

WATERWAYS OF NEW YORK: THE ESTABLISHMENT & GROWTH OF AN INTERNET DATABASE

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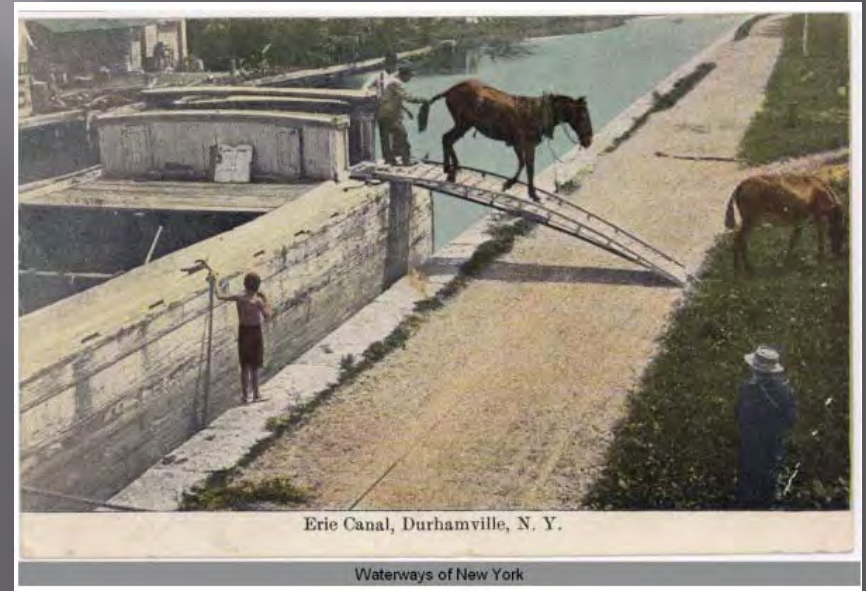


Introduction



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School Curriculum

ERIE AND JUNCTION CANAL GUIDE.

Containing a List of Distances on said Canals, Rates of Toll, Toll on 100 lbs. per 100 miles at the different rates; also extracts from the Canal Law and Regulations.

Place to place.	Distances								ARTICLES.	Rates of Toll.		Penalty.	Section.	
	Albany.	West Troy.	Schenectady.	Utica.	Syracuse.	Rochester.	Buffalo.	per 100 lbs. pr. mile		\$	Cents.			
Albany.....	0	0	7	30	110	171	270	363	Agricultural productions.....	5	5	0	5	
West Troy.....	7	7	0	23	103	164	263	356	Ashes, pot and pearl.....	0	5	0	5	\$ 25
Junction.....	2	9	2	21	101	162	261	354	Articles unenumerated, west	1	2	0	12	117
Lower Aqueduct.....	5	14	7	16	96	157	256	349do.....do.....east.....	0	5	0	5	120
Upper Aqueduct.....	12	26	19	4	84	145	244	337	Beef.....	0	5	0	5	121-2
Schenectady.....	4	30	23	0	80	141	240	333	Butter.....	0	5	0	5	25
Rotterdam.....	9	39	32	9	71	132	231	324	Beer.....	0	5	0	5	123
Amsterdam.....	7	46	39	16	64	125	224	317	Bran.....	0	5	0	5	25
Schoharie Creek.....	7	53	46	23	57	118	217	310	Brick.....	0	2 1/2	0	2 1/2	124
Caughnawaga.....	4	57	50	27	53	114	213	306	Broken Castings.....	0	5	0	5	
Spraker's Basin.....	9	66	59	36	44	105	204	297	Buffalo Skins.....	0	7	0	7	
Canajoharie.....	3	69	62	39	41	102	201	294	Broom-handles.....	0	2 1/2	0	2 1/2	125
Fort Plain.....	3	72	65	42	38	99	198	291	Cheese.....	0	5	0	5	128
Feeder.....	4	76	69	46	34	95	194	287	Cider.....	0	5	0	5	130
Indian Castle.....	7	83	76	53	27	88	187	280	Clay.....	0	2 1/2	0	2 1/2	131
Fink's Ferry.....	3	86	79	56	24	85	184	277	Coal.....	0	5	0	5	132
Little Falls.....	2	88	81	58	22	83	182	275	Cattle, live.....	0	5	0	5	
Herkimer Lower Bridge....	7	95	88	65	15	76	175	268	Castings, east or west.....	1	0	0	10	
Herkimer Upper Bridge....	1	96	89	66	14	75	174	267	Copperas, east.....	0	5	0	5	139
German Flatts, (Bennett's)	1	97	90	67	13	74	173	266	Cotton.....	0	7	0	7	141
Frankfort.....	3	100	93	70	10	71	170	263	Carts, owner on board.....	0	5	0	5	143
Utica.....	10	110	103	80	0	61	160	253	Deer Skins.....	0	7	0	7	144
Whitesborough.....	4	114	107	84	4	57	156	249	Earth.....	0	2 1/2	0	2 1/2	25

