

# Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

## NEWSLETTER

“For what is the present, after all, but a growth out of the past.” – Walt Whitman

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### President's Notes

Summertime is upon us. As the sun shines brighter and hotter, and we celebrate the days and nights stretching longer so we can accomplish more each day, it seems like an opportune time to share some ideas for the future and reflect on the progress we've made since we met last.

Finally! We were able to come together at our annual potluck dinner, after a two-year hiatus. We enjoyed catching up with our friends and neighbors again, sharing a meal and stories about our favorite eateries in the Delta and voting for a new board of directors to replace (well just shift the positions a little) of the current board, who graciously extended their terms an extra year.

As the incoming president I'd like to give special thanks to outgoing president *Tom Herzog*, who has guided the organization through the worst of the pandemic and kept us vital and relevant. Not a day goes by, it seems, that he doesn't call to provide some tidbit about the Delta's past or something urgent we need to address now or in the future. He remains on the board and has agreed to guide me as I feel my way.

A special shout out also to *Esther Koopman* (and her tremendous core of volunteers including *Barbara Damian*, *Linda van Loben Sels*, and *Nancy Rutherford*) who kept the resource center going every week, responding to correspondence and hundreds of requests for information. She also contributes greatly to the annual pear label calendar as does *John Stutz*, who singlehandedly raises the money to produce it. John also spearheads the wonderful Facebook page that connects us all, and convinced Aaron Pruitt, from the antiques stores in Hood, to donate a Bank of Alex Brown sign to us.

To the rest of the board – thank you so much for agreeing to serve another term, for all the

contributions you've made in the past and your continued service.

We welcome new board member David Stuart, a researcher and writer who has written extensively about the Delta and managed history museums throughout the state. Trust me, we'll ask him to give one of his excellent presentations this fall.

Coming up in the future? The Pear Fair will go on, Sunday, July 31. Please join us to pick up copies of posters, old and new label calendars, bring items to donate to the Resource Center, or sign up for a slot this fall to share your Delta Stories as we finally get our oral history program back up and running.

And join us, on September 20 as we welcome a speaker to our Third Tuesday of the Month meeting and Speaker series. We haven't confirmed our first talk yet but don't forget to put the date on your calendar. And, the October 1, in person, Archives Crawl. The Archives Crawl brings together a dozen or more archives and history societies at four locations in Sacramento with a shuttle bus to all locations. We're usually at the Center for Sacramento History.

Meanwhile, if you'd like to share your thoughts on future projects; have questions on Delta history or want to share images, maps, and artifacts about your family, business or house history contact us at [srdhshs@gmail.com](mailto:srdhshs@gmail.com).



**July 31, 2022**

## The Netherlands Route The 125 river miles between San Francisco and Sacramento

### Part 2

By Katherine Graham Hutchinson

Starting in 1885 they leased the larger CP rivercrafts to sister company Southern Pacific Co. From 1910 - 15 the river lines were operated out of San Francisco, SP headquarters. In 1915 SP applied to the capital ICC for permission to continue operating boats on the Sacramento River and connecting waterways. Section 5 of their regulations as amended by the Panama Canal Act prohibited any railroad from operating a boat line in competition with their railroad. The ICC ruled that the SP did indeed compete but that the operation was in the interest of public convenience and commerce.

The "Apache" and "Modoc" furnished daily service (except Sunday); Sacramento to San Francisco and handled passengers and freight making 10 regular and intermediate landings and 130 bank landings between Clarksburg and Rio Vista. The "Navajo" offered fast, dependable service to passengers and growers arriving in San Francisco for early morning business and markets. It was very regular. The "Cherokee" and steam barge "Frutto" were in service only during the fruit season. The SP was, as were most riverboat companies, particularly busy June through September. In 1913, 1800 cars of fruit were shipped East; 115 from Walnut Grove and Hood. Immediately before the fruit season began "Frutto" (Frutto was a steamer barge) distributed the shook shipping boxes to the bank landings and wharves, - all landings were numbered. During harvest "Frutto" daily collected the produce from each bank landing, at times assisted by the "Cherokee", on a schedule to reach Sacramento in the morning. At peak times the "Dover" (owner unknown) was also a big participant in trans-shipping to Sacramento. The fruit was shipped to Sacramento under local charges, consigned to shipping firms. It moved from Sacramento to the Eastern markets on new bills of lading and then distributed to the distributing organizations. In 1913 there were 149 such boats on the Sacramento River exclusively and a grand total on all riverline arms of 316 (the SP operated six). The tonnage carried on the four

principal river lines was 477,292 tons. However, the SP boats rarely carried capacity and showed a loss between 1914-17, revenue rarely keeping up with the cost. (End of Part 2)

*(Article Concluded in the next newsletter.)*

#### SACRAMENTO STEAMERS.

K. A. WHITE, Asst. Supt.

San Francisco, Cal.

