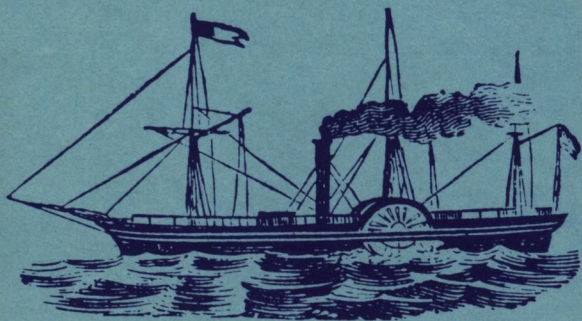


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**INFORMATION  
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The Steamship Historical Society of America was established in 1935 as a means of bringing together those amateur and professional historians interested in the history and development of steam navigation past and present. Incorporated in the State of Virginia in 1950 as a tax-exempt corporation, the Society is affiliated with the Marine Historical Association of Mystic, Connecticut, and maintains headquarters in the picturesque Mystic Museum. Close cooperation is maintained with other museums throughout the U. S. and Canada, including the Peabody Museum of Salem (original sponsors of the Society), The New-York Historical Society, The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Va.

The Society conducts many interesting activities in which all regular members can participate. They include the following:

1. Subscription to quarterly journal, *Steamboat Bill of Facts*. This is included in dues. Sample copy available on request from the Secretary.
2. Meetings. National meetings are held at regular intervals and usually include visits to ships, museums, etc. On occasion actual steamboat trips are included. Society chapters, of which there are several, hold monthly meetings.
3. Special publications. In addition to its quarterly journal, the Society from time to time publishes reprints of scarce ar-

ticles on steamboat and steamship history. These are available to members almost at cost. In 1952 the Society will publish a complete list of all registered and documented steam vessels of the U. S. from 1807 to 1868. This volume, called *The Lytle List*, will be available in August.

4. Photo bank. The Society maintains a file of more than 3000 photographs of steam vessels, including the Thomas H. Franklin Collection, and duplicate copies are available to members at nominal cost. Lists are provided by the Secretary at intervals.
5. Special activities. In 1950, the Society aided the Marine Historical Association of Mystic in saving the old Hudson River ferryboat Brinckerhoff for posterity. The venerable beam engine side wheeler is now on exhibit at the old Mystic Seaport.

Anyone seriously interested in steam or other power driven vessels past and present, is eligible to apply for membership in The Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc. Dues are in various classes, beginning at \$3.00 for Annual Members. Members of the national organization are eligible to join chapters.

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