

The Middlesex Canal Association

Winter Meeting

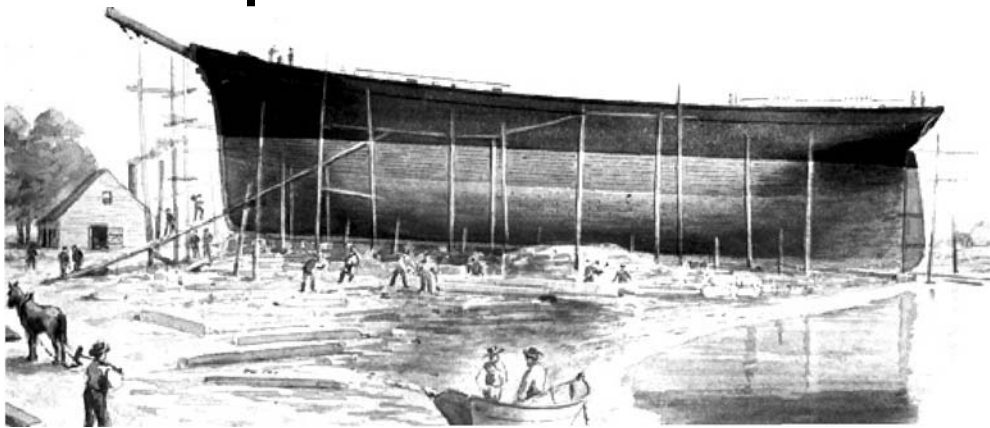
February 8, 2009 2:30 pm Sunday Afternoon

Middlesex Canal Museum and Visitors Center

71 Faulkner Street, North Billerica

Speaker: Medford Historian, Dee Morris

“The Shipbuilders of Medford”



Medford, one of the nine towns the canal passed through, during its heyday, was a major ship producer employing two to three thousand workers in at least 13 separate firms.

The wealth accumulated by these shipbuilders and the need for cheap wood from the forests of New Hampshire offered backing for the construction of the canal.

Historian Dee Morris brings to life this story.

The initial planning for the Middlesex Canal Corporation took place in the Blanchard Tavern in Medford which was captured beautifully by David Dettinger's play, snippets of which will be shown. The canal was planned to end at Medford at the tidal Mystic River but it was extended to Charlestown at the Charles River. In Medford a short branch canal supplied logs to the shipping trade.

Please join us for an interesting afternoon.

Refreshments will be served.

The museum is handicapped accessible.

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