

A TOUR OF FALL RIVER'S MILLS

Presented by:

Southern New England Chapter - Society for Industrial Archeology in conjunction with Fall River Mill Owner's Association

SATURDAY MAY 18, 2013

As part of the:

QUEQUECHAN BICENTENNIAL (1813-2013)

Part I: Lower Quequechan River Valley (Tour starts at 9:30 AM)

We will meet at Gromada Plaza across from city hall near the corner of Pocasset Street and South Main. We will start at the top of Pocasset Street and work our way down the hill toward lower Anawan Street and Water Street to learn how a unique combination of reliable water power and a tidewater seaport enabled Fall River to grow rapidly during the first half of the 19th century to become one of the leading industrial centers in New England.



Sites / Subjects:

- ❖ Site of Pocasset Manufacturing Company (1821 - 1928)
- ❖ Site of Robeson Print Works (1826 – c. 1960)
- ❖ Site of Fall River Manufacturing Company (1813 – 1961)
- ❖ American Printing Company (APC) Mill No. 7 (1906)
- ❖ Metacomet Mill (1846)
- ❖ Site of E.C. Kilburn & Company (1846-1927)
- ❖ American Printing Company Storehouses (1889-1905)
- ❖ Site of Fall River Iron Works Foundry (1843)
- ❖ Borden & Remington (c. 1892)
- ❖ Fall River Gas Works (1847)
- ❖ American Printing Company Maintenance Shop (c. 1900)
- ❖ American Printing Company Office (c. 1840s)
- ❖ Site American Print Works (1834-1941)
- ❖ APC Electric Plant (1922)
- ❖ Site Fall River Iron Works (2nd Site) (1840)
- ❖ Railroad Grade Elimination Project (1902-1905)
- ❖ Site of American Linen Company (1852-1930s)

Break for Lunch

There are numerous lunch options located near the tour areas.

Part II: Upper Quequechan Valley

After lunch we will meet at corner of Troy Street and Pleasant, near the site of the Troy Mills (1813). We will head east along Pleasant Street to explore a few of the magnificent granite mills that were part of Fall River's great textile boom after the Civil War, that made the city the preeminent cotton textile center in the Western Hemisphere during the late 19th century.

Sites / Subjects:

- ❖ Site of Troy Mills (1813)
- ❖ Quequechan River Gate House (1960s)
- ❖ Edison / Fall River Electric Companies (1883)
- ❖ Union Belt Company (1871)
- ❖ Union Mills (1859)
- ❖ Site of Eddy Mill (1849)
- ❖ Durfee Mills (1866)
- ❖ Crescent Mill (1871)
- ❖ Granite Mills (1863)

Tour is FREE and open to the PUBLIC, but **pre-registration is required.**
Please contact Marc N. Belanger, SNEC-SIA president at: mnbelanger@comcast.net or (508) 837-5669 to register.

Note: This tour will involve plenty of walking with hills. Wear appropriate shoes.