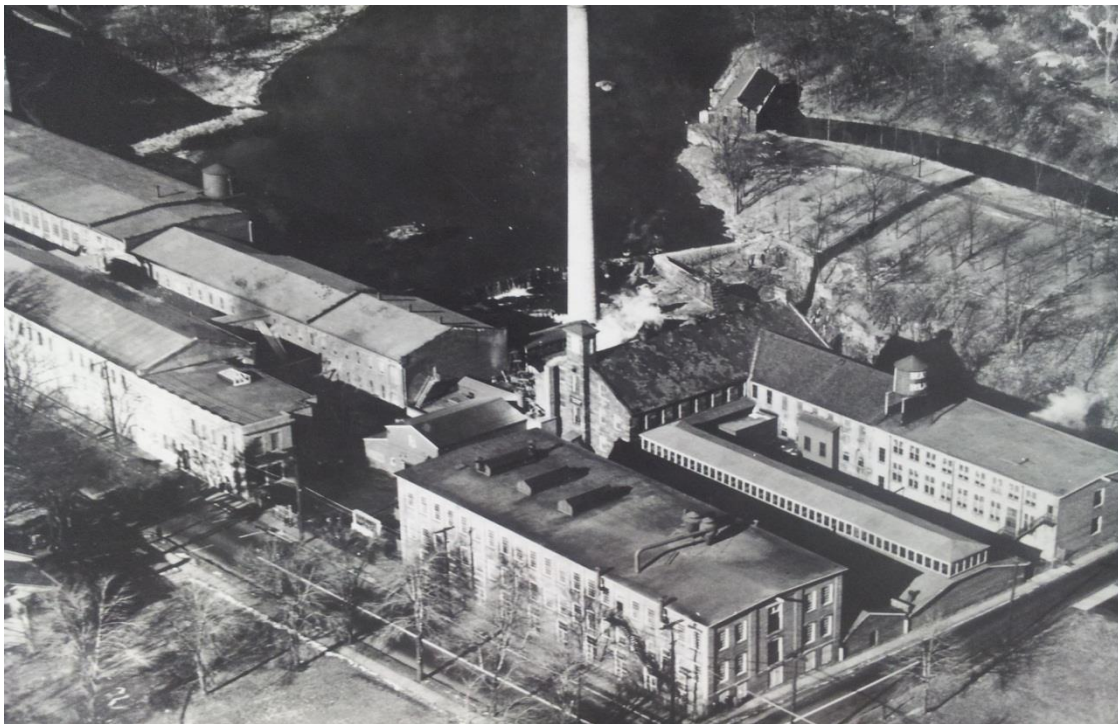


Little Falls Historical Society

Features:

The Story of the Beattie Carpet Mills

Wednesday November 13th 2013, 7:30PM
Little Falls Community Center--Warren Street



Join Historian Robert L. Williams as he takes you on a journey thru the abandoned Beattie Carpet Mills of Little Falls, New Jersey. Be with him as he discovers the many fascinating relics which are now housed in the collections of the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark, NJ and the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, MA. This will be a talk of adventure and discovery as Mr. Williams had spent many hours, often by himself late into the evening hours, searching to find the hidden treasures that were left behind when the company closed its doors in the early 1980's. He will talk about the break-in to the company vault in the burned-out office building as the building was being demolished and discovering records that extended back in time to 1809 including the naturalization papers of company founder, Robert Beattie, dating from 1840.

The presentation will begin with a brief CD documentary of the history of the mill complex including many vintage photos—some of which were discovered among debris scattered by vandals on the mill floor. Mr. Williams will then take you in detail thru the abandoned complex thru the use of videography showing you how it appeared while he was salvaging thousands of historical records. There will also be a short vintage silent movie showing the mill at work—now only a ghostly memory of the distant past.

If you have an interest in adventure and discovery or would simply like to explore this fascinating old mill, you will definitely not want to miss this event!!