

Great Lakes Passenger Steamers of Old

— Travel in days gone by.

It is the intent of this exhibit to give the viewer a feeling of what traveling around the Great Lakes was like during the 1850's - 1920's. It was an era when steamships plied the Great Lakes carrying passengers, produce and commercial products.

In the 1850's there were no roads around the Great Lakes only paths made by the Indians. The Lakes were surrounded by forests, traveling to non-neighboring towns was by passenger steamer. The Midwest was being settled by immigrants many arriving by steamer. With the expansion of railroads and the arrival of the horse-less carriage, steamer business began a steady decline forecasting the end of an era.



Steamer City of Cleveland

“The Largest Side Wheeler Steamer In The World” Text on the front of the card.

◆ The red diamond designates items difficult to acquire.



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