



Columbus - Belmont Battlefield State Park

## "Great River Road" ~ (Kentucky) ~



Overlooking barges on the Missouri side of the river



Barge terminal and port of Columbus, KY



Anchor used by Confederate Army to block the Union gunboats on the river



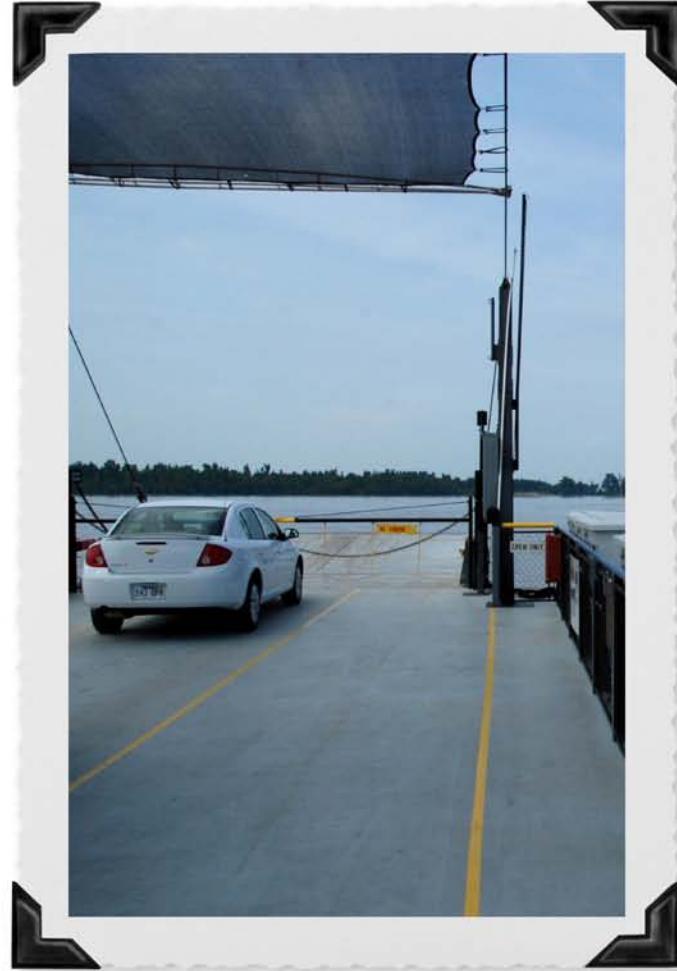
Confederate naval gun at Columbus - Belmont Battlefield

## "Great River Road" (Kentucky)

Chain used by Confederates to block the river



Ferry coming in  
to land



Aboard the small ferry



Crossing the Mississippi River by ferry from Hickman, KY to Dorena, MO

"Great River Road"  
∞ (Kentucky) ∞



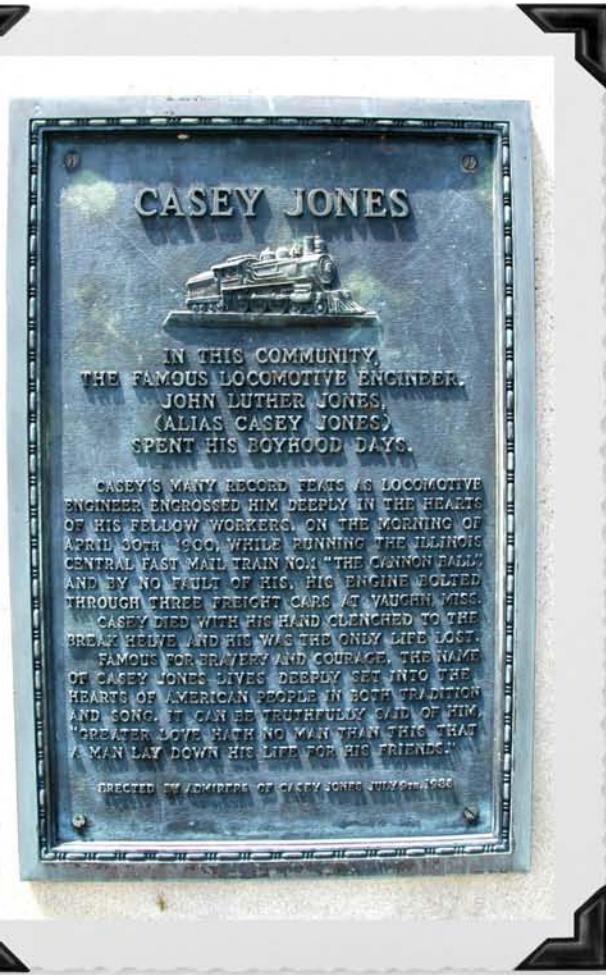
Towboat pushing 35 barges upriver to St Louis



