Independent Boats

Camusi, Chesapeake, Clayton, Belle of the Coast, Emmit Small, Farmer, Governor Worth, Lawrence, Mermaid, Mystic, Missoe, Orange Maid, Queen of the St. Johns, Santee, Sappho, Swan, Thos. Collier I, U. S. Grant, W. T. Wheless.

Ocklawaha River Boats

These were strange craft built expressly for navigation on the Ocklawaha River. They were propelled by a small recess wheel built in the stern to protect it from snags, and it is probable that no such construction was used anywhere else in the world. The boats were: Okahumkee, Forrester, Tuskawilla, Osceola, Marion, Ocklawaha, Alligator, Astatula, Lollie Boy, Mary Howard, Matemora, Silver Spring, Wekiwa, Waunita, Hiawatha.

Ferryboats at Jacksonville

The Topsy and the Fanny Fern were ferryboats running to different landings near Jacksonville in the late 1860's and early 1870's. The Louise was a ferry connecting railroad terminals at Tocoi and West Tocoi; afterward between Jacksonville and the J. M. P. Railway terminus at Arlington. Uncle Sam was the car ferry between Jacksonville and the terminus of the J., St. A. & H. R. Railway at South Jacksonville.

The regular steam ferry boats between Jacksonville and South Jacksonville in the order of their service were: Armsmear, Mechanic, Ravenswood, Commodore Barney, Duval, Dixieland (small naphtha), South Jacksonville.

Nearly all of the St. Johns River boats became famous locally in one way or another; some had a wider sphere of celebrity, and a few were known throughout the United States. The fate of a large number of them was one of disaster and their remains lie scattered from the bar to the far upper reaches of the river and along the coast from Brunswick to New Smyrna. When the waterfront of South Jacksonville was bulkheaded and filled in, the remnants of many of them were covered up, as that was a favorite dumping-ground for those worn out in service. All left a history interwoven with romance—the romance of the St. Johns River.