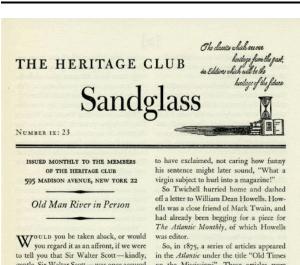
# **Basic Detail Report**



gentle, Sir Walter Scott --- was once accused of having been responsible for the Ameri-can Civil War? The accusation was made, in deadly seriousness and with considerable vigor, in Chapter 46 of the book which is now called *Life on the Mississippi*, the work of Mark Twain, born Samuel Langhorne Clemens.

The year was 1874, the place Hartford, Connecticut, Mark Twain went for a walk in the woods with his friend Joe Twichell, who was known to his congregation as the Reverend Joseph H. Twichell. During the walk, he "got to telling Twichell about the old Mississippi days of steamboating glory and grandeur as I saw them during five So the first half of *Life on the Mississippi* years from the pilot house." Twichell is said is full of that interest which attaches to all

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on the Mississippi". Those articles were warmly received, and did more for Mark 'Twain's reputation as a serious writer than anything else he had yet written. But they were not put together, for publication in book form, until eight years later. That was because Mark Twain wanted to look at the Mississippi again, and he didn't find the time for the trip until 1882.

So when he amplified the Atlantic articles and added new chapters, he added a different kind of chapters. His first articles, in the *Atlantic*, had been direct autobiographic narrative. His new material was only the story of his visit to the river in later life: with alarums and discursions, like the accusation against Sir Walter Scott.



## Sandglass (Old Man River in Person)

## Date

mid 20th century

#### **Primary Maker**

The Heritage Club

#### Edition

Number 1.23

### Medium

Letterpress on paper

#### Dimensions

SHEET: 8 1/2 x 5 1/4 in. (215.9 x 133.4 mm)

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