

Orange County Genealogical Society

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10:30 AM

1841 Historic Courthouse

101 Main Street

Goshen, NY

**“Erie Mainline through Orange County
and the Newburgh Branches”**

Presented by: Robert McCue

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From the 1840's through the 1970's, the Erie Railroad was a major economic force in Orange County. It spurred the growth birth of the milk industry, and its connection to New York City helped turned rural Orange County into an industrial force in the later part of the 19th century, and the first half of the twentieth century.

Robert born and raised in Cornwall, the roadbed of the O&W Railroad was almost literally in my backyard. I grew up on Stories of my family working in the old Firth Carpet mill, and living along the railroad. Dad's favorite fishing spot was on the river by the site of the old railroad coal piers. The old O&W was our path to the river.

Coming from a family of storytellers must be where I get my love of writing from.

The first train I ever remember seeing was at the Erie's crossing at Vails Gate. I can still see that train in my head to this day, the start of my lifelong love of the Erie and the railroads. People say that they would not know what to write (for a book)

I always say God whispered it in my ear when I was five.

Refreshments following the program

All programs are free and open to the public

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