



The 1829 Locktender's House

The old locktender's house at Lock 44 in Freemansburg is one of two remaining lockhouses on the Lehigh Canal. Locktender families lived in the building from the opening of the canal in 1829 until the waterway closed in 1932.

The structure is owned by the Borough of Freemansburg and is being restored through a cooperative effort among the Borough, County and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

Exterior restoration of the building was completed in January 2017, thanks to Northampton County hotel tax funds. A grant application to restore the building's first two floors and basement is pending.

Work on the interior will be done by community volunteers.



Our Goals

- Preserve and restore the 1829 Locktender's House, Lock #44 and maintain Freemansburg's other canal-era structures.
- Work with the Borough of Freemansburg to maintain the integrity of Lehigh canal and old canal towpath, now the D&L trail.
- Maintain a volunteer organization that will preserve and promote Freemansburg's canal history well into the future.

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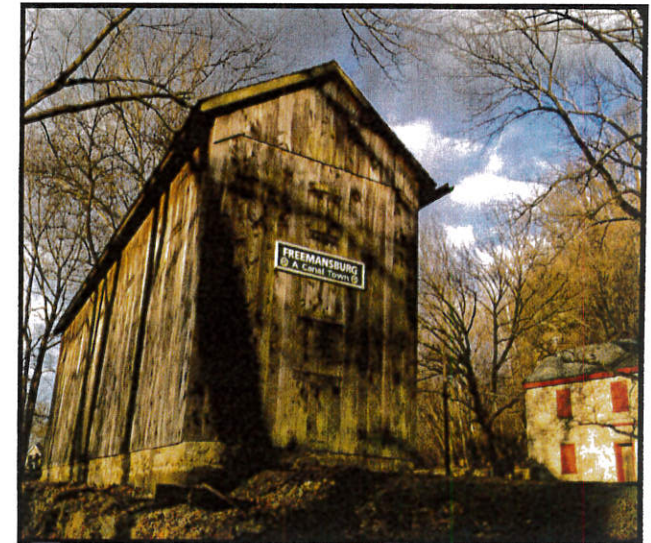
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Help Preserve Freemansburg's Canal History



The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, owned by Josiah White and Erskine Hazard, completed a 1.5-mile section of the Lehigh Canal, a locktender's house, mule barn and locks 43 and 44 in the autumn of 1829, the year the canal opened.

Freemansburg owed its rapid development to the canal. The majority of canal boats carried coal; however, some hauled logs, grain, vegetables, limestone and pig iron.

It wasn't unusual for boatmen - "canallers" - to live with their families on the boats. They often docked in Freemansburg to trade a bucket of coal for a chicken, eggs or milk.

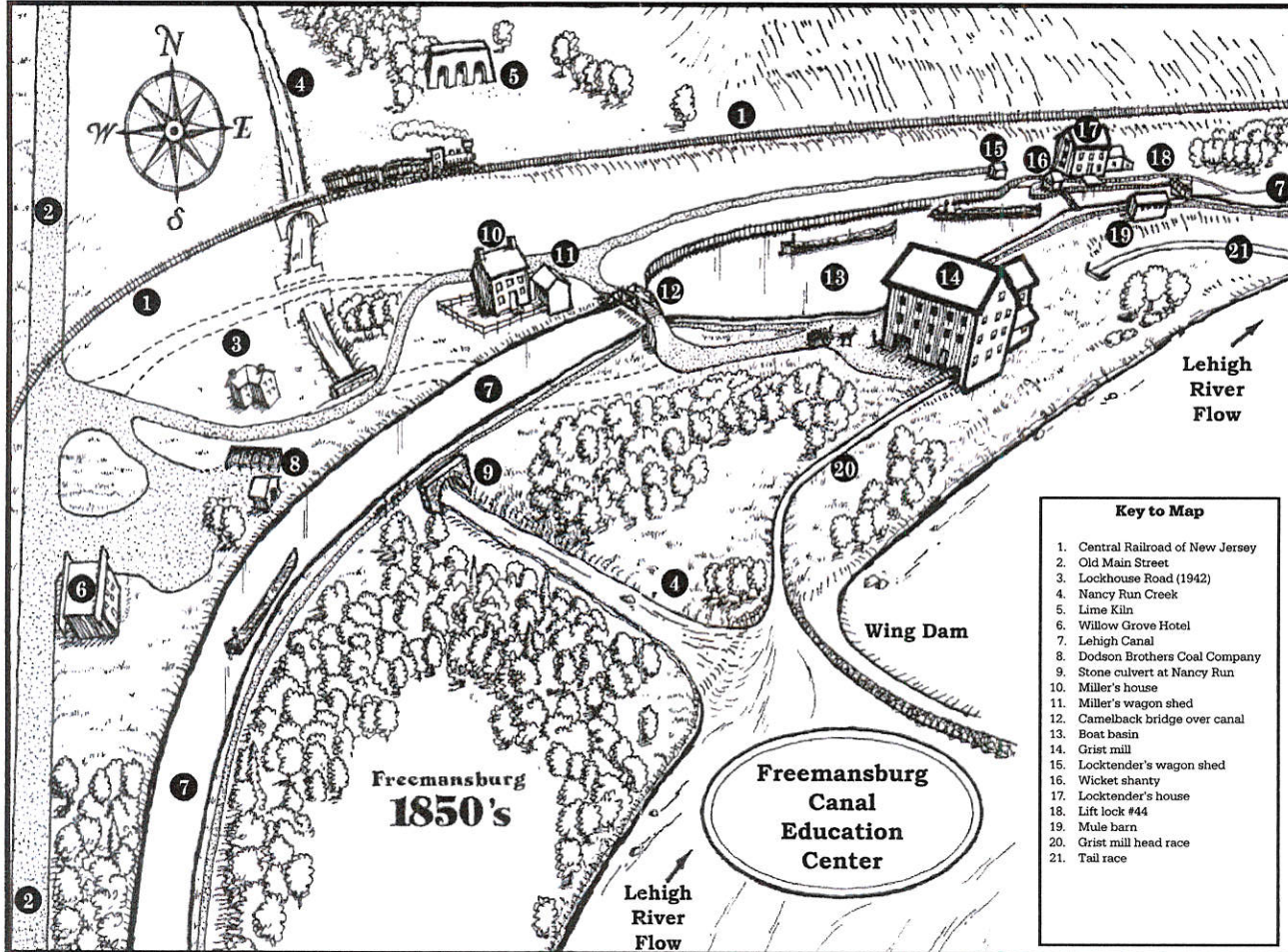
Three boatyards in Freemansburg employed over 100 people and produced as many as 100 boats per year.

The heyday of the canal ended when the Central New Jersey Railroad came through the area in 1860.

Today volunteers from the D&L and Old Freemansburg Association (OFA) maintain the property.

The OFA is a Freemansburg-based group that welcomes new members from inside and outside the community.

Volunteer opportunities include interpretation, preservation and restoration work at the historic site, staffing events, site maintenance and public relations ambassadors.



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