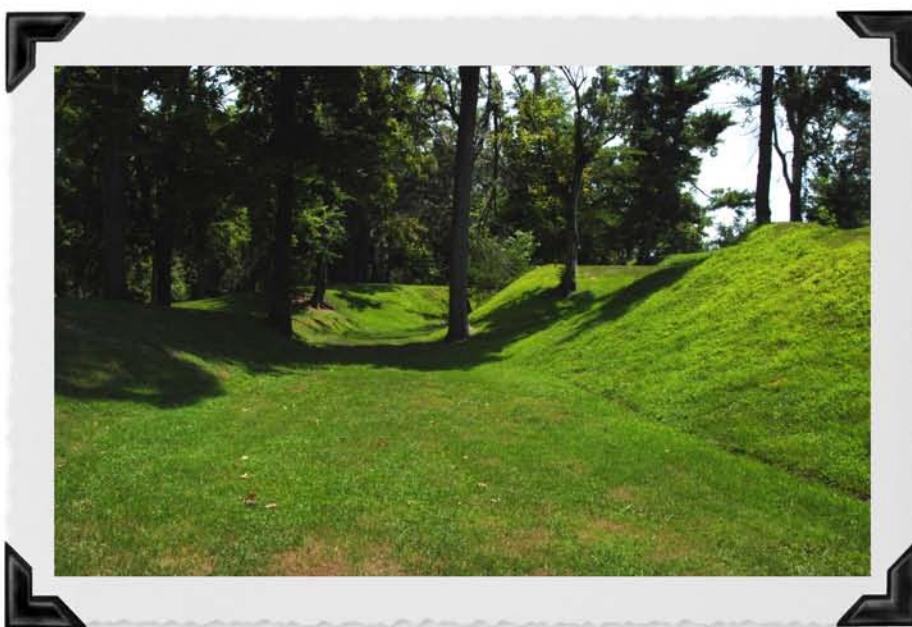
"Great River Road"  
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Site of old Fort  
Jefferson



## Memorial to locomotive engineer "Casey Jones" - Cayce



## Remains of the Confederate breastworks at Columbus - Belmont Battlefield

## "Great River Road" ∞ (Kentucky) ∞



Main Street of Hannibal

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)



Old bank building in  
Hannibal



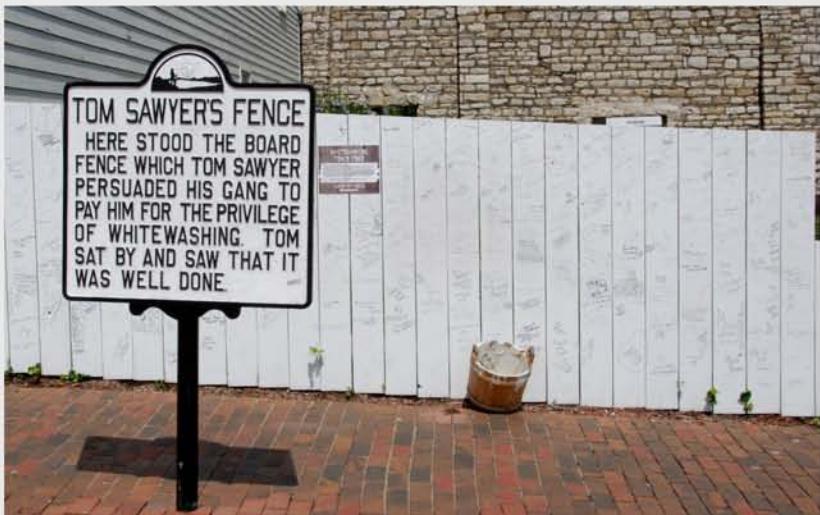
Downtown Hannibal



Store where he worked as a boy



Law office of Mark Twain's father



The sign says it all!

"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)



Boyhood home of Mark Twain



Becky Thatcher's home



Reconstruction of Tom Sawyer's home

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)



Mark Twain and  
"Friends"