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63	Emmaton . . . . .				
71	Rio Vista . . . . .		F.		
77	Isleton . . . . .		F.		
87	Walnut Grove . . . . .		F.		
98	Courtland . . . . .		F.		
110	Clarksburg . . . . .				
125	Sacramento . . . . .	H	F. & T.		
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....	Steamer Apache . . . . .		F. & T.		
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#### MARYSVILLE STEAMERS.

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San Francisco, Cal.

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26	Vallejo Junction . . . . .				
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27	North " . . . . .				
27	Mare Island . . . . .				
27	Wheatport . . . . .				
28	Port Costa . . . . .				
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145	Vernon . . . . .				
146	Burns . . . . .				
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167	Wilson's . . . . .				
175	Plumas . . . . .				
176	Starr's Bend . . . . .				
180	Hock Farm . . . . .				
181	O'Neill's . . . . .				
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....	" Acme . . . . .		F. & T.		

Sacramento and Marysville steamer stations as of January 1, 1899. A remnant of the California Pacific days, the longer Marysville line was no longer mentioned after June 1908. -John R. Signor collection

SP Pamphlet "The Netherlands Route"  
December 14, 1909.

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Pacific Street Wharf, San Francisco, Cal.

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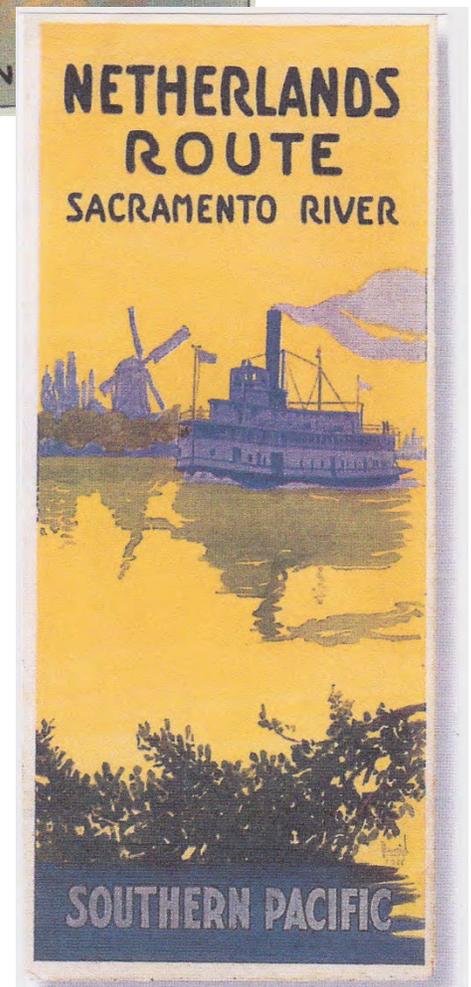
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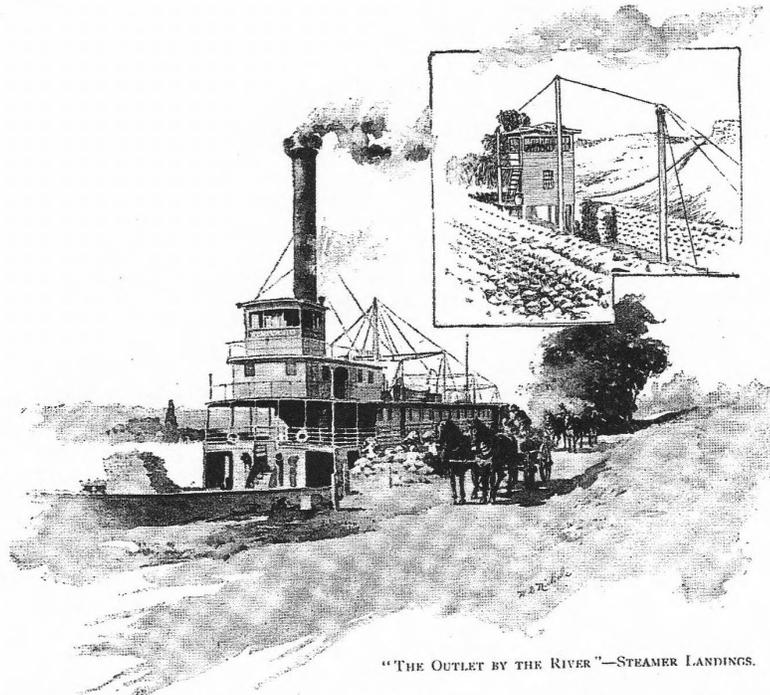
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CHAS. S. FEE, *Passenger Traffic Manager*  
JAS. HORSBURGH, JR., *General Passenger Agent*

