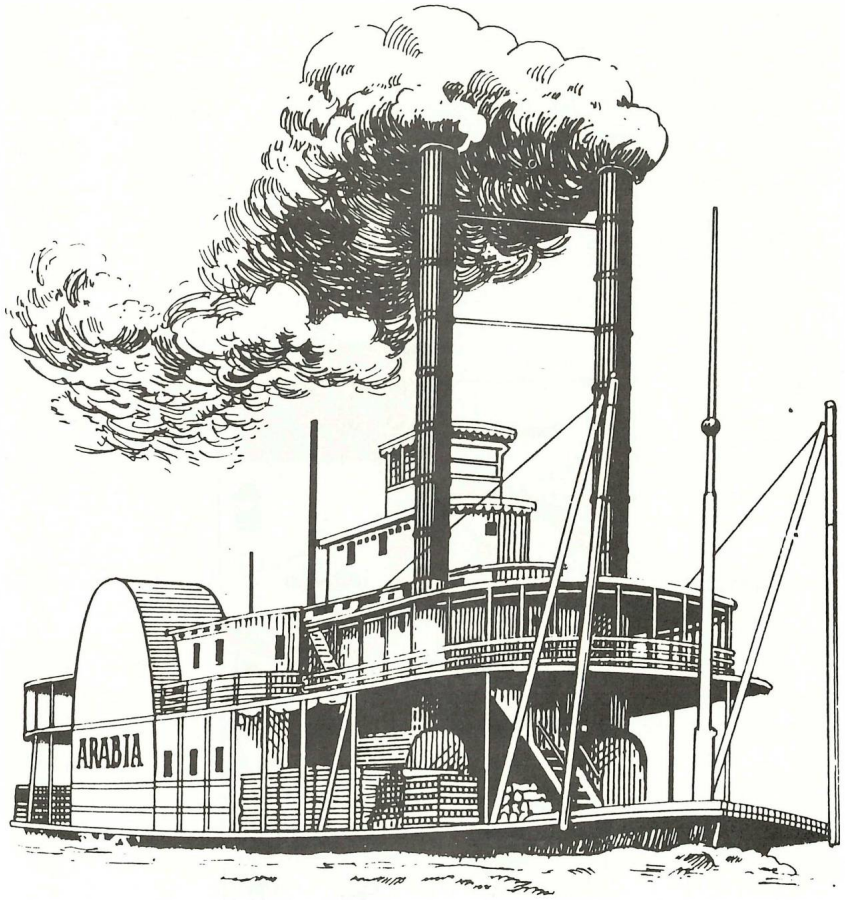
1849 PLATTE COUNTY TAX LIST

NAME	PL	SLV	SLV VAL	OTHR PRTY	MONY	SALY	TAX-ABLE	STATE TAX	CNTY TAX	TOTAL TAX
Albert Lewis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.375	0.375	0.750
Asken Ri									0.525	1.000
Abbott J seph O.	1	0	0	133	0	0	133	0.635	0.765	1.400
Alderson J. D.	1	5	1950	333	0	0	2283	6.140	9.020	15.160
Austin J n	1	4	1200	0	0	0	1200	4.500	6.750	11.250
Adm 'r of M J Byram, dec'd										
Anno Mar	0	0	0	60	0	0	60	0.120	0.180	0.300
Allen Th	1	0	0	150	0	0	150	0.675	0.825	1.500
Allerson Ba ey	1	0	0	100	0	0	100	0.575	0.690	1.275
Allerson Edward	1	3	700	16	0	0	716	1.800	2.525	4.325
Anderson	1	0	0	60	0	0	60	0.495	0.555	1.050
Asberry N. W.	1	7	2400	220	0	0	2620	5.615	8.235	13.850
Adkins J. D.	1	6	1950	265	0	0	2215	4.805	7.010	11.810

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Transcribed by Betty Runner Murray



THE STEAMBOAT ARABIA

The Arabia was a 171 foot double side-wheeler steamboat built in Pennsylvania in 1853. On September 5, 1856 she left the town of Westport (now Kansas City) in Jackson County, Missouri carrying 130 passengers and much cargo on her way to homesteaders in Nebraska. When she neared Parkville she hit a submerged snag and sank in 15 feet of water. All passengers, their personal belongings, and the crew were saved by Parkville residents. The cargo was lost.

