

'TOKEN APPRECIATION' PART IV

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"Steam Boat commin', Steam Boat commin'", was a cry heard in small towns and cities up and down the great rivers of our country a hundred years ago. I might add; that cry is being heard today with riverboat gaming in Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and others to come.

In the small towns, the "steamboat commin" was a big event. It generally drew quite a crowd, to watch it dock, bringing supplies for the town, cattle, new people, and mail. Possibly one of the watchers was Samuel Clemens. He would notice the deck hand retrieve his lead weight and call to the captain, "mark twain deep water".

#1



#2



NOTES: In photo #1; Harrah's Riverboat and in photo #2; Par-A-Dice Riverboat we see the excellent detail.



#3



#4

Note the great detail in photo #3 Here we see Mr. Clemens, now known as Mark Twain, author of Huckleberry Finn. Note the watch chain, the book, and in the background we see Huck and friends painting Aunt Polly's fence. Note the bucket of paint, the grass, the wood grain in the fence. What an incredible amount of detail in 36mm. Just a great piece of art by the CT Mint.

CHIPCO has their portrait chips ie; Copperfield, Hackett, etc. So do tokens; as shown in photographs #4 to #9



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9

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Happy holidays to all..... Dave.