

25th Annual Conference on New England Industrial Archeology

Saturday, February 25th, 2012

Room 144, Boyd Hall, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, N.H.

9:30 AM Registration, coffee and donuts

9:45 AM Greetings from Plymouth State University
and new NNEC president David Dunning

10 AM John Rule
*The Brown Company: From North Country Sawmill
to World's Leading Paper Producer*
This paper presents a brief history of the Brown Paper Company
from 1851 until 2011, concentrating on the years 1888-1965.
The Brown Company grew from a north country sawmill opera-
tion into the largest single chemical pulp and paper manufactur-
er in the world.

10:30 AM Peter Morrison
*Archeology of the Perkins Tidal Mill, Kennebunkport,
Maine*
From the 1600's to the 1900's over 200 tidal powered mills
operated on the coast of Maine. Typical was the Perkins Grist
Mill located on a small tributary to the Kennebeck River in
Kennebunkport, Maine. The mill operated from 1749 to the late
1930's and burned in 1994.

11 AM Refreshment Break

11:15 AM Patrick Malone
"Poor Shad" Fishways on Lowell's Pawtucket Dam
Henry David Thoreau sympathized with the plight of the "poor
shad" affected by dams in and around Lowell, Massachusetts, in
the mid-nineteenth century. This presentation will look at the
history of the dam for almost two centuries and at the numerous
efforts to move fish safely past it.

11:45 AM Charles Parrott
*The Historic Flashboard System and the Preservation
of Lowell's Pawtucket Dam*
For nearly 175 years the dam across the Merrimack at Lowell
has been topped with flashboards. This presentation will recount
their history and technology while outlining the alterations pro-
posed by the dam's private owners to replace the flashboards
with the bladder dam.

12:15 PM Lunch Break

1:30 PM Martha Cummings
*The Patterson Mill: An Excavation and Interpretation
Opportunity*
In the obscure little village of North Groton, N.H., there stands
a historic house nestled in the hillside along Hall's Brook. It is
one of the many places Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian
Science, lived and is the site of two early 19th century mills
built years before the Eddys arrival.

2 PM Craig Austin
*History of Industry along Mother Brook and the
Fight for Water Rights*
In 1639 the residents of Dedham Plantation dug a canal from
the Charles River to a stream called East Brook to provide addi-
tional water to power a grist mill, and eventually 5 mill privi-
leges led to disputes. Now known as Mother Brook, this presen-
tation will cover the court case and a quick tour of the brook
today.

2:30 PM Rick Russack
Redstone Granite Quarries and Archeological Site
The granite quarries on Rattlesnake Mountain in Redstone, NH,
(part of the town of Conway). The quarry and substantial
remains of buildings and machinery dating back to the late
1800's constitute one of the most interesting industrial archeo-
logical sites in New Hampshire.

3 PM Joseph D. King
*The Fresh Pond Ice Company: Underwater Survey
and Artifact Recovery from a 19th Century Ice House*
The Fresh Pond Ice Company is an exemplary case study of the
evolution of the ice industry in New England. The company's
operations spanned some 80 years from the early days of the ice
pioneering entrepreneur to well beyond the introduction of the
Frigidaire in 1923.

Information: 603-714-4052 or ykforestry@yahoo