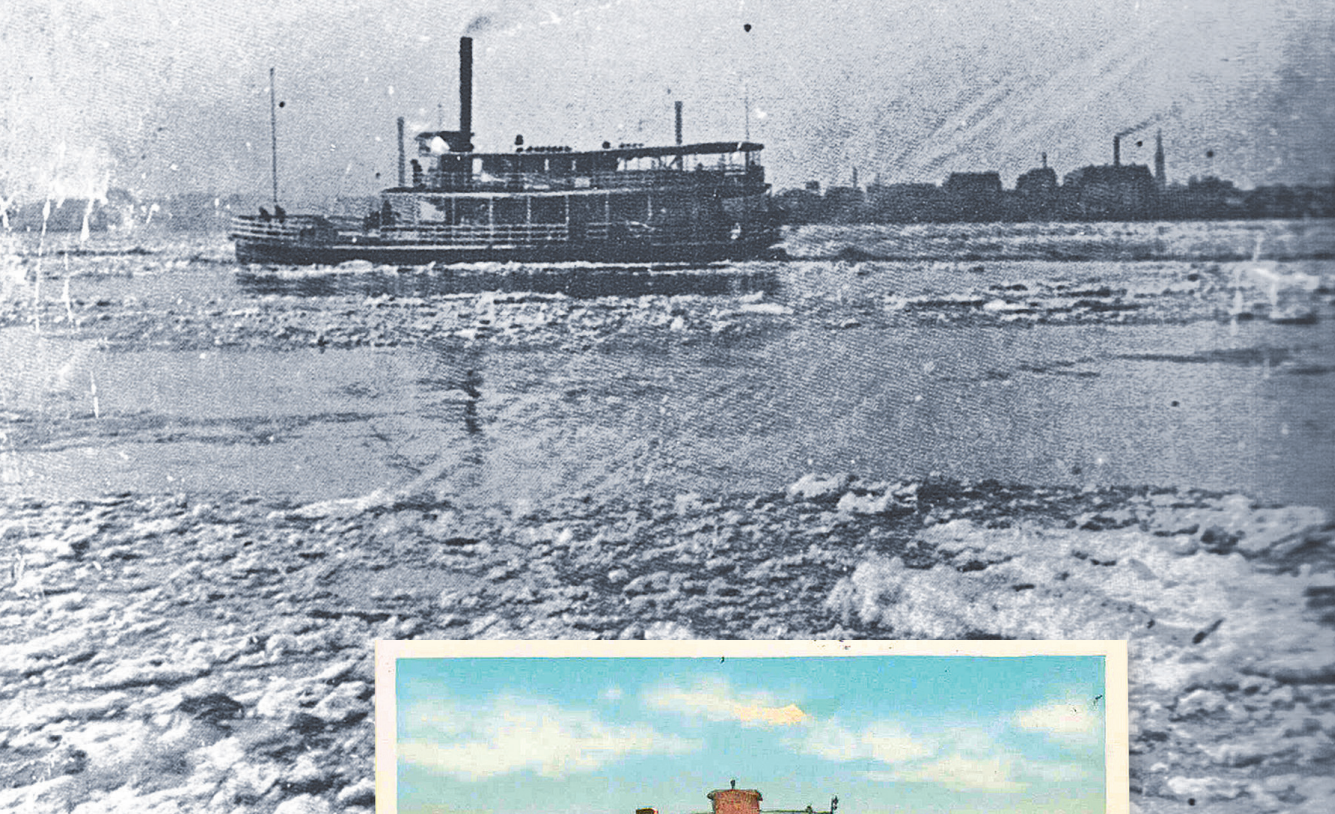




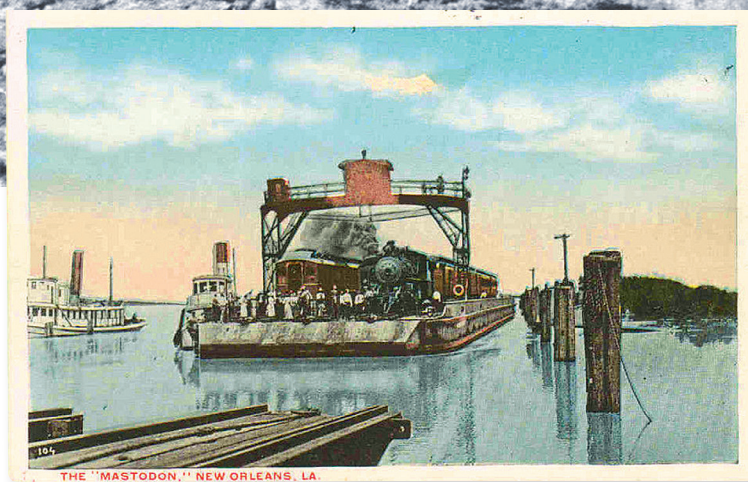
WHAT
HAPPENED

The first regularly scheduled ferry started in 1827 between Jackson Square and Patterson Street.

Ferries have moved people across the Mississippi River since New Orleans was founded in 1718.



Ferries still run regularly every 30 minutes between Algiers and New Orleans, as they did in this 1911 photo.



Ferries moved railcars from Press Street and Elysian Fields Avenue to the Southern Pacific Yard in Algiers. Transport boat carries, like the one shown here, were used between 1910 and 1915.

Slaves brought to New Orleans were ferried and housed in what is now Algiers Point.

Some of the ferries crossed the river by connecting to ropes that spanned the river. Later, mules or horses powered paddle wheelers that crossed the river. Eventually, steam power moved those boats.

The first regularly scheduled ferry started in 1827, when the Louisiana Legislature awarded two men a contract to operate a steam ferry from Jackson Square to Patterson Street in Algiers. In 1834, a second ferry was added, from St. Louis Street to Delaronde Street. That ferry was eventually moved to Canal Street.

A third line ran from Esplanade Avenue to Verret Street, according to Kevin Herridge, historian for the Friends of the Ferry organization. Ferries also moved railroad cars across the river, from Press Street and Elysian Fields to the Southern Pacific yard in Algiers and from Walnut Street to Westwego, according to Herridge.

By the 1930s, six ferries served the New Orleans area.

Ferry service began diminishing in 1958 when the Greater New Orleans Bridge was opened. In 1959, the Mississippi River Bridge Authority, which operated the bridge, also took over the ferry. The MRBA acquired the Gretna ferry in 1965 and created the Chalmette ferry in 1970. Private Transdev North America became the operator of the Canal Street and Chalmette ferries in February 2014.



At one time there were six ferries serving New Orleans. Now there are two.