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Early Days in Montana

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Mr. President, steamboat travel on the rivers in Montana is rather remote and a point of history, but there is one lady in the State who has a vivid memory of days when steamboat travel on the Missouri River was accepted mode of transportation. Mrs. Jessie Robertson, when 11 years old, came up the Missouri River by steamboat with her mother. She has lived in the Great Falls-Sun River area for 81 years.

Mrs. Robertson is very alert at 92 and can relate many an interesting incident in the transformation of the Montana territory into the great Treasure State.

A feature story in the February 12, 1957 issue of the Great Falls Tribune contains a number of Mrs. Robertson's recollections of her earlier years in Montana.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article entitled "Great Falls Woman, 92, Recalls Early Days at Sun River" be printed in the body of the Congressional Record.