



SHSMO Young Historians Transportation Research Guide

Overview

Traveling by steamboat was very popular in Missouri in the 1830s-1850s. This was due to the great connectivity offered by the Mississippi River. However, its heyday came to an end with the expansion of the railroads. Throughout history, Missourians have used many modes of transportation to connect with the rest of the world, like wagons, airplanes, and automobiles.

Historic Missourians

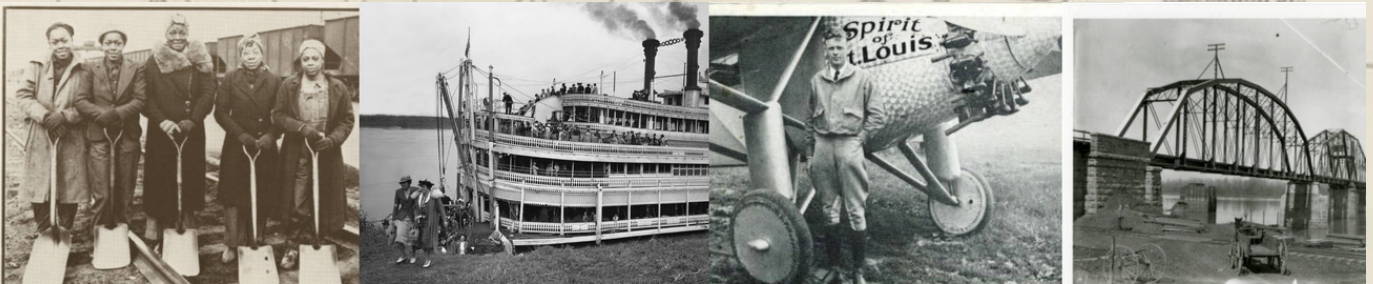
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- Joseph Labarge, steamboat captain.
- James Buchanan Eads, engineer. Built the first bridge to cross the Mississippi River at St. Louis.
- Charles Lindberg, first man to fly an airplane across the Atlantic Ocean.
- Harriett Woods, politician and activist. Woods was appointed to the State Highway Commission.
- James S. Rollins, businessman and politician. Rollins helped establish the North Missouri Railroad Company.
- Tom Benoist, airplane pilot, flight instructor, and manufacturer.

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The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, also known as the Frisco, extended southwest from St. Louis to Texas. Visit the Missouri Encyclopedia to learn more about the [Frisco](#) or to find other [articles on transportation](#).



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