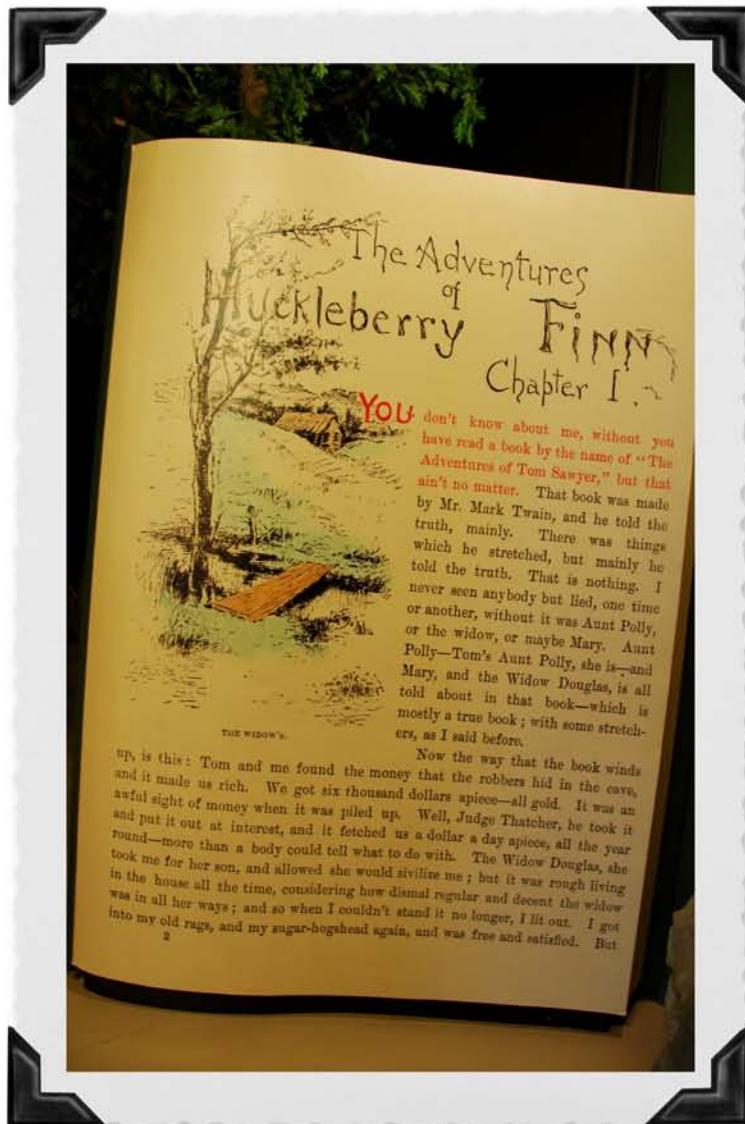


Mark Twain at work on a fictional character

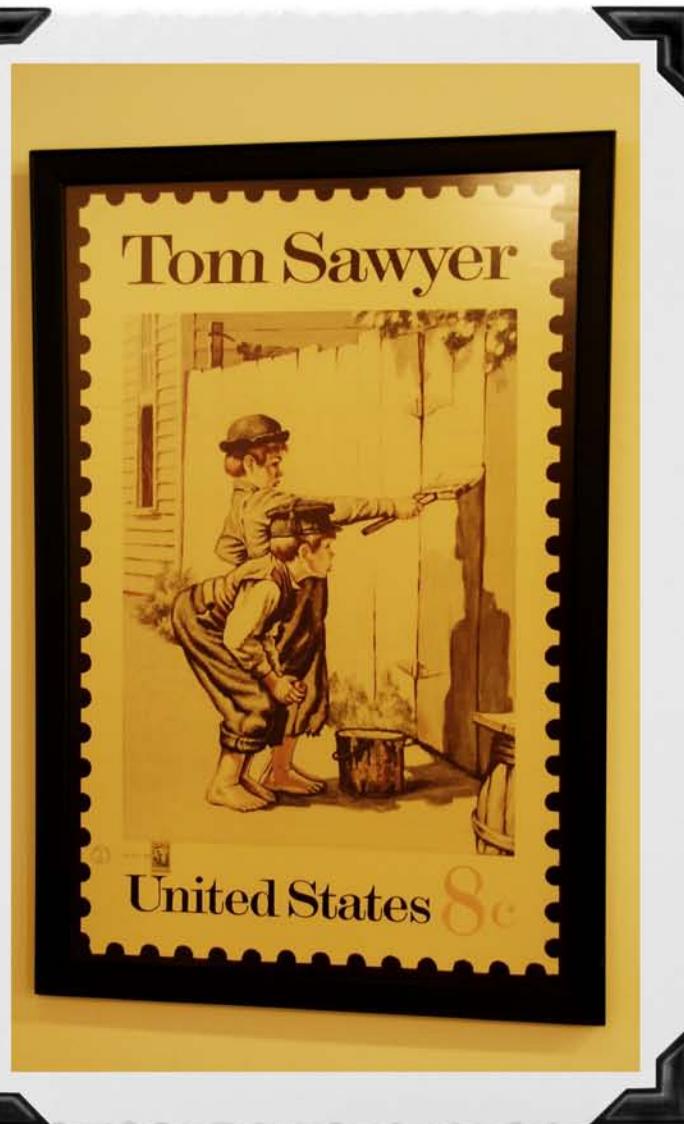


Mark Twain's study

"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)



