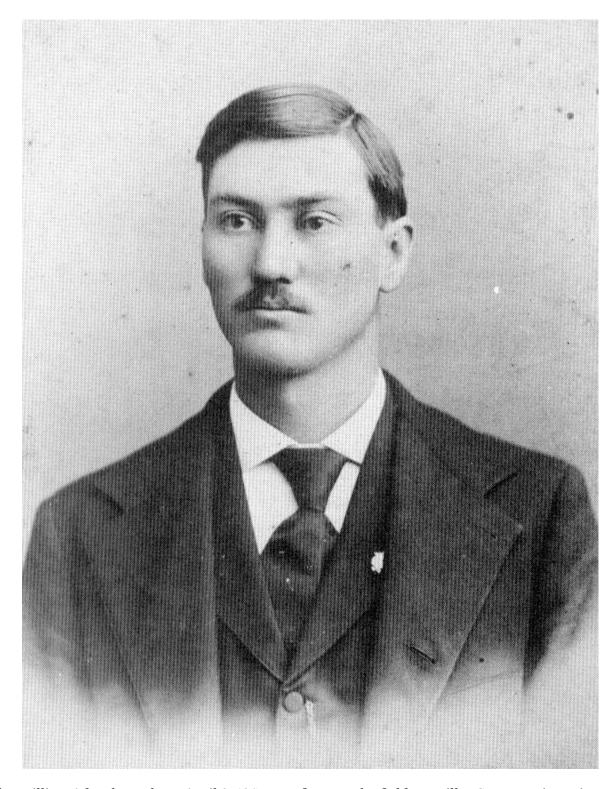
John William Adcock



John William Adcock was born April 8, 1867, on a farm south of Eldon, Miller County, Missouri. He began his steamboating career on the Osage and Missouri Rivers as a deckhand on the Frederick. He then worked as cook on the John R. Hugo. He returned to the Frederick where he obtained his Pilot's License. He was Pilot and Master of the J. R. Wells when it was commissioned in April, 1898, later becoming Captain. He was Pilot of the towboat Daniel Boone on the Corps of Engineers Missouri River Improvement Project. He maintained his Pilot's License until 1932. John William Adcock died July 22, 1961, age 94, in Jefferson City, Missouri. 915 West 7th Street Washington, Missouri 63090 philandtarney@midwestis.net March 2, 2004

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A Little Piece of Missouri River History

Included herein is my transcript of a report submitted by John William Adcock, Pilot of the towboat Daniel Boone, to the Corps of Engineers detailing activity for the ten-day period from May 1 to May 10, 1915. The work consisted primarily of moving barges loaded with willows or rock between various locations on the Missouri River from Gasconade, Missouri to the foot of Bonhomme Island near Chesterfield, Missouri. Mats woven of willow limbs, held in place with pilings and weighed down with rock were used to help stabilize the river.

Most of the places mentioned in the report are familiar to us today; i.e., Gasconade, Berger, New Haven, Marthasville, Washington, South Point, Centaur, Weldon Springs and Bonhomme Island. From mileage indicated in the report, Bacon's Landing was almost certainly at or near St. Albans. The Bacons were an early Missouri family, coming in around the time of the Louisiana Purchase and settling in St. Louis, St. Charles and Franklin Counties. There were many entries of public lands by Bacon family members before 1850 in the westernmost parts of St. Louis County near the Missouri River.

I have taken the liberty of adding some punctuation and making a few other minor changes in this transcript to render it more readable. A copy of the original report follows the transcript.

John William Adcock was great uncle of my husband, Phillip H. Smith. John's brother Samuel Arthur Adcock, Phillip's grandfather, also worked on steamboats for a while.

Sincerely,

Tarney Smith

Report of Operation of	Towboat Daniel Boone	for
the 10 days ending	May 10 th	191 5

Post office address for next week *Gasconade, Mo.*

Saturday May Ist 1915 Cleared from Berger Quarry downbound for Martins Camp at Marthasville at 6-00 a.m. Took on 50 barrows coal at New Haven. Proceeded downstream arrived at Martins Camp at 9-40 a.m. Proceeded to Washington for supplies and returned to Martins Camp. Went into Chute and picked up drivers and compressor and took them around to fleet. Ficked up Quarter Boat and Barge. Tow now consisting of four pieces and proceeded upstream. Dropped fleet at Hodsons Camp and picked up Barge No 322 and cleared for Jones Camp at Weldon Springs. Tied up for the night at Washington at 6-30 p.m. Miles run downstream light 28. Miles run upstream light 4. Miles run upstream with tow 3. Miles run downstream 7. Coal received Barrows 50. Coal consumed Barrows 30. **Fieces Handled** 5

Sunday May 2^{ud} – 1915

Cleared from Washington with Barge No 322 in tow downbound for Jones Camp at Weldon Springs at 6-00 a.m. Arrived Jones Camp at 9-30 a.m. Took Barge No 318 partly loaded with willows from Jones Camp to foot of Bonhomme Island. Tied up Boat at 11-30 a.m. Miles run downstream with tow 39. Coal consumed Barrows 20. Pieces Handled 2

