

Material on the Historic Towpath Canals of New Jersey

Morris Canal Items

The Morris Canal - A Photographic History, by James Lee

This classic book, which contains over 300 historic photos of the Morris Canal and its famous inclined planes, was first published in 1973. It is now in its 4th edition, second printing.

Order from Canal Captain's Press

\$25.00 + \$3.00 SH

Tales the Boatmen Told, by James Lee

This book, first published in 1977, is the record of Jim Lee's interviews with Morris Canal boatmen, workers, and their families. The public television film, "Famous Tiller Sharks," is based on these interviews. One gets the flavor of life on the canal from this book.

Order from Canal Captain's Press

\$15.00 + \$3.00 SH

The Morris Canal - Across New Jersey by Water and Rail, by Robert Goller

From the "Images of America" series, this 128-page book contains over 200 Morris Canal photos, some never before published. It includes historical information, images of the early inclined planes, and portraits of key people. Soft cover.

Purchase at local book stores or order from Canal Captain's Press

\$19.00 + \$3.00 SH

Artist-Life in the Highlands/Among the Nail-Makers

These two articles, published in 1860 in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*, have been reprinted by the Canal Society. In 1859 two artists visited New Jersey's central highlands to study the iron industry, traveling part of the way on the Morris Canal. They describe the mines, the mining operations, the life and people of the area, and a fascinating trip on the Morris Canal from Kenvil to Boonton, and give a thorough description of the operations at Boonton from smelting iron to making nails. Their articles include much humor and over forty-five drawings. The reprint also includes an introduction and fold-out map by Bob Goller and a few historic photographs.

Order from the Canal Society of New Jersey

\$7.50 + \$2.50 SH

Guide to the Morris Canal in Morris County, by Joseph Macasek

This layman's guide to the 35 miles of the Morris Canal in Morris County is heavily illustrated with 40 photos, prints and diagrams and 29 maps. It includes walking and driving tours along the canal, the history of the canal and its relation to the industrial revolution, and an explanation of the canal's famous inclined planes. It is the first guide of its kind, easy to read and fun to use.

Order from Joseph Macasek

\$12.00 + \$2.50 SH

Updated Map of the Morris Canal with Today's Roads (New in 2004)

This map is a color photograph, about 12" x 36", of a much larger map made by Richard Simon for an exhibit at Macculloch Hall. It shows the route of the Morris Canal across New Jersey, today's roads with interstate highways, and the location of the inclined planes and locks. Thanks to the efforts of Director Richard Simon this map has been updated.

Order from Richard Simon. Questions? Call Dick at 973-292-9691

\$15.00 + \$5.00 SH

A Hundred Years, A Hundred Miles - New Jersey's Morris Canal, by Barbara Kalata

This 700-page book is the most comprehensive, readily available collection of information on the Morris Canal. It is an excellent reference.

Order from the Morris County Historical Society or Canal Captain's Press

\$25.00 + \$3.00 SH

Historic Preservation Survey of the Morris Canal in Warren County, New Jersey, by Brian Morrell, published by the Warren County Morris Canal Committee

This survey, conducted in 1983, gives a detailed description of the canal in Warren County and includes the canal's history, a description of the remains of the canal and the historic buildings and structures along its path, and hundreds of historic and contemporary photographs and maps. It has 400 8½" x 11" pages.

Order from Warren County Planning Board \$30.00 + \$4.00 SH

Morris Canal and Banking Company - Final Report of the Consulting and Directing Engineer, June 29, 1929, by Cornelius C. Vermeule, Jr.

Vermeule was the engineer in charge of the abandonment of the Morris Canal. The proceeds from the sale of this report are reserved for the microfilming of canal items by the state.

Order from the Canal Society of New Jersey \$25.00 + \$2.00 SH

The Morris Canal and Banking Company - Improvement of Lake Musconetcong - December 20, 1930, by Cornelius C. Vermeule, Jr.

Not available for sale. Contact the New Jersey State Archives or a library.

A Summer's Adventure on the Morris Canal, by Mary Wolfe Thompson

This 64-page book tells of the author's experiences on the Morris Canal as a young girl in the early 1900s. A limited number of copies are available.

Order from the Roxbury Township Historical Society. \$7.50 postage paid

A Catalog: *The Morris Canal*, by Richard C. Simon

In the fall of 1991, Macculloch Hall in Morristown had a large exhibition on the Morris Canal. This catalog contains the complete text of that exhibit, pictures of many of the paintings and artifacts, and some of the photographs.

Order from Macculloch Hall \$10.00 + \$2.00 SH

Port Oram circa 1882, a New Jersey Iron Town, by Kenneth R. Hanson

This history of Wharton, formerly Port Oram, covers the mining, manufacturing and transportation of iron ore and iron products in this iron town and includes the development and life of the town.

Order from Wharton Celebration Committee \$5.50 postage paid

Addresses

Other books on canals and transportation are available from Canal Captain's Press, the National Canal Museum and the American Canal & Transportation Center. They also carry many of the books listed above.

Canal Captain's Press, 103 Dogwood Lane, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.....908-464-9335
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Richard Simon, 37 Ogden Place, Morristown, NJ 07960.....973-292-9691
Joseph Macasek, 333 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.....973-292-2755
Macculloch Hall, 45 Macculloch Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.....973-538-2404
Morris County Historical Society, 68 Morris Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.....973-267-3465
National Canal Museum, 30 Centre Square, Easton, PA 18042.....610-559-6613
Roxbury Township Historical Society, P.O. Box 18, Succasunna, NJ 07876
Warren County Planning Board, Attn David Dech, Dumont Administration Building,
Route 519, Belvidere, NJ 07823.....908-475-8000
Wharton Celebration Committee, Wharton Public Library, 15 South Main Street, Wharton, NJ 07885