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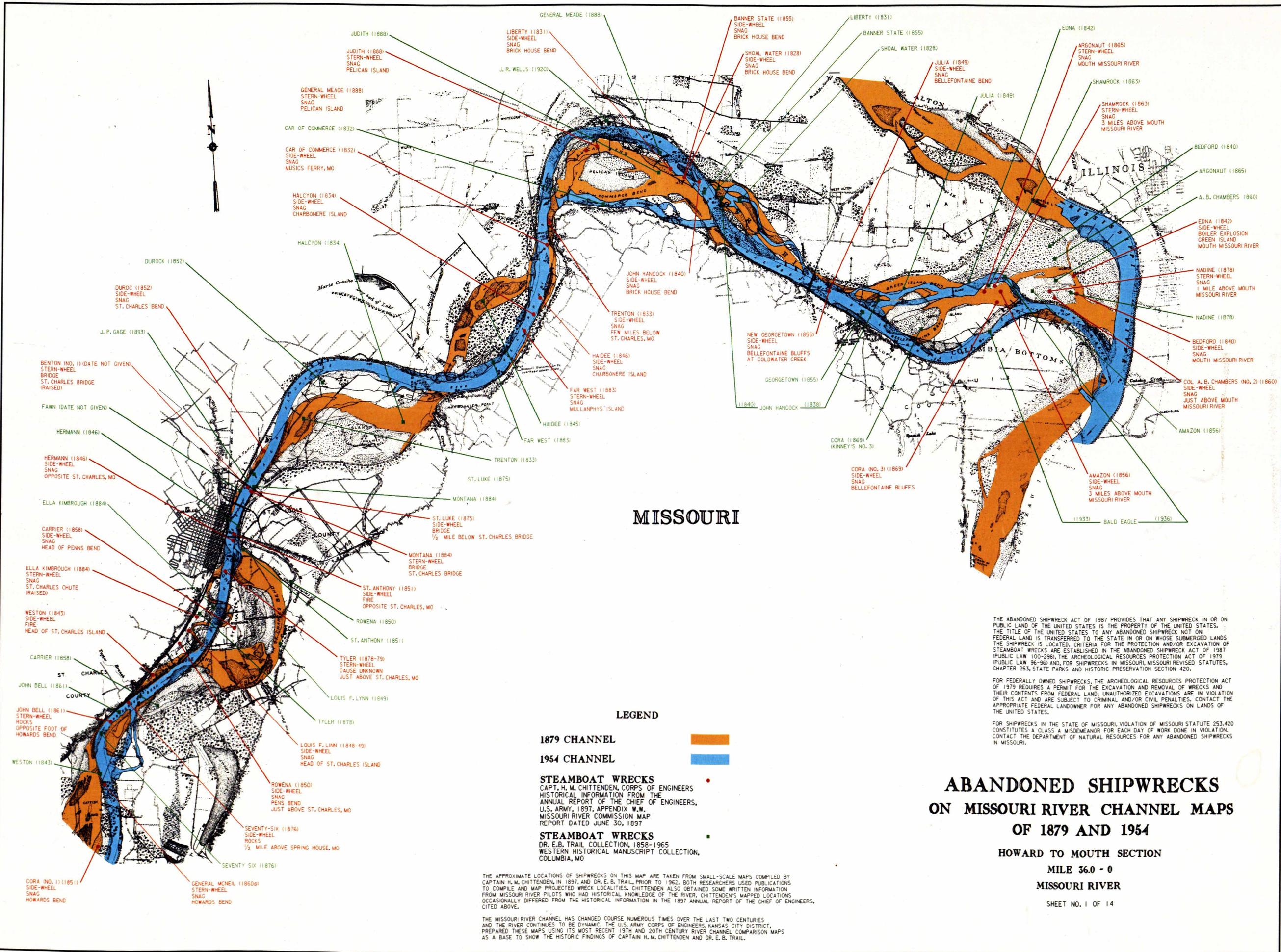
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MISSOURI

LEGEND

- 1879 CHANNEL
- 1954 CHANNEL

STEAMBOAT WRECKS
 CAPT. H. M. CHITTENDEN, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
 HISTORICAL INFORMATION FROM THE
 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
 U.S. ARMY, 1897, APPENDIX W.W.
 MISSOURI RIVER COMMISSION MAP
 REPORT DATED JUNE 30, 1897

STEAMBOAT WRECKS
 DR. E. B. TRAIL COLLECTION, 1858-1965
 WESTERN HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION,
 COLUMBIA, MO

THE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF SHIPWRECKS ON THIS MAP ARE TAKEN FROM SMALL-SCALE MAPS COMPILED BY CAPTAIN H. M. CHITTENDEN IN 1897 AND DR. E. B. TRAIL PRIOR TO 1962. BOTH RESEARCHERS USED PUBLICATIONS TO COMPARE AND MAP PROJECTED WRECK LOCALITIES. CHITTENDEN ALSO OBTAINED SOME WRITTEN INFORMATION FROM MISSOURI RIVER PILOTS WHO HAD HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RIVER. CHITTENDEN'S MAPPED LOCATIONS OCCASIONALLY DIFFERED FROM THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION IN THE 1897 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, CITED ABOVE.

THE MISSOURI RIVER CHANNEL HAS CHANGED COURSE NUMEROUS TIMES OVER THE LAST TWO CENTURIES AND THE RIVER CONTINUES TO BE DYNAMIC. THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, KANSAS CITY DISTRICT, PREPARED THESE MAPS USING ITS MOST RECENT 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY RIVER CHANNEL COMPARISON MAPS AS A BASE TO SHOW THE HISTORIC FINDINGS OF CAPTAIN H. M. CHITTENDEN AND DR. E. B. TRAIL.

THE ABANDONED SHIPWRECK ACT OF 1987 PROVIDES THAT ANY SHIPWRECK IN OR ON PUBLIC LAND OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE TITLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO ANY ABANDONED SHIPWRECK NOT ON FEDERAL LAND IS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE IN OR ON WHOSE SUBMERGED LANDS THE SHIPWRECK IS LOCATED. CRITERIA FOR THE PROTECTION AND/OR EXCAVATION OF STEAMBOAT WRECKS ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE ABANDONED SHIPWRECK ACT OF 1987 (PUBLIC LAW 100-298), THE ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT OF 1979 (PUBLIC LAW 96-361) AND, FOR SHIPWRECKS IN MISSOURI, MISSOURI REVISED STATUTES, CHAPTER 253, STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION 420.

FOR FEDERALLY OWNED SHIPWRECKS, THE ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT OF 1979 REQUIRES A PERMIT FOR THE EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL OF WRECKS AND THEIR CONTENTS FROM FEDERAL LAND. UNAUTHORIZED EXCAVATIONS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT AND ARE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL AND/OR CIVIL PENALTIES. CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL LANDOWNER FOR ANY ABANDONED SHIPWRECKS ON LANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

FOR SHIPWRECKS IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, VIOLATION OF MISSOURI STATUTE 253.420 CONSTITUTES A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR FOR EACH DAY OF WORK DONE IN VIOLATION. CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR ANY ABANDONED SHIPWRECKS IN MISSOURI.

ABANDONED SHIPWRECKS ON MISSOURI RIVER CHANNEL MAPS OF 1879 AND 1954

HOWARD TO MOUTH SECTION
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