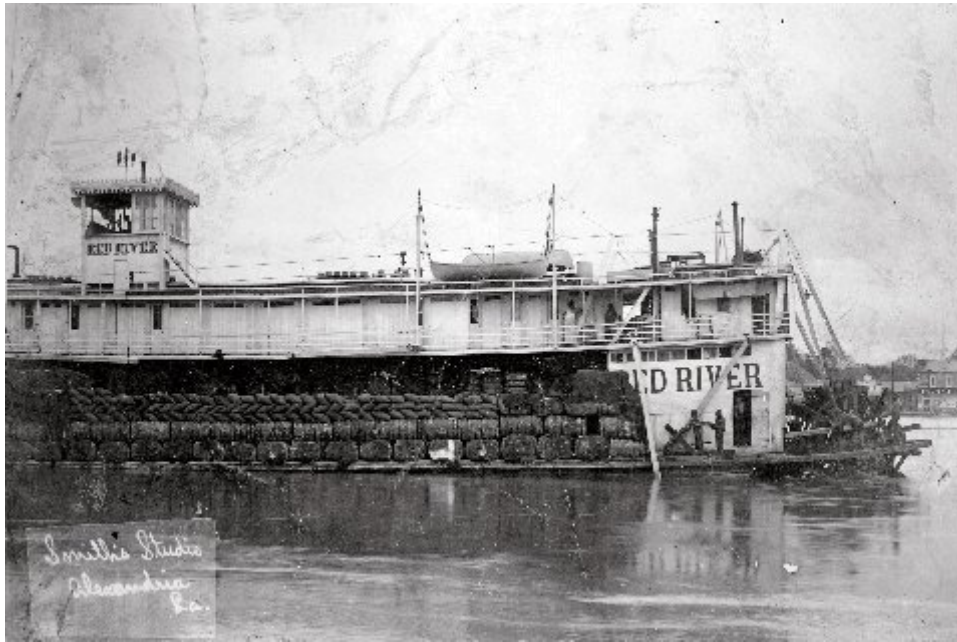


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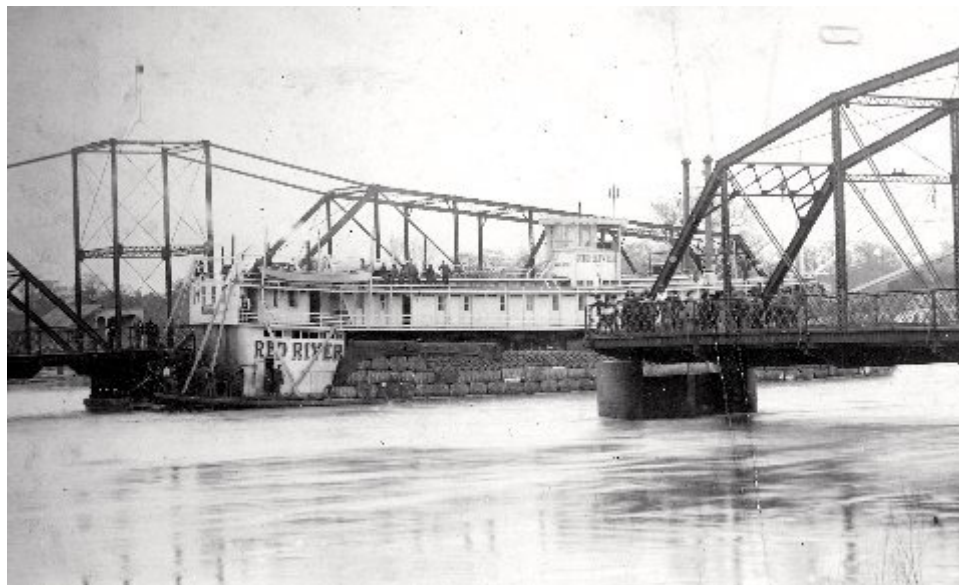
The Louisiana History Museum proudly announces the acquisition of a brand new exhibit: A model replica of the Stern Wheel Steam Ship "Red River".

The Ship Model will formally go on display next Tuesday June 9th at the museum located at 503 Washington Street in Alexandria.



The ship model was built by master modeler Richard Guidroz of Pineville, La.

Mr. Guidroz is the artist who built the scale model of the Union Navy Iron Clad boat "Mound City" currently on display at the museum. The Mound City was one of the first Iron Clad's to go through the channel created by Bailey's dam during the Civil War.



The "Red River" model is 40 inches long, 12 inches wide and 16 inches tall.

The boat, "Red River," was in service on the Red River and Mississippi from the early 1900's to the 1920's. During that time period the river here at Alexandria was a busy port for transporting cotton, livestock and supply's to the small towns and to New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Natchez, Mississippi.

Mr. Guidroz has built many models for several museums in the United States.

Museum Executive Director and Curator, Dale Genius invites you to see this wonderful example of Alexandria history, that will go on display next Tuesday June 9th.

Admission is free. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 A. M. to 3:30 P.M.

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