First published edition



US Postage stamp design by artist Norman Rockwell

∞"Great River Road" - (Missouri)∞



Lighthouse on the bluffs above Hannibal



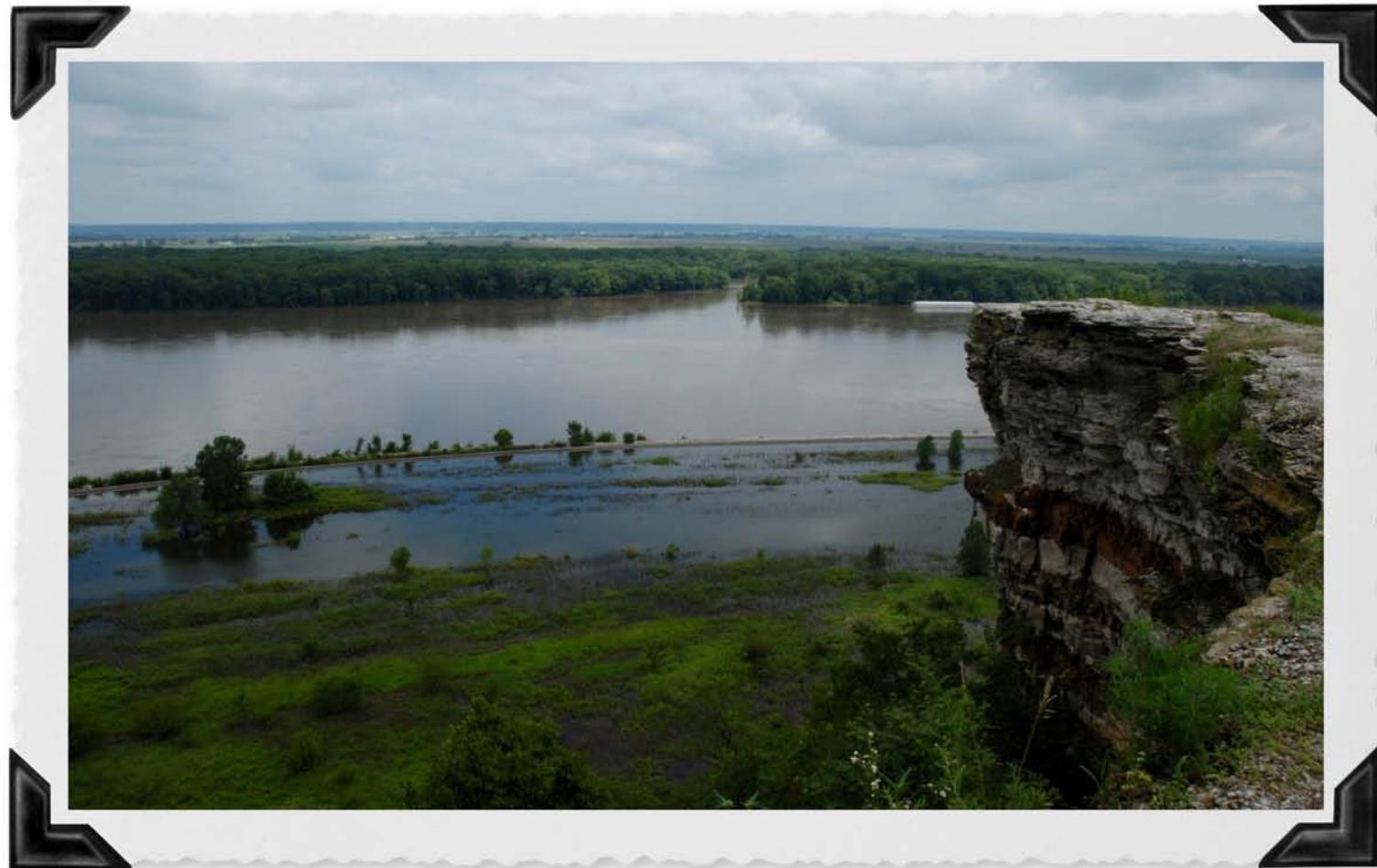
View of Hannibal from the bluffs



Mississippi River below Hannibal

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)

~"Great River Road" - (Missouri)~



View from "Lover's Leap" near Hannibal



Farmland along the Mississippi River



Old brick storehouse for corn

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)

Antique windmill farm



Entering the  
village of ILASCO



Al's Tavern - a reminder of good times in the village of ILASCO



ILASCO - (Iron,Lime,Alumina,Silica,Calcium,Oxygen)

"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)

."Great River Road" - (Missouri)."



All that remains of ILASCO

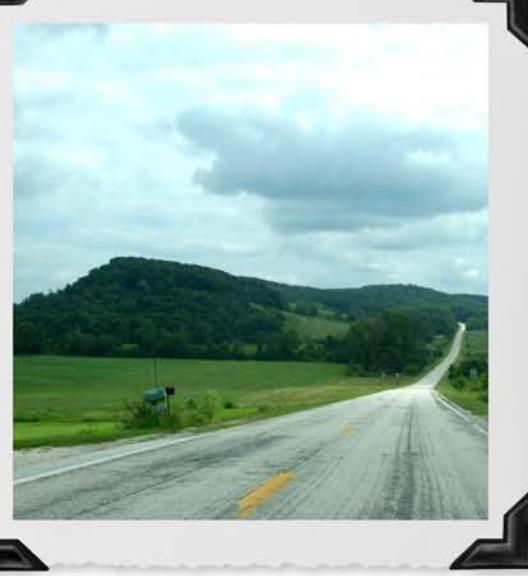


View of the Mississippi River south of Hannibal

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)



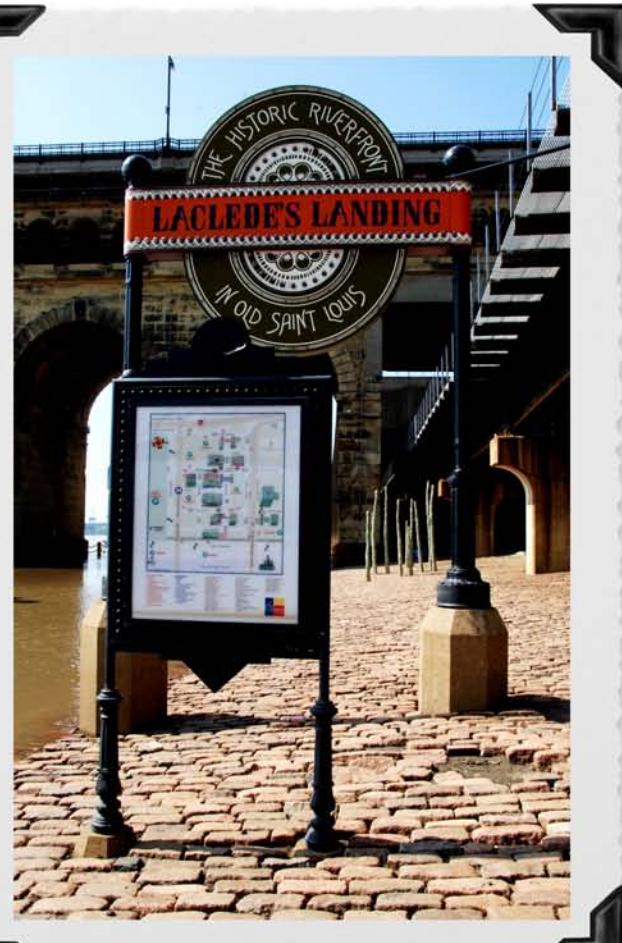
Bridge to St Louis from  
Illinois



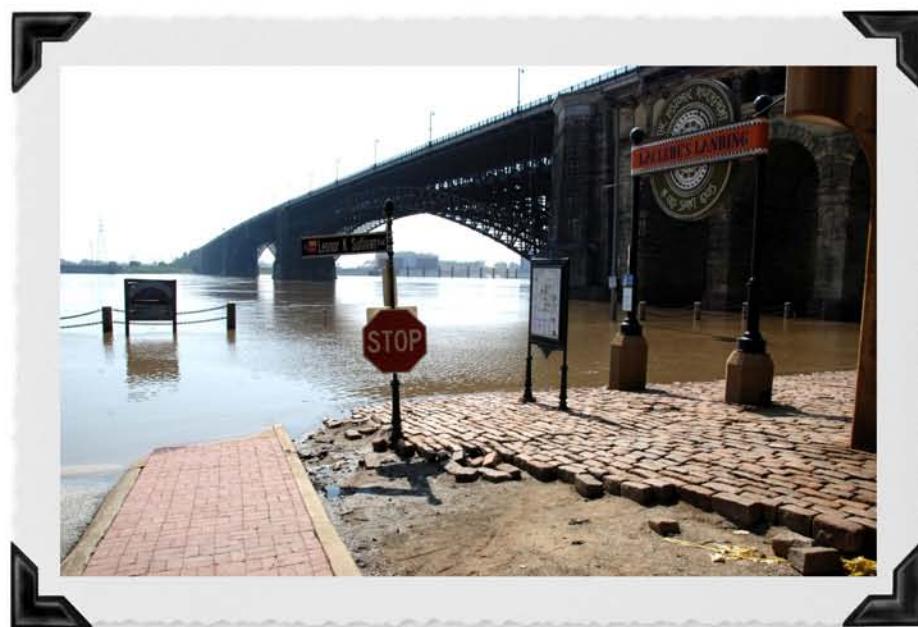
Farmland and bluffs along  
the Mississippi River



