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200 TONS OF

TREASURE

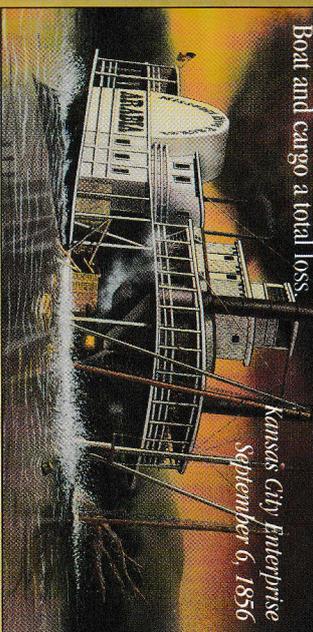


The Treasure of the
**Steamboat
Arabia**

Sudden Disaster

Arabia Sunk!

The steamer *Arabia* bound for Council Bluffs struck a snag about a mile below Parkville and sunk to the boiler deck -- Boat and cargo a total loss

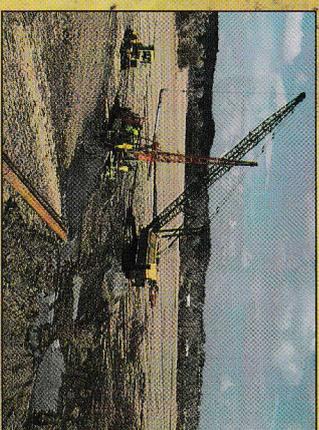


Kansas City *Enterprise*
September 6, 1856

The tale of the lost *Arabia* and its precious cargo became something of a legend. Its hoard of buried wealth captivated and challenged treasure hunters for more than a century. Finally, in 1988, an old, worn river map helped lead the way to the mysterious lost treasure.

Over time the river's course moved, leaving the *Arabia* and her treasures buried deep beneath a Kansas farm field.

Lying 45 feet underground, one-half mile from the river's edge, the legendary *Arabia* had at last been found. Men and machines soon returned to the spot and unearthed what would become the discovery of a lifetime.

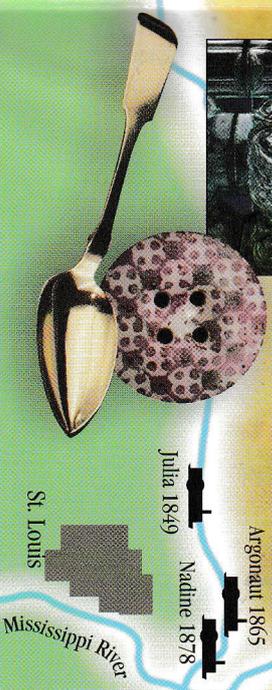


A King Tut's tomb... a time capsule of another age!

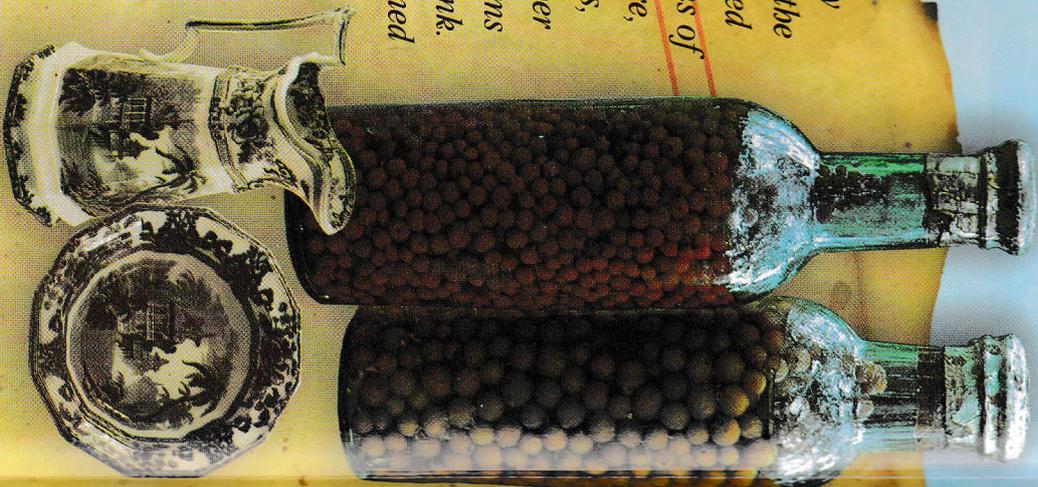
National Geographic Traveler, Sept. 1996

Like stepping back in time to 1856...

