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ACCOUNTS OF UPPER SALT RIVER BOATING

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DATE	ACCOUNT
1 June 1873	Charles Hayden attempted to float logs down the Salt River and to establish a lumber mill in Tempe, but could not get the logs through the canyons upstream (<i>Weekly Arizona Miner</i> , June 14, 21, 28, 1873).
2 1883	Jim Meadows and three other men floated the Salt River between Livingstone (near the present-day Roosevelt Dam) and Tempe (<i>Arizona Republican</i> , October 4, 1909).
3 February 1883	North Willcox and Dr. G.E. Andrews, U.S.A., floated a canvas skiff from McDowell to Barnum's pier on the Salt River Valley Canal (<i>Arizona Gazette</i> , February 14, 1883).
4 June 1885	In another attempt to see if logs could be floated down the Salt, William Bunch and four other men (listed variously as John Meaders, John Meadows, Lew Robinson, and James Logan), successfully boated the Salt River in a 18'x5' boat from 4 miles above Tonto Creek confluence to Phoenix (<i>Arizona Gazette</i> , June 3, 5, 6, 8, 1885).
5 December 1888	Major E.J. Spaulding (commandant of Fort McDowell) and Capt. Charles A.J. Hatfield, intending to canoe from Fort McDowell on the Verde River to Phoenix, hunting along the way, made it as far as the Mesa Dam on the Salt River, where Major Spaulding was killed when his gun discharged while lifting the canoe over the Mesa Dam (<i>Phoenix Herald</i> , December 12, 1888).
6 1890	According to Scott Soliday, research historian at the Tempe Historical Museum, an article in the <i>Mesa Free Press</i> of 1890 or 1891 describes how, after Fort McDowell was abandoned, A.J. Chandler had logs or sawn timber from the fort floated down the Verde and then used in the head gates of the Consolidated Canal (Scott Soliday, personal communication to Douglas Mitchell, 8/12/93). (This article has not been located.)
7 1908	George Greenwald was drowned while rafting down the Salt River toward Roosevelt Dam. The current swept the raft downstream, and it tipped over. (Rogge, Keane, and McWatters, 1994).
8 June 1910	Roy Thorpe and James Crawford took a rowboat trip from Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River to Granite Reef Dam, and then to Mesa via the South Canal (<i>Arizona Republican</i> , June 28, 1910).

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