

In Search of the Acadia: A Civil War Blockade Runner
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Eileen Wagner relives the rich history of the British-built (in Sorel, Quebec, Canada), steam-powered, river-clyde side wheeler – the *Acadia*. She first sailed in 1864 as a mail carrier and luxury passenger ship, but she was designed as a civil war blockade runner – “the utopian of all blockade runners”. The *Acadia* made only two runs from Quebec before being withdrawn due to non-profitability. She sailed for Havana to be used as a blockade runner between Nassau and Charleston. The *Acadia* ran aground in fog near Velasco, TX in March 1865 and was later riddled with shot by the US steamer *Virginia*. Artifacts were recovered from the *Acadia* beginning in 1969, many of which can be viewed at the Brazoria County Historical Museum in Angleton, TX.

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