Monday May 3^{ud} – 1915

Boat at Bonhomme Island waiting for Barge to be loaded with willows. Crew engaged in washing Boiler and painting Boat. Cleared from Bonhomme Island upbound with Barge No 318 loaded with willows at 5-00 p.m. Tied up for the night at Centaur

at 7-30 p.m. Miles run upstream with tow 10 Coal consumed Barrows 15 **Fieces Handled** 1 Tuesday May 4 – 1915 Cleared from Centaur with Barge No 318 in tow loaded with willows at 6-00 a.m. Tied up at New Haven at 6-00 p.m. took on 40 barrows coal Miles run upstream with tow 37. Coal received Barrows 40 Coal consumed Barrows 30 Pieces Handled 1 Wednesday May 5 – 1915 Cleared from New Haven with Barge No 318 in tow loaded with willows at 5-30 a.m. Dropped Barge No 318 loaded with willows at Martins Camp at Rush Island and proceeded to Casconade, Mo. Arrived at Casconade at 11-45 a.m. Took on 75 barrows coal. Miles run upstream with tow 13 Miles run upstream light 11 Coal received Barrows 75. Coal consumed Barrows 15 **Fieces Handled** 1 Thursday May 6 – 1915 Cleared from Gasconade downbound light for Berger at 8-20 a.m. Arrived at Berger at 9-25 a.m. Ficked up Barge No 163 loaded with rock and proceeded upstream. Arrived at Gasconade at 12-40 p.m. Cleared from Gasconade with Barge No 153. Dropped Barge at Berger and proceeded downstream light. Ficked up Barge No 323 at Hodsons Camp and proceeded downstream. Tied up at Washington at 7-00 p.m. Miles run downstream light 32. Miles run upstream with tow 11 Miles run downstream with tow 18. Coal consumed Barrows 25

Fieces Handled 3

Friday May 7 – 1915

Cleared from Washington with Barge No 323 in tow downbound at 6-00 a.m. Dropped Barge No 323 at Bonhomme Island and returned to Jones Camp at Weldon Springs and tied up at 11-45 a.m. Making repairs and painting balance of day. Miles run downstream with tow 32. Miles run upstream light 6 Coal consumed Barrows 15 Pieces Handled 1

Saturday May 8 — 1915

Boat at Weldon Springs. Crew engaged in washing Boiler and painting while waiting for Barge to be loaded. Cleared from Jones Camp at Weldon Springs with Barge No 322 loaded with willows at 4-00 p.m. Tied up at Bacons Landing at 7-30 p.m. Miles run upstream with tow 10 Coal consumed Barrows 15

Fieces Handled 1

Sunday May 9 – 1915

Cleared from Bacons Landing upbound with Barge No. 322 loaded with willows at 6-00 a.m. Took on 40 barrows coal at South Point. Tied up at Washington at 10-00 a.m. for balance of day. Miles run upstream with tow 16 Coal received Barrows 40 Coal consumed Barrows 20

Pieces Handled 1

Monday May 10 – 1915

Cleared from Washington upbound with Barge No 322 loaded with willows at 6-00 a.m. Dropped Barge No 322 loaded with willows at Hodsons Camp and picked up Barge No 325 with part load willows and proceeded upstream to Martins Camp. Arrived at Martins Camp at 3-00 p.m. Dropped Barge No. 325 part load willows. Cleared from Martins Camp downbound light at 3-20 p.m. Ficked up Barge No. 315 at Berger loaded with rock and proceeded downstream. Tied up at New Haven at 5-30 p.m. Took on 60 barrows coal at New Haven. Miles run upstream with tow 30 """light 3 ""Downstream with tow 13 Coal received Barrows 60 Coal consumed Barrows 30 Pieces Handled 3 Summary of 10 days work.

Location of party or boat, first of period

Location of party or boat, end of period

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Berger Quarry

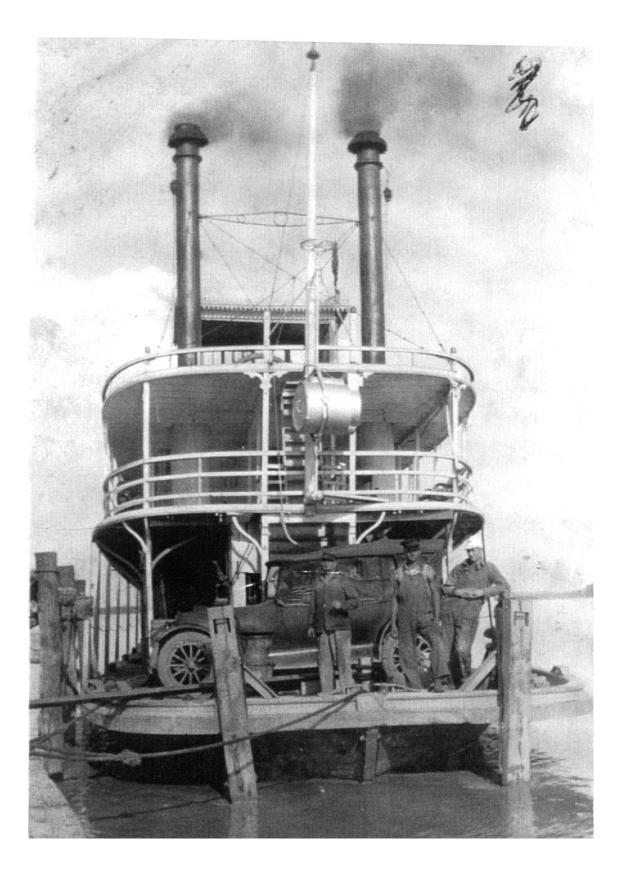
New Haven

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Location: New Haven Date May 11th Respectfully submitted John W. Adcock Pilot Following are two pictures of the tug boat *Daniel Boone* taken at the Washington, Missouri Landing. Copies of these pictures were given to me by Marc Houseman, Director, Washington (MO) Museum. The date when these pictures were taken is unknown to me. These pictures are followed by images of the "log" written in John W. Adcock's own hand that were included in Hilary Adcock Dunnaway's "Adcock Family" written in October 1973.





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