

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Ohio	
COUNTY: Hamilton	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.6.34.0006 0007	DATE 6/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Steamboat DELTA QUEEN

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ohio, Mississippi, Tennessee & Cumberland Rivers of the United States

CITY OR TOWN:
Home Port - Public Landing, Cincinnati

STATE Ohio	CODE 34	COUNTY: Hamilton County	CODE 061
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Greene Line Steamers, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Landing

CITY OR TOWN:
Cincinnati

STATE:
Ohio

CODE:
34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
United States Coast Guard Official No. 225875

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ohio Corporation - Original company founded 1890

CITY OR TOWN:
Hamilton

STATE:
Ohio

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34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

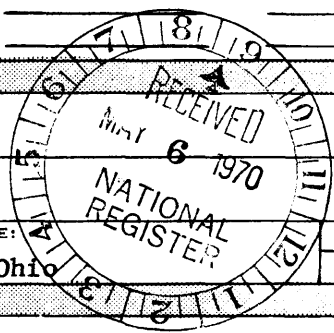
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Delta Queen is a sternwheel steamboat - the last such vessel in the over-night passenger trade on American Rivers.

The Delta Queen is 250 feet long (285' including the 26-ton paddlewheel), 58 feet at the beam, and draws 7.6 feet of water. She weighs 1837 gross tons, and rises 62 feet above the water level.

The vessel is driven by the paddlewheel connected by pitman to two 35-foot pistons of her cross-compound steam engine.

The vessel has stateroom accommodations for 190 passengers, public rooms and carries a crew of 75.

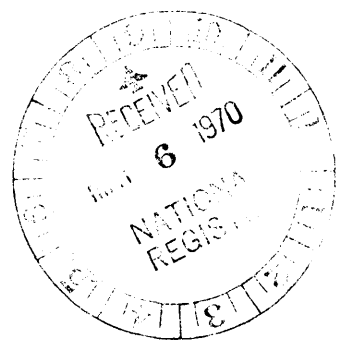
The vessel was designed and fabricated on the River Clyde, Scotland, in 1924, was shipped piece by piece to Sacramento, California, where it was assembled in 1926.

Delta Queen moved in 1946 from Sacramento River operation to Ohio-Mississippi River operation.

It carries passengers on tourist excursions from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. The vessel is owned by an Ohio company and when not in use is moored at the Public Landing, Cincinnati, in the Ohio River. The River at that location is owned by Kentucky.

The Queen is in jeopardy because of the boat's wooden superstructure which fails to meet current marine specifications for over-night-carrying passengers.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1926

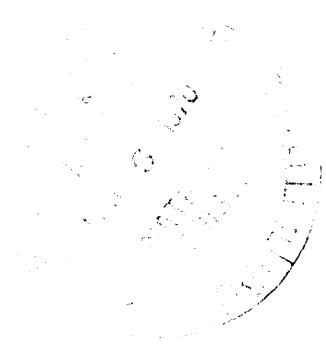
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture ? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Delta Queen is the only operating vacation steamboat in the nation. The last passenger steamboat assembled or constructed in the nation, the Queen is a symbol of the era of steam and paddlewheels once an important and colorful aspect of river navigation.

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7. THE DELTA QUEEN (Revised description)

The Delta Queen is a sternwheel steamboat 250 feet in length (285 feet including the 26-ton paddlewheel), 58 feet at the beam, and draws 7.6 feet of water. She weighs 1837 gross tons, and rises 62 feet above water level.

The vessel is driven by a paddlewheel connected by a pitman to two, 35-foot pistons of her cross-compound steam engine. She accommodates 190 passengers, is outfitted with both private cabins and public rooms resembling in appearance to a degree steam packets of the latter part of the last century. The boat is manned by a crew of 75. The boat's superstructure is of wood in good condition; the hull is steel.

The condition of the vessel is from good to excellent and is largely unchanged except with regard to furnishings since she was commissioned in 1926. The vessel remains in service the summer of 1970.

8. Statement of Significance (Revised)

The Delta Queen is the only operating vacation steamboat in the nation. The last of the steam sternwheelers to be assembled or constructed in the United States, the Queen is a functioning, colorful symbol of the era of steam and paddlewheels which form of transport was of paramount importance to the development of inland America in the last century.

The boat was designed and fabricated on the River Clyde, Scotland, in 1924, and was shipped piece-by-piece to Sacramento, California, where it was assembled and commissioned for use on the Sacramento River. In 1946 it was brought to the Ohio-Mississippi waterway where it has operated continuously for tourist excursions annually in season from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. At each river port which the Queen lands or passes, she is a recognized landmark. The tone of her steam whistle is recognizable and anticipated from downtown Pittsburgh to downtown New Orleans. The vessel has stimulated great interest among eleven states which border the Ohio-Mississippi rivers as a vacation and recreation area in a manner far exceeding her actual patronage.

The Queen is owned by the Greene Line Steamers, Inc., an Ohio company founded in 1890. The firm has operated 28 packet steamers on the waterway during its history and is the only such company in existence today. When not in use, the boat is moored at the Public Landing, Cincinnati, headquarters of the Greene Line.

The Queen is in jeopardy because her wooden superstructure fails to meet modern marine specifications for overnight-carrying passengers. Only an act of Congress will save the vessel for continued use as at present.

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8. Statement of Significance (Revised) - continued -

The Delta Queen is a fitting and appropriate last survivor of the age of steam, paddlewheel packets on the nation's riverways. In addition, the vessel is the last operating link between modern Diesel river towboats and the romantic days of steam packets when these ornate monsters dominated inland water travel and created legends never to be lost in the annals of the American past.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SAGA OF THE DELTA QUEEN - Capt. Fred Way, Jr., Young & Klein (Library of Congress)
 STORY OF A STEAMBOAT - Virginia Eifert, Dodd-Meade
 TALES OF THE MISSISSIPPI - Samuel, Huber, Ogden, Hastings House
 PACIFIC STEAMBOATS - Newell & Williamson, Bonanza Books, Crown Publishing
 INLAND RIVER RECORDS - Capt. Fred Way, Jr., Waterways Journal, Sewickley

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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Not applicable, vessel is movable.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Betty Blake, Vice President

ORGANIZATION: **Greene Line Steamers, Inc.** DATE: **April 20, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Landing

CITY OR TOWN: **Cincinnati** STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **34**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *David B. ...*

Title Director, Ohio Historical Society

Date April 28, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Conrad Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 15 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 3 1970