



Frick's Lock to DuPont- How the Industrial Revolution Saved America

From canals to automobiles, the telegraph to cell phones- America has survived through tumultuous periods and thrived due to inventions which occurred at critical turning points in our history. Dramatic improvements in technology often came at times of severe economic upheaval and political uncertainty. The ingenuity of Thomas Edison, the Wright Brothers and Henry Ford propelled our country and mankind into a new era- and their ongoing Industrial Revolution has forever changed the way we live and perceive the world around us. The lecture focuses on the inventions over the past 125 years which have restructured the way we think, speak and interact with others- in ways that their creators never dreamed of.

Lecture outline:

- The Noble Experiment- America as Fertile Ground for New Ideas
- The Industrial Revolution- Minds That Changed the World
- The Dramatic Transformation: 1840 to 1930
- Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Region- Crucible for Innovation and Progress
- At the Right Time- How Technology Allowed Us to Thrive Amidst Upheaval
- Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and the Wright Brothers- Creation of the Modern Age
- Don't Look Back- How Innovation Has Forever Changed the Way We Perceive Our World
- The Current Industrial Revolution
- Joseph Schumpeter and the Challenge of Creative Destruction

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Gene is an historical mystery writer from the Main Line outside Philadelphia. An avid history buff, he started writing novels after working for 30 years in the energy and investment industry. He holds a Master's Degree in Petroleum Geology, an MBA Finance and is a licensed CFA and CFP. Gene is a member of the Chester County Historical Society, Chadds Ford Historical Society, Friends of Brandywine Creek State Park, American Friends of Lafayette, Friends of Brandywine Battlefield, is on the Board of Directors of the Sanderson Museum and is an approved speaker for the Delaware Humanities Forum. He has published three novels, conducts an ongoing lecture series on historical topics and is available for book signings. Gene and his wife Phyllis live in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with their three cats. He has traveled extensively to many historic sites, including Gettysburg and the 'liberty trails' of Boston and Philadelphia.

Gene's book "Abandoned Address- The Secret of Frick's Lock" is an historical mystery novel set in northern Chester County, Pennsylvania. Natalie finds a dusty old box in the abandoned 18th century town of Frick's Lock. Wanting to learn more about the old town and the owner of a dilapidated plantation style house, she and Jim seek advice from local historians. Their leads put them on the trail of an eccentric genius- a man who claimed to know some of the most famous innovators of the industrial era. Abandoned Address highlights the men who overcame great odds to change our world and the far-ranging impact which their inventions have had on our society. Natalie's startling discovery not only sheds light on the industrial history of our country- it is the find of the century...

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