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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 593 *SCIOTO* (Steamboat)

1 box. 16 folders. 331 items. 1899. Originals.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Rough River is the second largest tributary of the Green [River]. In 1838 the Kentucky Board of Internal Improvements authorized a project to improve Rough River for flatboat navigation. Joseph Wilson and Harrison D. Taylor were awarded a contract to clear the stream from Hartford to Falls of the Rough. There were always influential men interested in getting lack water all the way to Hartford, just as there were on the Barren and Green. The Rough River Navigation Company in 1856 was incorporated to build a lock and dam. It provided regular boat traffic and was a great advantage to Ohio County.

Soon the Hartford Commercial Club began the operation of boats, most of which belonged to local men—among them Captain J. W. Ford, William N. Moore, James F. Carson and A. Dyer White. There was the Hartford and Evansville Packet Company, with Captain James W. Ford, President; T. L. Griffith, Vice President and R. L. Simmerman, Secretary and Treasurer. They bought the *Scioto* in New Albany and she was used extensively by Hartford and Ohio County people, for travel as well as for freight for the merchants. The *Scioto* was a good-sized boat, being 94 feet long, with a nineteen-foot beam. She had no trouble getting through the lock, but turning around after she got to Hartford was the big problem, especially when the river was a little low. It took a lot of dredging and even then the deck hands had to get out the shovels and excavate some of the bank to get her headed downstream.

In 1900 the *Scioto* was sold to someone on the Mississippi, and she ran out of Vicksburg for six years. While she was backing away from the landing on January 8, 1906, she struck a coal flat and sank in eight feet of water.

Agnes S. Harralson, *Steamboats on the Green*, p. 235-236.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection is made up exclusively of original receipts for goods and services utilized by the *Scioto* crew. The receipts are chiefly from Evansville, Indiana (with a few from Hartford, Kentucky) and cover a gamut of material and services from foodstuffs to buggy repairs, from ice to laundering, from milk to steam engine repairs. Many of the companies represented serviced only steamboats and it is noted: "General Steamboat Supplies," "Steamboat Suppliers,"

“Steamboat Bakery,” “Boats Served At All Hours,” and “Steamboat Machinery.” Receipts were folded and placed in envelopes and dated. The envelopes were not retained, but the order was kept. Each folder represents one of the dated envelopes.

SHELF LIST

Box 1	SCIOTO (Steamboat)	331 items	1899
Folder 2	Store and expense-receipts	19 items	Jul 24-30,1899
Folder 3	Store and expense-receipts	20 items	Jul 28-Aug 7, 1899
Folder 4	Store and expense-receipts	30 items	Aug 14-Aug 20, 1899
Folder 5	Store and expense-receipts	26 items	Aug 21-Aug 27, 1899
Folder 6	Store and expense-receipts	27 items	Aug 28-Sep 3,1899
Folder 7	Store and expense-receipts	19 items	Sep 4-Sep 10, 1899
Folder 8	Store and expense-receipts	27 items	Sep 1-Sep 17, 1899
Folder 9	Store and expense-receipts	17 items	Sep18-Sep 24, 1899
Folder 10	Store and expense-receipts	23 items	Sep 25-Oct 1, 1899
Folder 11	Store and expense-receipts	26 items	Oct 2-Oct 8, 1899
Folder 12	Store and expense-receipts	19 items	Oct 9-Oct 15, 1899
Folder 13	Store and expense-receipts	18 items	Oct16-Oct 22, 1899
Folder 14	Store and expense-receipts	18 items	Oct23-Oct 29, 1899
Folder 15	Store and expense-receipts	20 items	Oct 30-Nov 5, 1899
Folder 16	Store and expense-receipts	21 items	Nov 6-Nov 22, 1899

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Receipts for various goods and services for the crew of the steamboat *Scioto* which ran between Hartford in Ohio County, Kentucky, to Evansville, Indiana, via the Rough, Green, and Ohio Rivers. The receipts are chiefly from Evansville with a few from Hartford and Calhoun, Kentucky.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Evansville, Indiana – Relating to
Hartford – Relating to
Ohio County – Relating to
Receipts, 1899
Steamboats – Relating to

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