# Southern Pacific

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Market Street Depot, Ferry Building, San Francisco





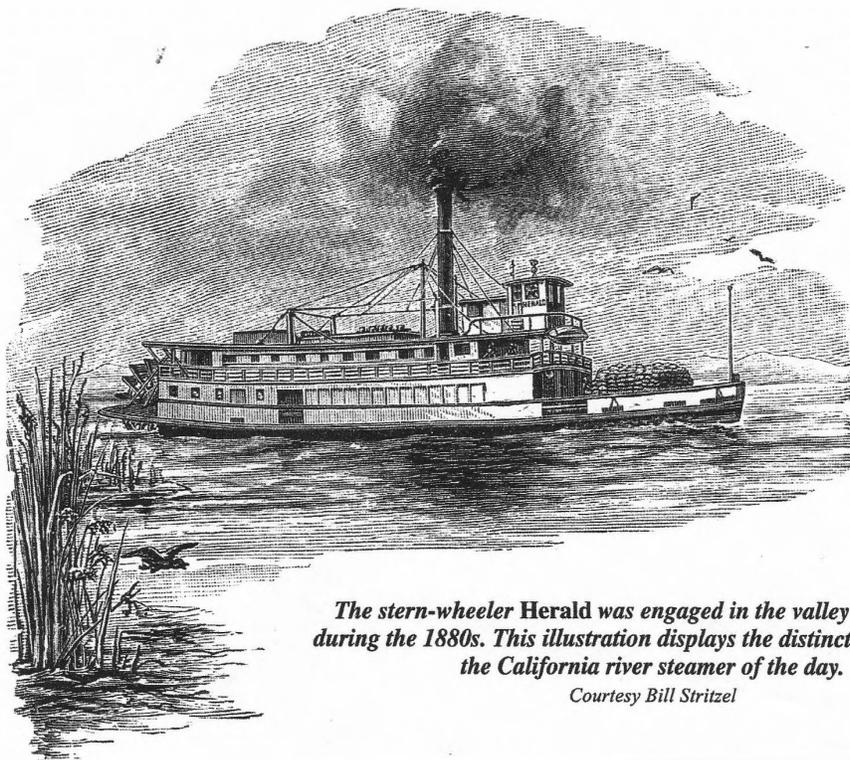
"THE OUTLET BY THE RIVER"—STEAMER LANDINGS.

*One of the heaviest shipments of wheat from up-river sections was made this week. Twenty-six thousand sacks of wheat have been carried by the Sacramento Transportation Company by barge from the wheat growing section around Grimes so far this week.*

*The barge Alabama passed through this city early in the week carrying 12,000 sacks of wheat, and the barge Utah is now at the City Wharf waiting to be towed to Port Costa, where the wheat will be transferred to the warehouses.*

*According to Harbormaster McQuillan, on an average of a barge of wheat a week is coming from the section about Grimes and in various sections in Colusa County.*

*Sacramento Bee, Wednesday, August 18, 1915  
Courtesy Bill Stritzel*



*The stern-wheeler Herald was engaged in the valley wheat trade during the 1880s. This illustration displays the distinctive features of the California river steamer of the day.*

*Courtesy Bill Stritzel*



*The Navajo, the Southern Pacific Company's first passenger steamer, is shown cruising along the Sacramento River in a 1911 photograph. Shown here, the steamer had its forward section rebuilt over the bow after the fashion of the Hudson River crafts of the day.*

