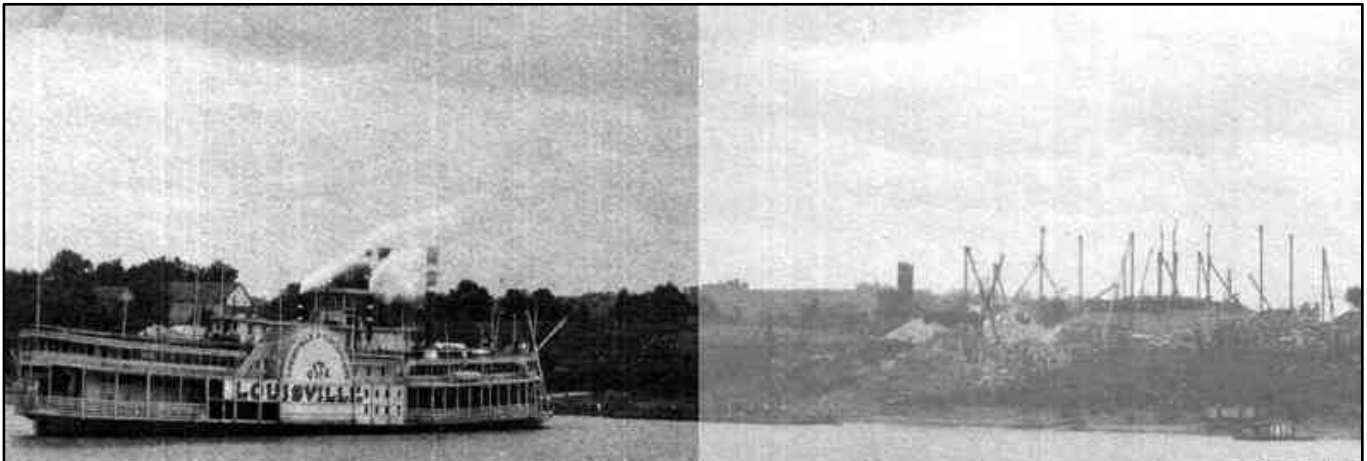


# City of Louisville Packet Boat



City of Louisville delivering supplies for the construction of the new Cincinnati Water Works pumping and treatment facility, about 1898-1901.  
“The New Works”

This boat is the City of Louisville, built by the Howard Shipyard in Jeffersonville, IN in 1894 for the Louisville & Cincinnati Packet Company. In April 1894, shortly after she was built, she set a speed record upriver between Louisville and Cincinnati of 9 hr., 42 min - a record that has never been beaten by a river steamboat. She carried that acknowledgment (9-42) on her pilot house most of the rest of the years of her existence. Everyone knew it was her speed record, but I doubt that anyone would have imagined it would never be beaten by any other river steamboat. Her sister boat, the City of Cincinnati, built in 1899, often ran opposite her in the Louisville to Cincinnati packet trade, so they would sometimes pass each other about halfway between the two cities, one going upriver, the other going downriver.

The City of Louisville was caught in the ice at Cincinnati in January 1918, along with several other steamboats, and was dismantled that spring.

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