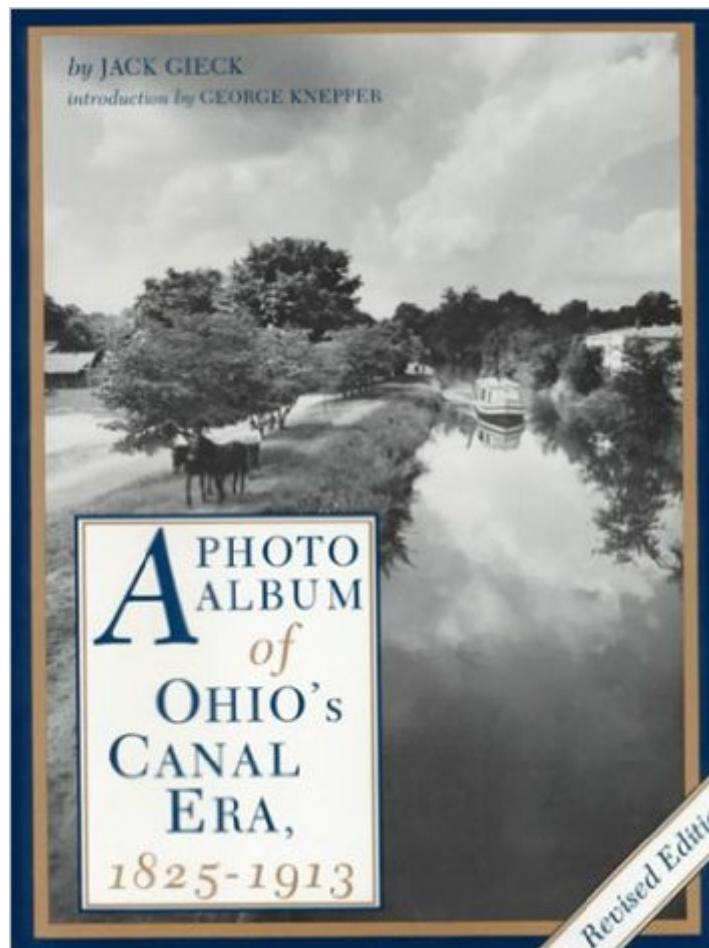


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A Photo Album Of Ohio's Canal Era: 1825-1913



Synopsis

This book is a profusely illustrated interpretation of life along Ohio's 19th-century canal system: the Miami & Erie Canal with its multiple feeders in central and eastern Ohio. Gieck recounts the efforts of people involved in the planning and building of the canal system and draws an admiring yet candid picture of the canalers who made their livelihood upon the canal waters. Designed in an oversized format, this beautiful volume will be welcomed by historians and engineers as well as by all those who find in the surviving canals a fascinating symbol of Ohio's heritage.

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This is a profusely illustrated "coffee table book". A Photo Album of Ohio's Canal Era, 1825-1913 (Ohio) is a discussion and photo-history of the numerous feeder lakes and transportation canals (for both supplies and passengers) which were spread like stitch-work across the Buckeye State in the 19th and early 20th centuries, before the railroads nullified their utility and viable existence. The remnants of many of these intriguing canals can still be viewed at various locations, including a number of the brilliantly conceived sandstone-constructed locks and aqueducts. A few have even been restored to their original magnificence. Most of the original canal feeder lakes (e.g., Buckeye Lake) have since been designated as state parks, all of which allow boating, fishing, and camping in addition to other outdoor recreational pursuits. The original photographs in this book are exceptional. Of course they are rendered in black-and-white. The documentation of each canal has been well-researched and many folks will be surprised to learn that the hamlets in which they live are

actually named for a particular lock such as [Lock] Seventeen, Ohio on U.S. Route 36. For well over 50 years, I've lived within a mile of the Ohio-Erie Canal which generally parallels U.S. Route 23 and State Route 104 between Columbus (the state's contemporary Capital) and Portsmouth, the latter community marking the southern terminus of the canal which ultimately dumped into the Ohio River, (about 1/2 mile west of the Scioto River's current confluence with the Ohio).

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