 1864, Nov. 3, St. Aubert's Island, Mo. R. Snagged, lost.

No lives lost.

Captain: Keko

Comments: When lost was transporting Col. Poser's Regiment of 350 men

: Wreck location also described as about 20 mi. above Herman, Mo. and as DeWitt, Mo

Name: NEW ST. PAUL

Type: Sidewheel, wooden hull packet.

Launched: 1852,

Destroyed:

Area: U. Miss. R.

Owner:

Captain and pilots: Capt.

Comments: Mentioned in this Article

Name: LANCASTER

1866- Snagged at Smith's Island above New Haven Mo., Mo. R. date unknown.

1. Name: MOLLIE DOZIER

Type: Sternwheeler, wood hull, packet Size: 225' X 34'

Power: 17 1/2's-5 ft. 3 boilers

Launched: 1865, St. Louis, Mo.

Destroyed: 1866, Oct. 3, snagged back of Stoner Island in chute

opposite Chamiois, Mo. Chute became known as the  
Mollie Dozier Chute.

Area: Mo. R.

Owner: Capt. Frank Dozier and/or Capt. Joe Kinney

Captain: Frank Dozier, Pilot; George Keith

Comments: Rebel bushwhackers once raided the boat at a wood stop.

: \*Thought to have been first paddlewheeler with steel plating  
protecting pilot house. This because of hostile Indian activities.

: \*Boat named for Captain's Wife.

\* From Frank J. Burcham

1. Name: GEORGE SPANGLER

Type: Sternwheel, wooden hull packet

Size: 124' X 25' X 4.2'

Power: Engines, 10-1/2's - 3 ft. One boiler.

Launched: 1873, Madison, Ind.

Area: 1877, New Orleans-St. Martinsville  
1879, Mo. R.

Spent some time on Osage R., in Mo.

Owners: built for Capt. Nat Williams

Captains: 1877, W.C. Smith

Name: SONORA

Type: Sidewheel wooden hull packet. Size: 220' X 32' X 5.5', 363 tons.

Power: Engines, 21- 1/2's-7 ft., 3 boilers.

Launched: 1851, St. Louis, Mo.

Destroyed: 1856, Feb. 26, Portland, Mo, Mo. R., sank in ice, lost.

Area: St. Louis-Mo. R.

1853, ran trips up Red R.

Captains: St. Louis-Mo. R., Joseph LaBarge

Red R., William Terrell

Comments: 1916, Machinery and brass removed

: 1927, wreck still visible at low water

: 1940, U.S. dredge KEOKUK removed wreck

Name: CHAMPION No 3

Type: Sidewheel, wooden hull packet. Size: 160' X 29' X 4.7'

Launched: 1856, Cincinnati, Oh.

Destroyed: After 1866, dismantled in St. Louis

Area: Used for harbor work for a time

Upper Miss. R. & Ohio R.

Owners: Originally by the Shinkle family, Covington, Oh.

Later acquired by USQMD

1866, Jan. 26, sold to Capt Thomas Janney, New Orleans.

1870, In St. Louis was purchased by Capt. David Campbell and dismantled.

Comments: From The Diary Of Joseph T. Anderson, shopkeeper,  
Commerce Mo.

- Thursday Night, April 4th. 1861. "Business dull. Weather  
cloudy. Steamboat Champion landed this morning about sunrise,  
put off 21 sacks coffee, 5 bbls. & half bbls. molasses  
for our firm. . . .

: See letter from Union soldier Also See

Name: MANDAN

Launched: 1920s?

Destroyed: 1849, May 17, Fire at St. Louis docks

Area: Mo. R.

Comments: from the Boone's Lick Heritage Quarterly

Another mention

Name: E. H. DURFEE

Type: Sternwheel, wooden hull poacket. Size: 206' X 35'

Power: 16's-6 ft., 3 boilers each 38" X 26'. By John Herbertson, Brownsville, Pa.

Launched: 1871, Pittsburgh, Pa. at Eberman and McFall Yard.

Destroyed: 1881, May 23. Overloaded. Went down at mouth of

Gasconade R. Boat and cargo total loss.

Said to have been overloaded. Boat valued at \$18,000.

Area: Out of Pittsburgh, mostly to U. Mo R.

1876, Aug., took 6 companies of the 5th U.S. Infantry to Indian wars.

Under Capt. Keith (below), Lower Missouri R. to St. Louis

Owners: Built for Capt. William Coulson and others (The Coulson Line), possibly including

Capt. Frank M. Dozier.

Later, Capt. George G. Keith and others

Comments: In all, made 7 trips to Fort Benton.

: Named for one of the owners of the firm of Durfee and

Peck, Fur Traders, Levenworth Ks. who donated a fine carpet

for the new boat.

Name: CHARITON

Destroyed: 1837, Wrecked, Mo. R.

Area: Mo. R.

Comments: from the Boone's Lick Heritage