

Announcing a New Publication! Orders now being taken!

Shade Furnace, An Early 19th Century Ironmaking Community in Somerset County, Pennsylvania is a new publication by the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County that will be available for a July delivery. Orders are now being taken. The book, researched and written by Brian L. Fritz, culminates many years of research and creates a historical timeline for the furnace's operation.

The furnace is owned by the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County and was acquired through property donations from Arthur, Karl, and Mary Poorbaugh. Fritz previously researched and submitted the application to have the ruins and archaeological site placed on the National Register of Historic Places. He now has compiled his years of research into a publication that tells the story of its successes and failures over the years. It is the first publication to detail the history of the Shade Furnace. Fritz examines the furnace in context of the local and global iron economy and puts together a fascinating story of its owners, processes, and operation. The book will be soft cover and contains 253 pages with numerous photos and illustrations. It is a valuable publication for anyone who collects or has an interest in Somerset County history!

The publication was made possible in part through funds and grants from the Poorbaugh Trust and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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