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Official No. 205205

BUILT: 1908 at Dubuque, Iowa by Diamond Jo Line for Diamond Jo Line of Rig Stp Hull Wood
Steamers, St. Louis MO

OPERATING DATA		DIMENSIONS		
ENGINES	BOILERS	GR.T 747	NET T. 747	
Type:	Type:	LENGTH 256.6	BEAM 50.7	DRAFT 6.2
Cyl. & St.:	No.:	HATCHES		
H.P.:	Size:	No.	SIZE	CENTERS
Rev.:	Press.:	COMPARTMENTS		
Built by:	Built by:	No.		
Year built:	Year built:	Cap.		

HISTORY:

The CAPITOL was originally built as the wood-hulled sternwheel packet PITTSBURGH at the Cincinnati Marine Ways for the Pittsburgh & Cincinnati Packet Company in 1879 according to the Capt. Fred Way's Packet Directory. It ran in the Ohio River and the Ohio/Mississippi River trades. She was sold to the Diamond Jo Line for use on the Upper Mississippi. In the famous St. Louis tornado of 1896 she was demolished, but the hull was salvageable enough to be built back with new upper works and named DUBUQUE. The rebuilding was so extensive that she was given a new official number (205205). The Diamond Jo Line was later sold to the Streckfuss Steamboat Line, St. Louis, which ran from St. Louis to St. Paul. The DUBUQUE was converted into an excursion steamer at Keokuk and renamed CAPITOL during the winter of 1919-1920. She saw action at New Orleans as well as upriver and was dismantled in 1945 at St. Louis.

ILLUSTRATIONS:

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