

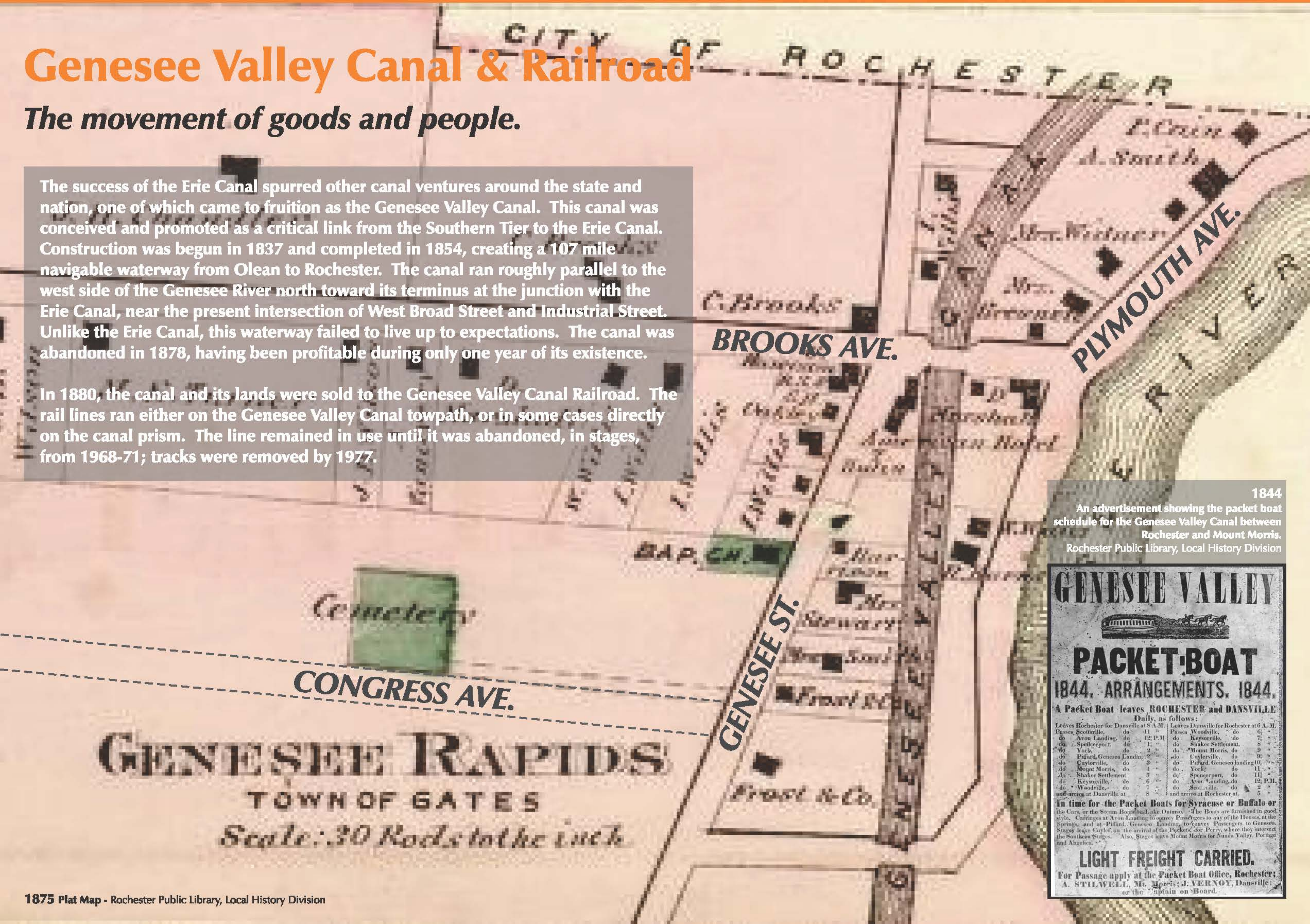


# Genesee Valley Canal & Railroad

*The movement of goods and people.*

The success of the Erie Canal spurred other canal ventures around the state and nation, one of which came to fruition as the Genesee Valley Canal. This canal was conceived and promoted as a critical link from the Southern Tier to the Erie Canal. Construction was begun in 1837 and completed in 1854, creating a 107 mile navigable waterway from Olean to Rochester. The canal ran roughly parallel to the west side of the Genesee River north toward its terminus at the junction with the Erie Canal, near the present intersection of West Broad Street and Industrial Street. Unlike the Erie Canal, this waterway failed to live up to expectations. The canal was abandoned in 1878, having been profitable during only one year of its existence.

In 1880, the canal and its lands were sold to the Genesee Valley Canal Railroad. The rail lines ran either on the Genesee Valley Canal towpath, or in some cases directly on the canal prism. The line remained in use until it was abandoned, in stages, from 1968-71; tracks were removed by 1977.



1844  
An advertisement showing the packet boat schedule for the Genesee Valley Canal between Rochester and Mount Morris. Rochester Public Library, Local History Division

**GENESEE VALLEY**

**PACKET BOAT**  
1844. ARRANGEMENTS, 1844.

A Packet Boat leaves ROCHESTER and DANSVILLE Daily, as follows:

Leaves Rochester for Dansville at 8 A.M.	Leaves Dansville for Rochester at 6 A.M.
Passes Scottsville, do 11 "	Passes Woodville, do 6 "
do Avon Landing, do 12 P.M.	do Keyserville, do 7 "
do Spencerport, do 1 "	do Shaker Settlement, do 8 "
do York, do 2 "	do Mount Morris, do 9 "
do Pillard, Genesee Landing, do 3 "	do Cuylerville, do 10 "
do Cuylerville, do 9 "	do Pillard, Genesee Landing, do 10 "
do Mount Morris, do 4 "	do York, do 11 "
do Shaker Settlement, do 5 "	do Spencerport, do 11 P.M.
do Keyserville, do 6 "	do Avon Landing, do 12 P.M.
do Woodville, do 7 "	do Scottsville, do 2 "
and arrive at Dansville at 8 "	and arrive at Rochester at 5 "

**In time for the Packet Boats for Syracuse or Buffalo or the Cars, or the Steam Boats on Lake Ontario.** The Boats are furnished in good style. Carriages at Avon Landing to convey Passengers to any of the Houses, at the Springs, and at Pillard, Genesee Landing, to convey Passengers to Genesee. Stages leave Cuyler, on the arrival of the Packet, for Perry, where they intersect the Southern Stages. Also, Stages leave Mount Morris for Nunda Valley, Portage and Angola.

**LIGHT FREIGHT CARRIED.**

For Passage apply at the Packet Boat Office, Rochester:  
A. STILLWELL, Mt. Morris; J. VERNON, Dansville;  
or the Captain on Board.