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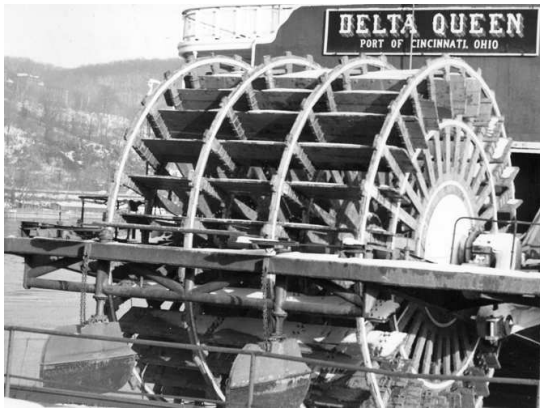
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Going Greene: The Delta Queen and Greene Line Steamer, Inc. Exhibit



Some people may not be aware, but time is running out for the DELTA QUEEN. For years the DELTA QUEEN has operated under a special Congressional Exemption from the 1966 Safety of Life at Sea Law (Public Law 89-777). This law forbids any vessel, foreign or domestic, from operating from a United States port carrying over 50 overnight passengers if it is constructed primarily of wood. The exemption runs out on November 1, 2008.

When people hear DELTA QUEEN they think of Cincinnati. Although Cincinnati has not been its homeport for decades the association remains. This beautiful luxury riverboat was fabricated in Scotland in 1926 then assembled in Stockton, California. In 1946, Captain Tom R. Greene purchased it at a public sale for \$46,250. It was then towed from San Francisco Bay to Cincinnati in early 1947. There the DELTA QUEEN became the crowning jewel in the Greene Line Steamer Inc., a company that was established in 1890 by Captain Gordon C. Greene with the steamer H.K. BEDFORD.

Through January 4, 2009, in the Cincinnati Room (located on the 3rd floor bridge of the Main Library), the collection of the Inland Rivers Library will be featured in the exhibit *Going Greene: The Delta Queen and Greene Line Steamer, Inc.* Photographs and memorabilia from the DELTA QUEEN and other steamboats from the Greene Line will be on display including the CHRIS GREENE, GORDON C. GREENE and H.K. BEDFORD. The Cincinnati Room is open 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Sunday.