



SHAWNEES DOWN THE SOUTH BRANCH

The Shawnee Canoe Club of Cumberland, Maryland was organized in 1896 by Robert Shriver, prominent Cumberland banker. It adjoined Riverside Park just upriver from the confluence of the North Branch and Wills Creek. The club was made up of prominent and imaginative members and their ladies who enjoyed practicing the fine art of having a good time. Members paddled up and down the North Branch and travelled the main-stem Potomac and the C&O Canal. ...But it was the Potomac's South Branch that beckoned more spirited members again and again with its fast sparkling rapids and spectacular scenery.

SHAWNEES DOWN THE SOUTH BRANCH was written and narrated by Dick Stanton, Superintendent of the C&O Canal from photographs taken by Robert Shriver and Joel Griffith. These photographs are from private collections and most have never been shown to the general public. Here are early river and camping scenes taken as far back as 1898...some of the most remarkable early canoeing pictures in existence.

Dick Stanton has logged over 7500 miles by canoe along the Potomac and its tributaries and is familiar with the rivers paddled by the Shawnees. If you are a devotee of old pictures and their stories you will enjoy SHAWNEES DOWN THE SOUTH BRANCH.