No clearance shall be granted to a boat unless it be registered.....
 No person shall change the name of a boat without permission from the comptroller.....
 No boat shall receive a clearance until its name be painted with letters at least four inches in height.....
 Captains shall exhibit true bills at the office where they receive a clearance, and to the next collector's office, and where they discharge freight.....
 Persons carrying freight between offices shall within ten days deliver a true bill to the nearest collector, and pay toll.....
 Every captain who shall omit to deliver a true bill to any collector when required, shall be liable to.....
 Every captain who shall deliver a false bill, shall pay treble toll on all property omitted.....
 Every person knowingly signing or delivering a false bill is liable to a fine not less than three times the value of property omitted, and imprisonment not to exceed two years.....
 Captains shall not unload freight till the clearance is delivered to the collector.....
 Captains omitting to deliver their clearances to the collector are liable to.....
 Collectors shall give copies of clearances if requested.....
 Such copies shall have the same validity and effect as original clearances.....
 Collectors may detain articles and boats containing them, and weigh, count, or measure.....
 If the articles exceed the bill, in weight, number, or feet, the captains shall pay the expense at the rate of twenty-five cents per ton for weighing, five mills a piece for counting, and five cents per one hundred feet for measuring.....
 Captains of boats that pay toll on passengers monthly, shall deliver to some collector a statement of the passengers, and testify to the same.....
 If no passengers have been carried on such boat captain to testify to that fact.....
 Captains and owners who do not furnish statements are liable to.....
 The commissioners may prohibit such boats from receiving clearances.....
 Captains that do not make monthly statements, or commute, shall pay toll on passengers the same as on freight.....
 The commissioners may receive a commutation for toll on passengers.....
 It is the duty of collectors or superintendents to assign berths to boats when loading or unloading, when disputes arise.....
 No boat shall move faster on the canal than four miles an hour.....
 When a packet boat shall overtake another boat it shall be the duty of the latter to give the former every practicable facility in passing.....
 When boats meet each shall turn out to the right.....

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Waterways of New York: The Establishment & Growth of an Internet Database

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Postcards are important to the understanding of the various canals and other waterways in New York State. They differ from photographs and other materials in that they are a rich source of easily identifiable information about the cultural and physical development of the state. There are literally thousands of images related to the development, use and termination of the various state canals. Unfortunately, many of these visual sources lack sufficient information to place them into a proper historical and cultural perspective. Too often cultural heritage resources are hidden out of sight, are in inconvenient locations, and may be lost to those who have no knowledge of their existence. The evolution of the Internet has created an exceptional opportunity to make these images available to all, and to create conditions where individuals and organizations can collaborate in a more effective way. The primary intent of the presentation is to show how the creation of an internet database of digitized postcards and other materials can further the appreciation and use of images in understanding the place and role of canals and waterways in the state. We will illustrate how the database can be used in the state mandated elementary curriculum segment devoted to the Erie Canal, and how researchers can utilize the images in researching our waterways. In addition, we will illustrate how the database can be used to further economic development and community revitalization by incorporating selected images into local promotional/historical materials, and/or creating slide shows. It also will showcase the database, which currently has over 600 postcards covering the Erie, Champlain, Barge, Seneca/Cayuga and D&H canals, the Hudson River, various contiguous harbors (e.g. Buffalo, New York), and explain how it was created. Of special interest will be a discussion and evaluation of the three software packages used at various points (Greenstone, CONTENTdm, Omeka) so that those interested in creating a similar database can benefit from our expertise. These include one proprietary and two freely available open-source options. Finally, we will show how interested individuals and organizations can submit postcard images to the database without losing control of the actual artifacts. The database and information about it can be viewed at: <http://qcpages.qc.edu/GSLIS/digitization.html> . A student (Scott Voth) also is in the process of migrating a portion of the database to the Omeka open-source platform; this work in progress can be seen at <http://www.pcnyc.net/omeka/> .

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