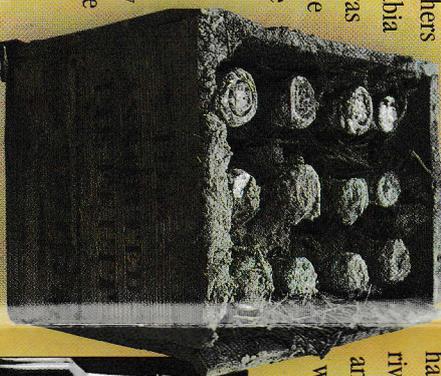
Southern Living Magazine, April 1995



It was widely known that the *Arabia* carried over 200 tons of fine dishware, jewelry, guns, gold and other precious items when she sank. What happened next was destined to become a true American legend.



Some said she carried gold. Others claimed that the treasure the *Arabia* carried to her watery grave was rifles, quensware, or even fine Kentucky bourbon. However, one thing was certain; when the ill-fated river boat collided nearly head on with the submerged tree in mid-stream, there was scarcely time to save the passengers. All else disappeared.

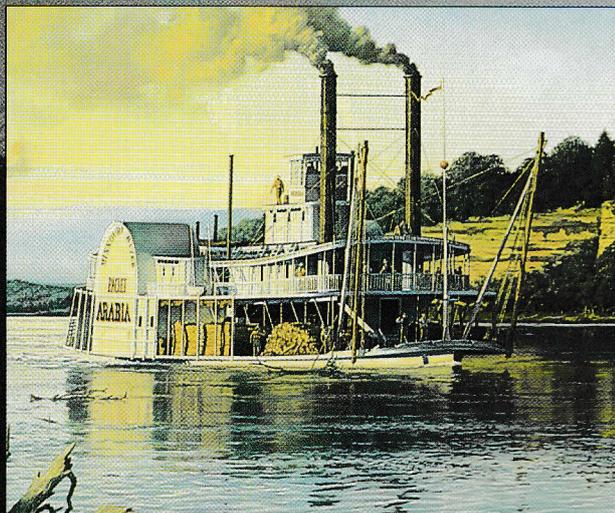


Forgotten legends... More buried treasures

Learn about hundreds of other steamboats that, like the *Arabia*, also sank along the river's uncertain course.



The Legend Begins



urs is a true story that began many years ago on the bustling river front of St. Louis, Missouri. The hot, late August afternoon in 1856 was filled with the sounds of hand-trucks and wagons bouncing their way across the rough cobblestone streets. The nearby river landing was lined with a multitude of steamboats awaiting delivery of their frontier-bound goods and supplies. The steamboat *Arabia* was among them.

The 171-foot-long *Arabia*, with her twin stacks belching clouds of smoke and ash, pulled away from port en route to towns on the western frontier. On her deck and nestled in the cargo hold below lay over 200 tons of brand-new merchandise. European dishware, jewelry, guns, tools, food products and clothing items were included among her cargo.

She made good time steaming up the Missouri River, reaching Kansas City in less than a week. By now it was September 5th, and the trip thus far had been uneventful. However, before the sun would set that day, the steamboat *Arabia* and her valuable cargo would quickly and silently vanish from sight.



Experience the Adventure!



Explore 30,000 square feet of wonder, discovery and fun! Don't miss the Treasure of the Steamboat Arabia.

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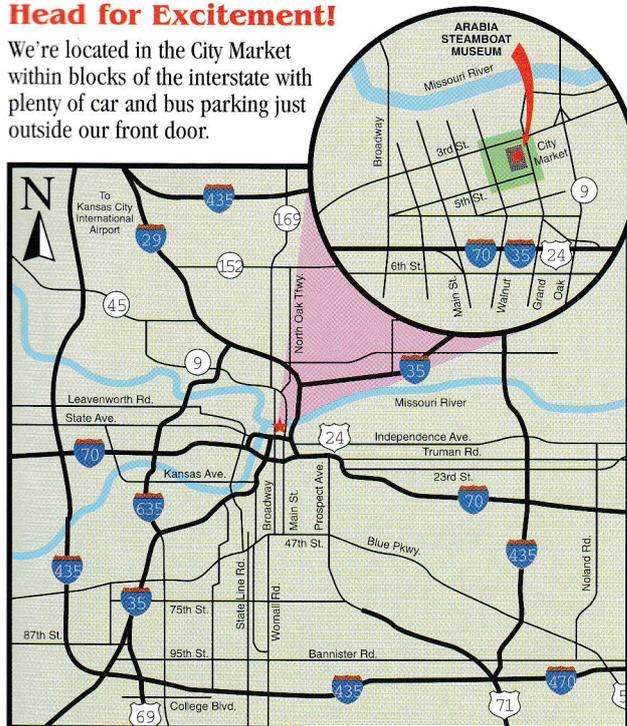
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