End of the street  
- start of the river



"Old St Louis" historic district



"Old St Louis" riverfront - flooded!

"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)



"Old St Louis" historic district on the riverfront

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)



Downtown St Louis



City Hall



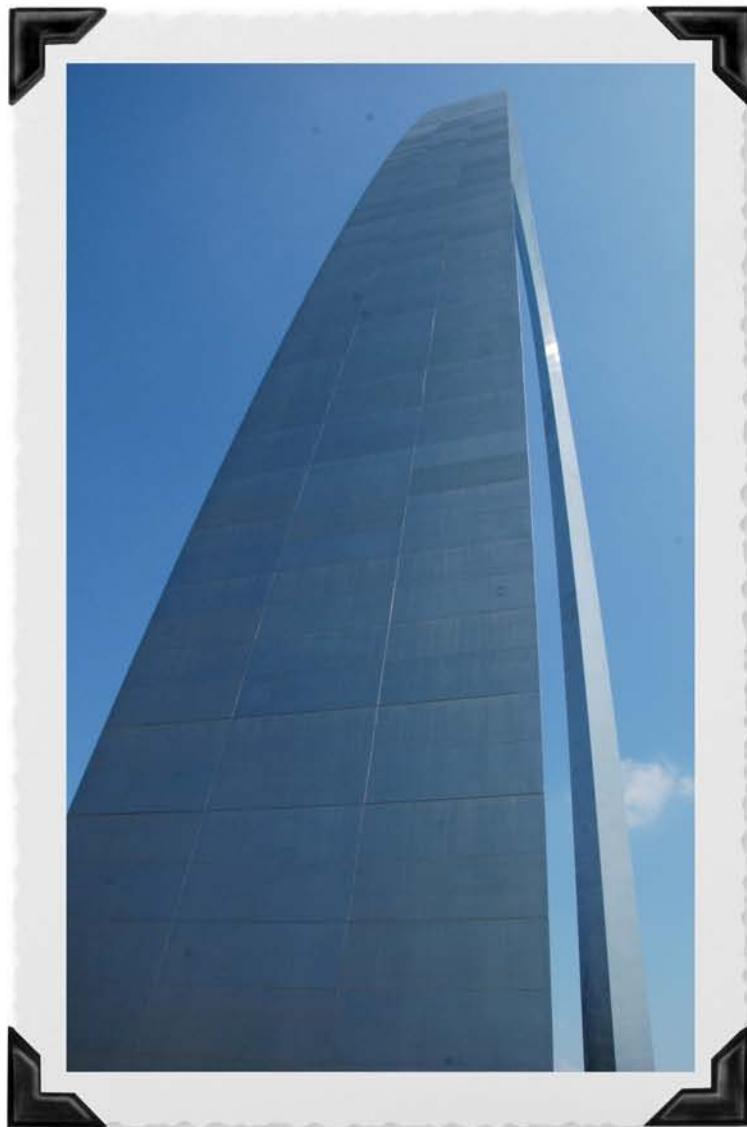
Riverfront  
St Louis



"Gateway Arch"



"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)

