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March 15, 1966

The Hon. Stewart L. Udall,  
Ministry of the Interior,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Udall,

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith an announcement about the inauguration of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Historical Society in this area. The Society is being formed by a group of citizens who are hoping to get widespread support for their venture.

As I am sure you will agree, our motive is in perfect keeping with your most laudable efforts to preserve the beauties and amenities of the United States. We shall be most grateful for any interest and support you and your Department can give us.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Kathleen W. Tetlow

(Mrs) Kathleen W. Tetlow.

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# *The Delaware & Hudson Canal Historical Society*

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**You Are Invited . . .**

To attend the Inaugural Meeting of the  
Delaware and Hudson Canal Historical Society,  
and become an active member of historically  
minded Citizens, Canal Landowners  
and all interested in the preservation of  
old America.

The meeting will be held at **The High Falls Fire Hall, Monday Evening, March 21, 1966 at 8:00 P.M.** At this meeting the Administrative Officers will be elected, and the scope and intent of this Society will be freely discussed.

The preservation of remnants of this old Waterway is the prime target, but the co-operation of property owners along the route is essential to prevent further demolition. There is still much fascinating evidence of this picturesque old Canal, but ere long, time, and marauding hands, will have obliterated every trace of it, unless we act NOW.

From its inception to its demise, the impact of this engineering feat on the local economy, has not been fully explored; in fact many outlets for research and hobbies are available to everyone.

Please attend or write for particulars to:

The D. & H. Canal Historical Society  
c/o General Delivery  
High Falls, New York 12440

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Mrs. Kathleen W. Tector  
The Pipershill House  
Aldergenville  
High Falls, New York

Dear Mrs. Tector:

Secretary of the Interior Hall has asked us to reply to your recent letter announcing the plan to form the Delaware and Hudson Canal Historical Association with the objective of preserving remnants of the old Canal. You and your associates are to be commended for your interests in historical preservation.

During the formative stages of the organization you may wish to seek the assistance of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a well-known private group which serves as a nationwide clearing house for preservation efforts on all levels. The National Trust has been especially effective in advising and guiding group preservation projects. We suggest you write Mr. Robert R. Garrow, Jr., Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 315 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

The American Association for State and Local History, 132 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, offers advice and assistance to local and State societies. They also have issued a number of authentic publications on a variety of subjects related to problems encountered by historical societies and museums. Many of these publications should prove useful to your group.

We hope this information will be useful to you, and we wish you good luck and success in your preservation endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

(SSD) HOWARD R. STAGNER

Assistant Director

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Christopher B. Morris  
26 Nile Street  
Yonkers, New York 10704  
November 17, 1967

Department of the Interior  
Bureau of National Parks  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Proposed National Park  
in Delaware River Area.

Gentlemen:

I have read recently in the New York Times that a new National Park is to be established in the Delaware River area from the Delaware Water Gap, Pa. to Port Jervis, N.Y. I would appreciate receiving any literature available, or at least a site plan or map of the proposed park. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Christopher B. Morris*  
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**JOSEPH M. MCDADE**  
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March 26, 1968

Mr. George B. Hartzog, Jr.  
Director, National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hartzog:

On Page 85 of "FOUNDERS AND FRONTIERSMEN" published by the National Park Service there appears a map which shows a canal extending from Honesdale, Pennsylvania, in my Congressional District, to Kingston, New York. In checking on the historical aspects of this waterway I have been advised that there is little or no information available at present.

I shall appreciate your advising me of the feasibility of instituting a study which would reveal the early history of the canal, its uses, and its impact on the economic and cultural development of the area. It is quite possible that along this canal there may be areas or sites which are worthy of consideration as National Historic Sites or Landmarks and, if so, I would be most interested in their preservation for future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. McDade, M.C.

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Hon. Joseph M. McDade  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McDade:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry concerning the canal extending from Honesdale, Pennsylvania, to Kingston, New York, which is <sup>shown</sup> ~~known~~ in "Founders and Frontiersmen." We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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Hon. Joseph M. McDade  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McDade:

We are pleased to reply to your recent inquiry about the Delaware and Hudson Canal extending from Homestead, Pennsylvania, to Kingston, New York.

We will be glad to schedule a special study of this canal and historic structures associated with it for presentation to the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments at its meeting this fall.

We appreciate your interest in the potential historical values of the canal and the possibility that the protection of such values might be encouraged through the National Historic Landmark program.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HARTHON L. BILL

Acting Director

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