



Frick's Lock: A Chester County Ghost Town

Canals were a critical part of America's early transportation network. Allowing much easier movement of heavy commodities, the Schuylkill Canal, Erie Canal and others transformed our economy. Frick's Lock is a small village in northeastern Chester County with a link to the Industrial Revolution. It was once part of the bustling Schuylkill Canal, but now sits frozen in time, waiting to be rediscovered. This lecture takes guests on a trip back in time to the canal era of the early-mid 1800s, when barges moved coal, iron ore and vital supplies around our nation.

Lecture Outline:

- The noble experiment: America as fertile ground for new ideas
- The Industrial Revolution
- Frick's Lock and the Schuylkill Canal
- The dramatic transformation: 1815- 1848
- Pennsylvania: crucible for innovation and progress
- The march of technology: canals, railroads and the telegraph
- Joseph Schumpeter and the challenge of creative destruction
- The Internet: a modern "canal" for transport of vital information

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