

**Capt. F.L. Wooldridge “Names of Steamboats”
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To WHOM THIS BOOK COMES

In 1904 I began to try and called some facts on Old Packet Boats. The beginning was slow and let me confess a hit and miss plan however in 1906 at Mobile I visited the Assn library and found files of the Mobile Register 1819-1900, and began a systematic research. First I found that an actual index A to Z would be necessary due to many boats being reported as burned or sunk and in a short time same boat would be again in commission.

To Capt Matt O’Brien and Taylor of the Mobile Local Steamboat Inspectors Office to was enable to consult the office files – 1853 – 1899- also St. Louis – etc thanks to Genl Geo H Uhler Sup Inspector in Washington D.C.

Capt Dunn, Archie Gordon –Wm McDonald and Rees Derons
St. Louis office during subsequent years.

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