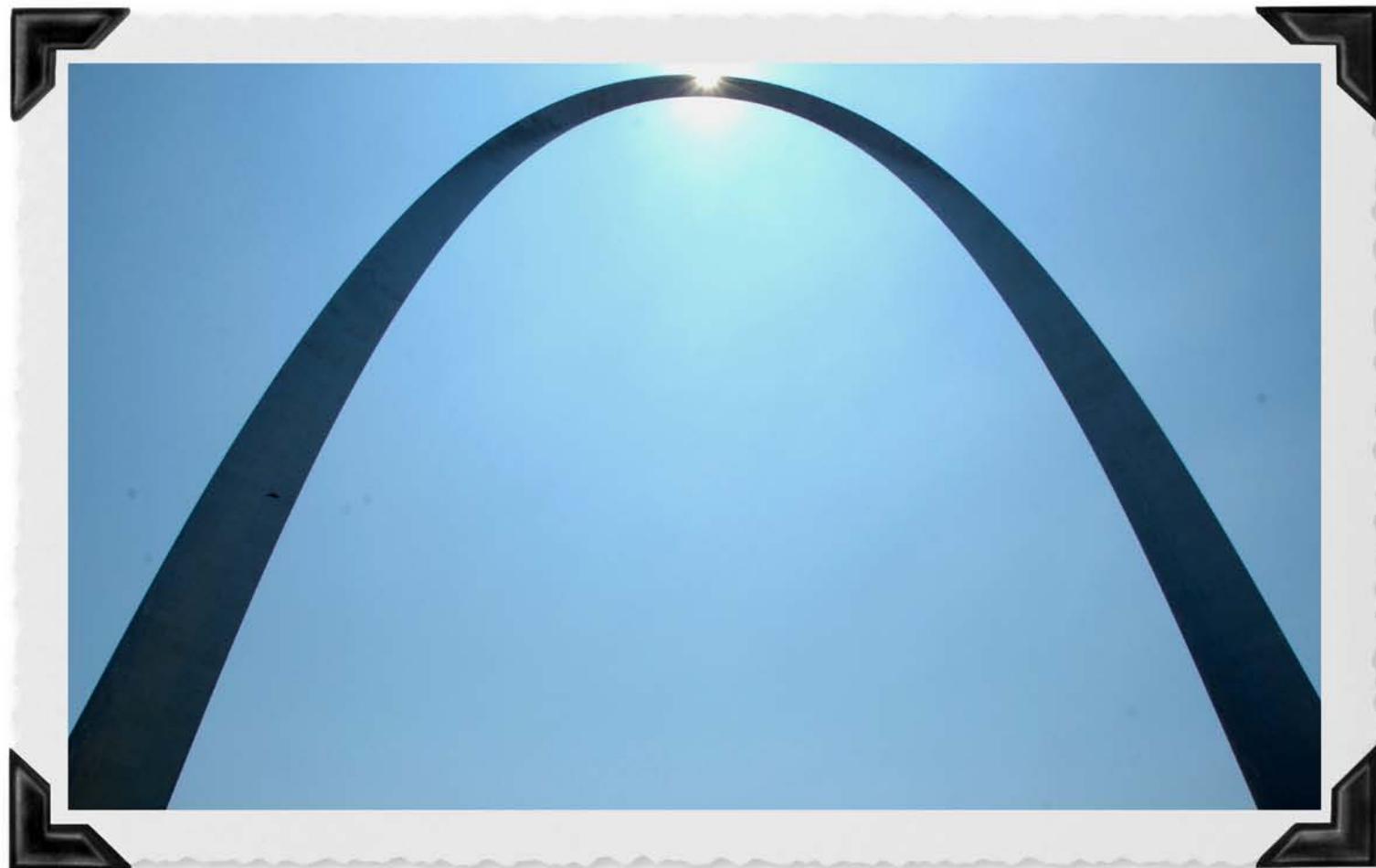


♪"Great River Road" - (Missouri)♪



**"Great River Road"**  
~~~~~ (Missouri) ~~~~

."Great River Road" - (Missouri).~



"Gateway Arch" - St Louis



Old church and  
the Arch



Gateway Arch in the reflecting pool



**"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)**



Flooding of the Mississippi River - St Louis riverfront

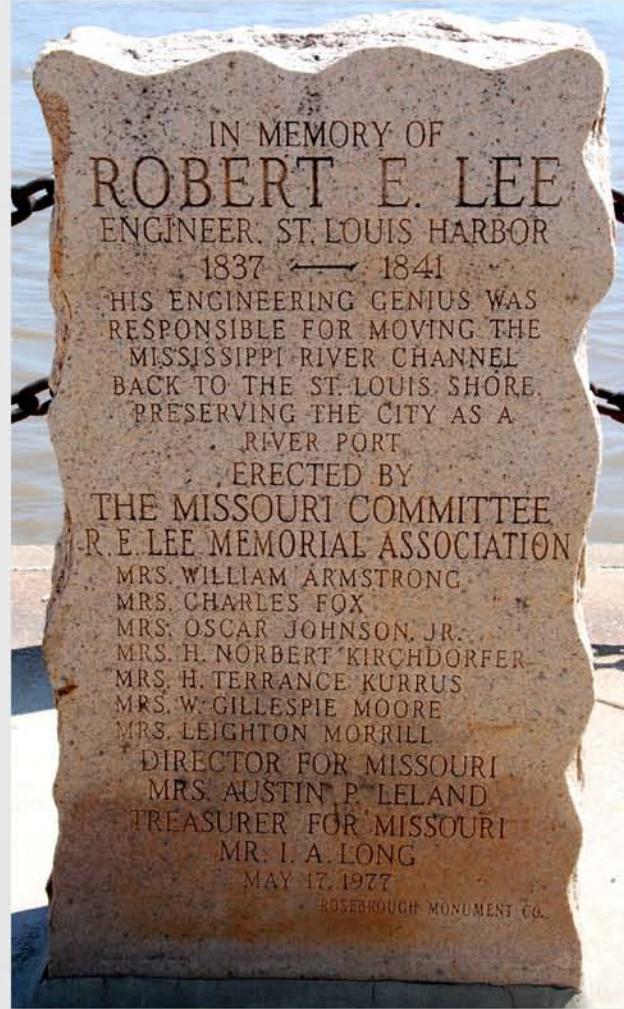
## "Great River Road" (Missouri)



Restored River Steamboat



Old St Louis



∞ "Great River Road" - (Missouri) ∞



Old Catholic Church - St Louis



Catholic Bishop's house  
St Louis

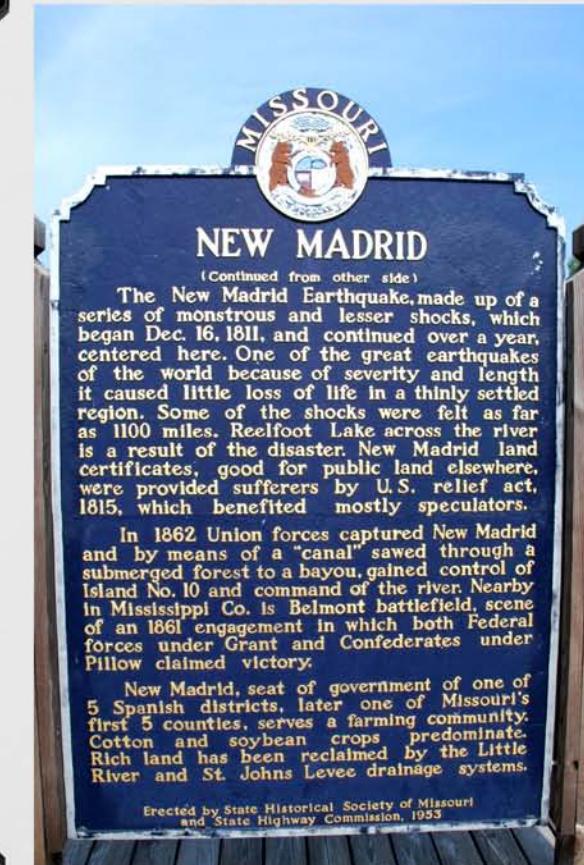


Old Synagogue - St Louis

## "Great River Road" (Missouri)



Mississippi River - New Madrid



## "Great River Road" (Missouri)

New Madrid Historical Museum (old saloon)



Large barge load of coal heading down river from New Madrid



Antique Dentist's Chair - New Madrid Museum

"Great River Road"  
(Missouri)



Mississippi County Courthouse - Osceola

## "Great River Road" (Arkansas)

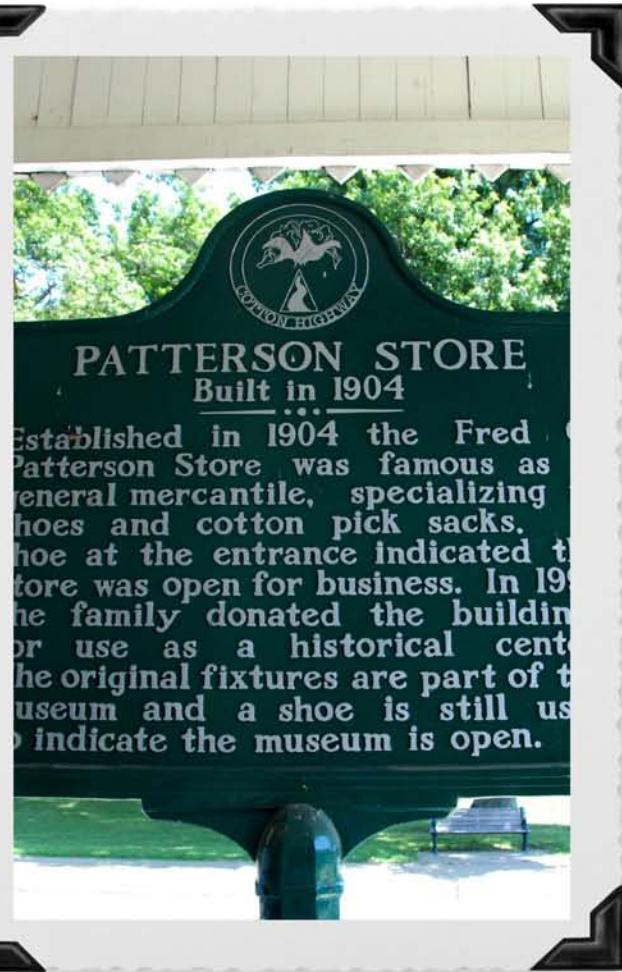


US Highway 61  
(The "Blues Highway")



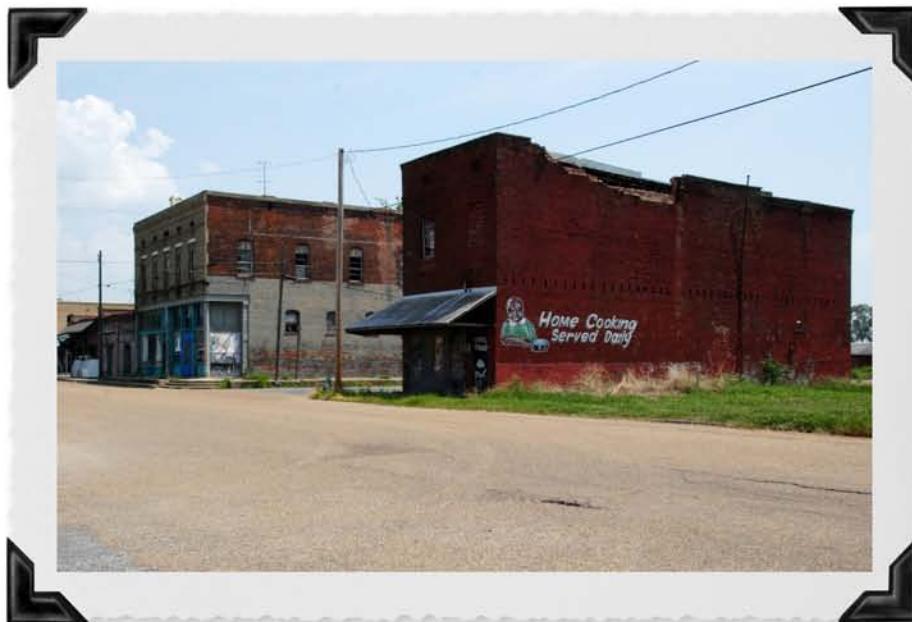


Famous Blues artist of Osceola



Patterson Store, Osceola - now an historical museum

