

Early American Travel

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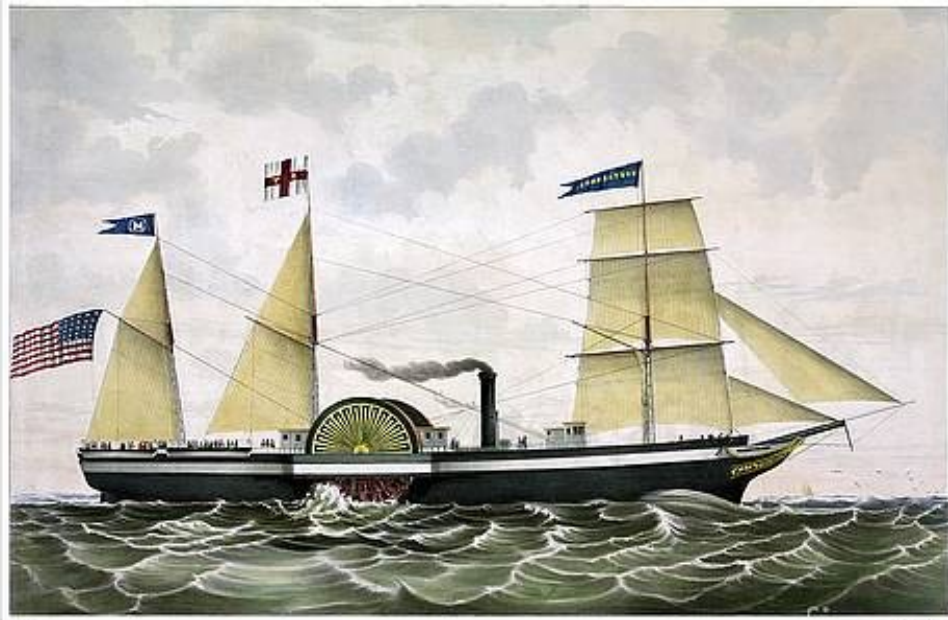
Let's explore the journeys taken by our intrepid ancestors, on foot, horse, wagon, boat and train! We can look into a particular journey, or the travels of an individual, or a whole mode of transportation – the early roads, canals, railroads, trains and boats including steamships. Some whole populations traveled long distances – the southern Blacks who were forced to move thousands of miles to northern cities on the Underground Railroad; the indigenous peoples forced out of their ancestral lands on the Trail of Tears and other journeys. Lewis and Clark traveled west on behalf of Thomas Jefferson to discover a river route to the west coast.





USS Constitution – Old Ironsides in Boston harbor

Interesting books for us are Nathaniel Philbrick, *Travels with George* – George Washington, that is;- Stewart H. Holbrook, *The Story of American Railroads: From the Iron Horse to the Diesel Locomotive*; and Sarah Raymond Herndon, *Days on the Road: Crossing the Plains in 1865*, an account of her journey by a young woman who made the long journey from Missouri west.



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