SACRAMENTO ARCHIVES & MUSEUM COLLECTION CENTER

C.W. Winterbottom Collection

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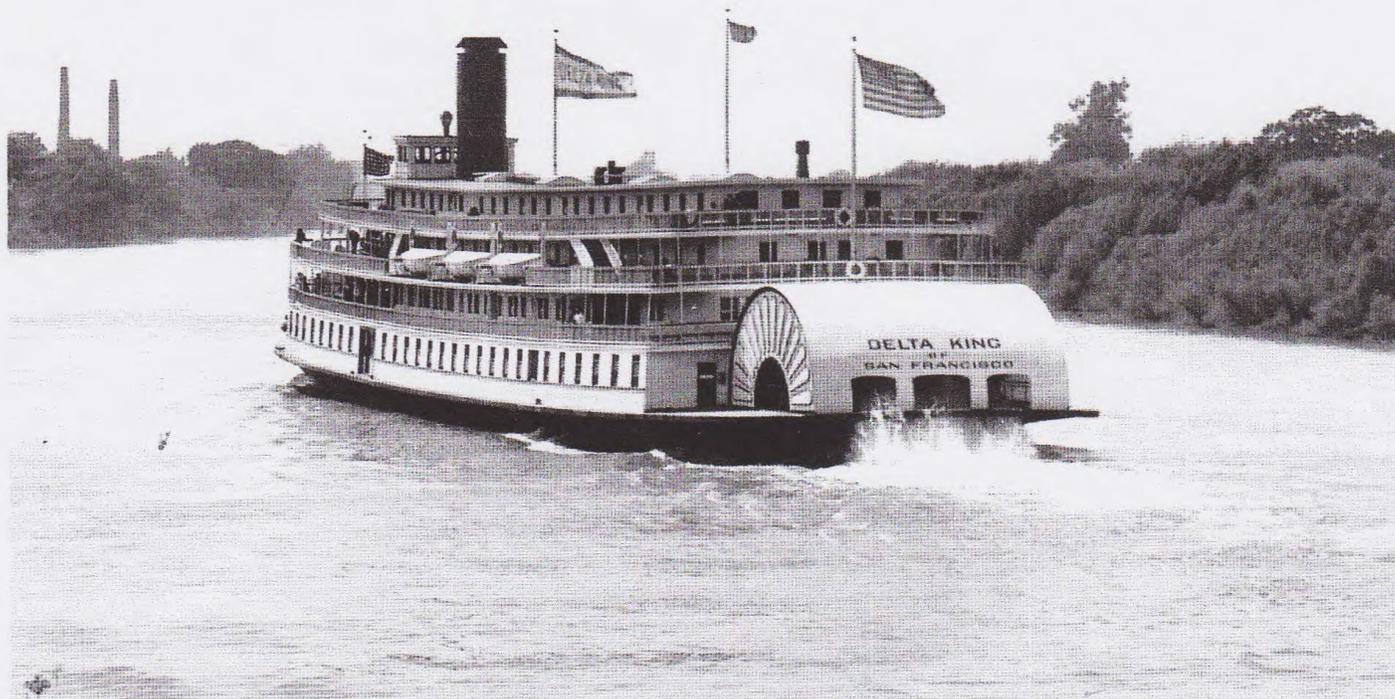


*As shown in this 1908 photograph, the California Transportation Company operated its freight and passenger steamers from the Sacramento City Wharf along Front Street near the foot of M Street.*

Courtesy Bill Stritzel

*“ . . . nature had provided for us without any effort on our part, this magnificent river system to carry our commerce to the markets of the world. . . .”*

Captain A.E. Anderson, President  
California Transportation Company  
January 1924



***Built in 1926, the Delta King was the last of the great passenger steamers on the Sacramento River until 1940, when its passenger service was terminated. It was the largest and most expensively built river boat of its type. She was restored in the 1980s and is now a major attraction as a hotel, restaurant, and theater on the waterfront in Old Sacramento.***

*Courtesy California State Library*

SRDHS 2022 SCHEDULE

June Newsletter

- July/August.....Summer Break
- September 20.....General Meeting
- October 18.....Board Meeting
- November 15.....General Meeting
- December.....Board Meeting

December Newsletter

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Remember to send in your order and check for the *NEW* 2023 SRDHS Calendar featuring 12 new labels from the late Jim Dahlberg’s collection. Also available is the Reprinted Historic Houses of the Sacramento River Delta and the Pear Pearfection Cookbook. Just fill out the order forms on the last pages of this newsletter and send it to us. We are now able to have our programs in the auditorium. Many of you have responded and sent your emails and we thank you! For other members, just email your email to us at [srdhshs@gmail.com](mailto:srdhshs@gmail.com).