One hundred and thirty-two years later work was begun to excavate her from 30 feet of mud. One of her wheels and much hull and cargo were salvaged, cleaned and restored, and are on display in the Arabia Museum, Historic River Market, 4th and Grand Avenues, Kansas City, Missouri. Text and map source: Kansas City Star newspaper, November 13, 1991; drawing: Discover North.

1849 PLATTE COUNTY TAX LIST

This tax list is the earliest complete personal property tax list which has been found. The listing that follows lists 2,781 names. The totals at the end of the original list states that there were 2,466 polls and 2,034 slaves. It, also, states the value of acres and town lots was $1,090,642. This real estate list was not found with this personal tax list.

These tax records were found in the storage vault in the County Clerk's office. Doris Gerner, the County Clerk, has generously permitted me to Xerox this list and transcribe it for this Platte County Historical Society publication.

As in the 1847 tax list, I want to note that the records in this book are copied complete with all errors, i.e. some women were listed as a "poll" even though they were not charged a poll tax, which was used for the support of the roads. The spelling of some names made it hard to determine the intention of the list enumerator, but the cross-reference index should help the researcher.

Even though this list precedes the 1850 Federal Population Census by only one year, I have found names of persons who were not listed on the census. This may be the only proof of their living in this county. Possibly some moved away to take part in the gold rush to California. Or the pioneering of another state.

This 1849 tax list groups under the heading "Other Property" the horses, mules jacks and jennies, cattle, clocks and watches, and carriages that were listed separately on the 1847 list.

These are abbreviations are used in this list and the levy is per $100 valuation:

		State Tax	County Tax
Pl	Poll	.37 1/2	.37 1/2
Othr Prty	Other properties) Money at interest)	.20	.30
Saly	Salary	1.00	none
Taxable	Total of values subject to tax		
State Tax	State Tax		
Cnty Tax	County Tax		
Total Tax	Total of State & County taxes		

Aggregate of the Tax book of Platte County for the year 1849

Polls	Slaves	Value	Other Property	Money	Salary	Am't Taxable	S Tax	C Tax	Total Taxable
2466	2034	692480	234126	138869	4200	1069775	$3097.15	$4112.47	$7209.62

Corrected $3096.90
25 cents

As Aggregate State amount of all the taxable property in the County of Platte, as set out in the Assessor Book for the year 1849 -- with each subject of taxation under ist appropriate head togather with the valuation and Tax on the Same -- And the Aggregate Amount of Taxes.

Property Taxed	Number	Valuation	State Tax
Polls	2466		$ 924.75
Land acres, togather with Town lots	126069.75/100	$1090642	2181.26
Slaves	2034	692480	1384.96
Other Personal Property		234126	468.255
Money at Interest		$ 138869	277.755
Fees & Salaries		$ 4200	42.00
			$ 5278.95

Five thousand two hundred and seventy eight and 95/100 dollars $5278.95 is the am't of the State Tax according to the best Estimation I am able to make.

D. P. Lewis, Clk

Received of Dan'l P. Lewis Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Platte and State of Missouri the Tax Book for the year 1849 Amounting to Five thousand two hundred & Seventy Eight dollars and 95 cts Revenue accruing to the State of Missouri for the year 1849--And Seven thousand three hundred and Eight four dollars & 36 cts $7384.36 Revenue accruing to the County of Plaatte Amounting in all to twelve thousand Six hundred and sixty three dollars & 31 cents $12663.31 this 28th day of November 1849.

M. N. Owen
Collector of Platte County, Missouri