



JOPPA

The Joppa is the fifth steamboat in The Sun Magazine series by Annapolis artist Melbourne Smith. She was built in 1885 by Harlan and Hollingsworth for the Maryland Steamboat Company. She was 198 feet 6 inches over-all and her beam was 54 feet 6 inches outside her wheelboxes. The feathering paddlewheels were 22 feet in diameter. She plied the Choptank River route for 36 years, serving 18

landings on the way to Cambridge and Denton. In 1921 the Joppa switched to the Nanticoke River and later she served the Wicomico River. The Joppa was laid up in 1929 and sold in 1935 for \$1,500. She was converted to a diesel freighter, the City of Salisbury. During World War II she became the Col. Henry R. Casey in the Army mine planter service. Mexico bought her in 1955.