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank all those who made memorial contributions to the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Ron Chong from Hacienda Hts.
- Brian Flaherty from Walnut Grove
- Lindsay Hutchinson from Santa Barbara
- David Stuart from Sacramento

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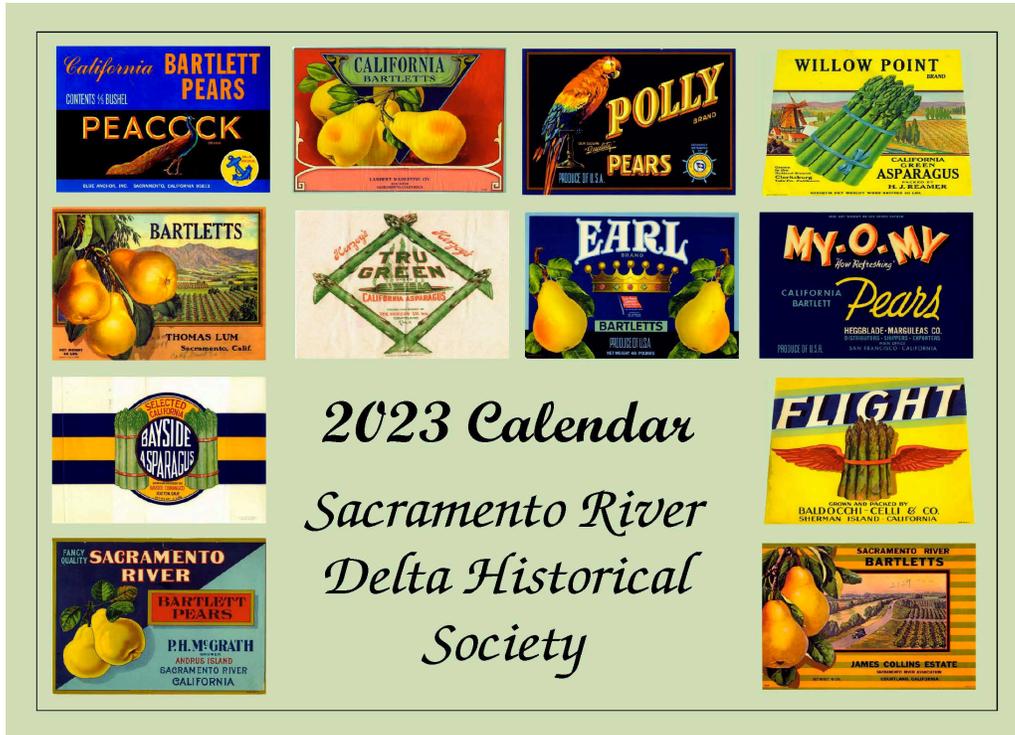
Sacramento River Delta Historical Society web site is [srdhs.org](http://srdhs.org). Please view and enjoy the information. If you wish to email the resource center, the email address is [srdhshs@gmail.com](mailto:srdhshs@gmail.com).

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Here is the cover of the delightful 2023 Calendar representing more Labels from Jim Dahlberg’s Collection. Each month shows a different Label that has not been published before from his wonderful collection. The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society’s Calendar for 2023 will be available at the Pear Fair, the Resource Center and at the Society Meetings. You may now purchase the calendar by filling out the form below and mailing it with your check to:



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 Walnut Grove, CA 95695

The price for each 2023 calendar is \$15.00 plus postage  
 2012 thru 2022 calendar price is \$5 each plus postage

If you wish to have the calendar(s) mailed PLEASE add the following postage:

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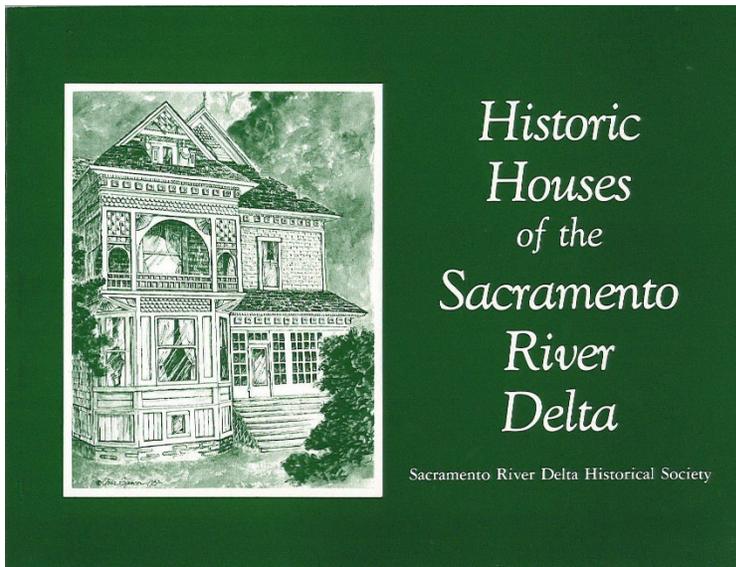
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Historic Houses has been reprinted. Price is \$20.00 per book plus \$2.75 postage for 1 book or \$4.00 for 2 books. Please remember to include postage and name and address when ordering and send to address above

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The price for each cookbook is \$15 plus postage if mailed.

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