

Collection #
P0227

**OHIO RIVER STEAMBOAT
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1852–CA. 1922**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder of copy photographs

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1852–ca. 1922

PROVENANCE: Jeremiah L. Cadick, Indianapolis, June 1991

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Marcus R. Sulzer Collection (P61)
B. F. Callis Collection (P 347)
John M. Killian Collection (M418)
R.M. Lintner Riverboat Collection (M945)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1991.0578

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Steamboats first appeared on western rivers in 1811 when Robert Fulton's steamboat, *New Orleans*, sailed roundtrip from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. The steamboat industry quickly expanded as steamboats revolutionized western industry and commerce. The 1850s were known as the "Golden Age" of steamboats; however, the spread of railroads led to the decline in steamboat usage. In the post-Civil War era, steamboats were mostly used for local travel and trade. Steamboats did manage to carve out one niche market for themselves as towboats. The twentieth century saw the advent of steel-hulled boats and a move toward diesel-propelled rather than steam-propelled boats. Steamboats (or diesel boats, as the case may be) continue to be used primarily as barges and towboats for coal and other supplies.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains thirty-one black-and-white copy photographs of steamboats that sailed on the Ohio River from the 1850s to the early 1900s. One image is a copy photograph of a drawing. Most photographs show steamboats underway or at ports. A small number of photographs show men loading freight. Annotations were made by the donor on the backs of the photographs identifying the steamboats and listing dates.

Thirteen photographs duplicate images found in the B. F. Callis Collection (P347). These are noted by an asterisk *.

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P0227).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.