"Great River Road"  
(Arkansas)



Downtown Osceola ("Home Cooking Served Daily")



The levee & abandoned railroad line - Osceola



Old abandoned hotel - Osceola

## "Great River Road" (Arkansas)



Riverfront in  
Helena



"King Biscuit Flower Hour" mural along the levee - Helena



Unloading truckload of rice - Helena

"Great River Road"  
(Arkansas)

## *Battle for the Mississippi*

By June, 1863, only Vicksburg remains to block complete Federal control of the Mississippi River. For a time, the Confederate forces there defend themselves on fortified bluffs that keep them out of reach of naval attack. Union troops under General U.S. Grant encircle the city, conduct a six week siege, and ultimately capture Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. Grant's victory occurs despite the Confederate attack on Union-occupied Helena, intended to divide Federal forces.

Helena remains an important port and naval base throughout the war. U.S. Navy vessels supply the town and patrol the river. Helena serves as a coal fueling station for the United States Western Flotilla. Over 50 Union ships port at Helena during the Civil War.



Gunboats firing out of Cincinnati, Ohio for government service on the Mississippi.  
Courtesy U.S. Naval Historical Center

The story of the Civil War battle to control the river

# "Great River Road" (Arkansas)



"Delta Cultural Center"  
museum Helena



Old Rock Island Railroad  
depot - now a museum



Delta Cultural Center - local Quapaw Chief circa 1824



Delta Cultural Center - portrait of black Union soldier

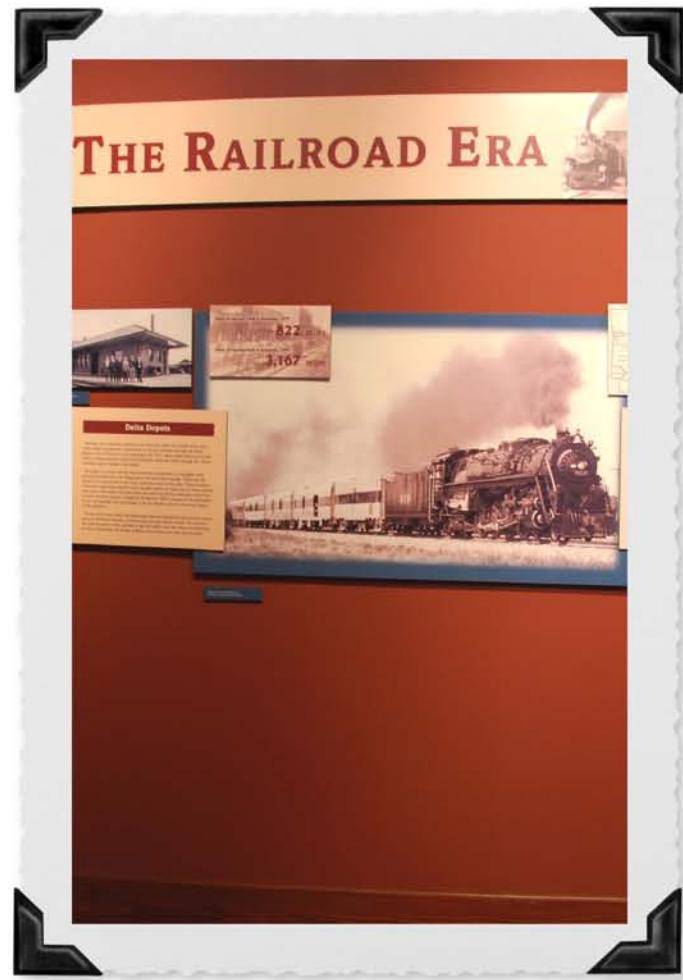


## "Great River Road" (Arkansas)

Historical exhibit about slavery in the delta



Delta Cultural Center - exhibit about the days of the River Steamboats



Delta Cultural Center - the bygone days of the railroads



"Great River Road"  
(Arkansas)

Delta Cultural Center (postcard circa 1880)



Trail following the old Confederate Army trenches

## "Great River Road" (Tennessee)



Display about the black Union soldiers



Fort Pillow - Fulton

♪"Great River Road" - (Tennessee)♪



Fort Pillow State Historical Park museum

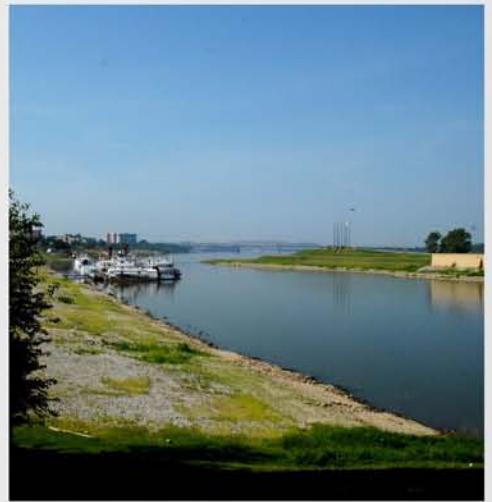


Mississippi River National Museum - Memphis

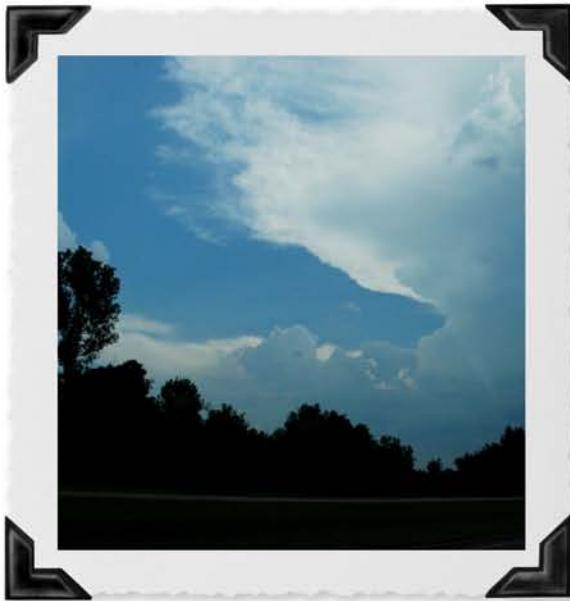
## "Great River Road" (Tennessee)



Jefferson Davis Park & old streetcar - Memphis



"Cobblestone Landing" - Memphis riverfront



Storm  
approaching



Jefferson Davis Park - Memphis



Skyline of downtown Memphis

"Great River Road"  
∞ (Tennessee) ∞