

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/MarlyLibrary/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, books and message board.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/lc> 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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<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 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, WVA **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:

Steamboat-Inspection Service. Proceedings of the ... Annual Meeting of the Board of Supervising Inspectors of Steam Vessels. Washington: G.P.O.

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, microfc 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.

Library has 1906 - 1915. Annual publication continues Steamboat-Inspection Service. List of Masters, Mates, Pilots, and Engineers ... (previous entry).

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Government Records

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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.

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