Her home is a Murray paddle-steamer

Mrs. Collins brought up family of five on river

By JAMES W. MORRIS

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