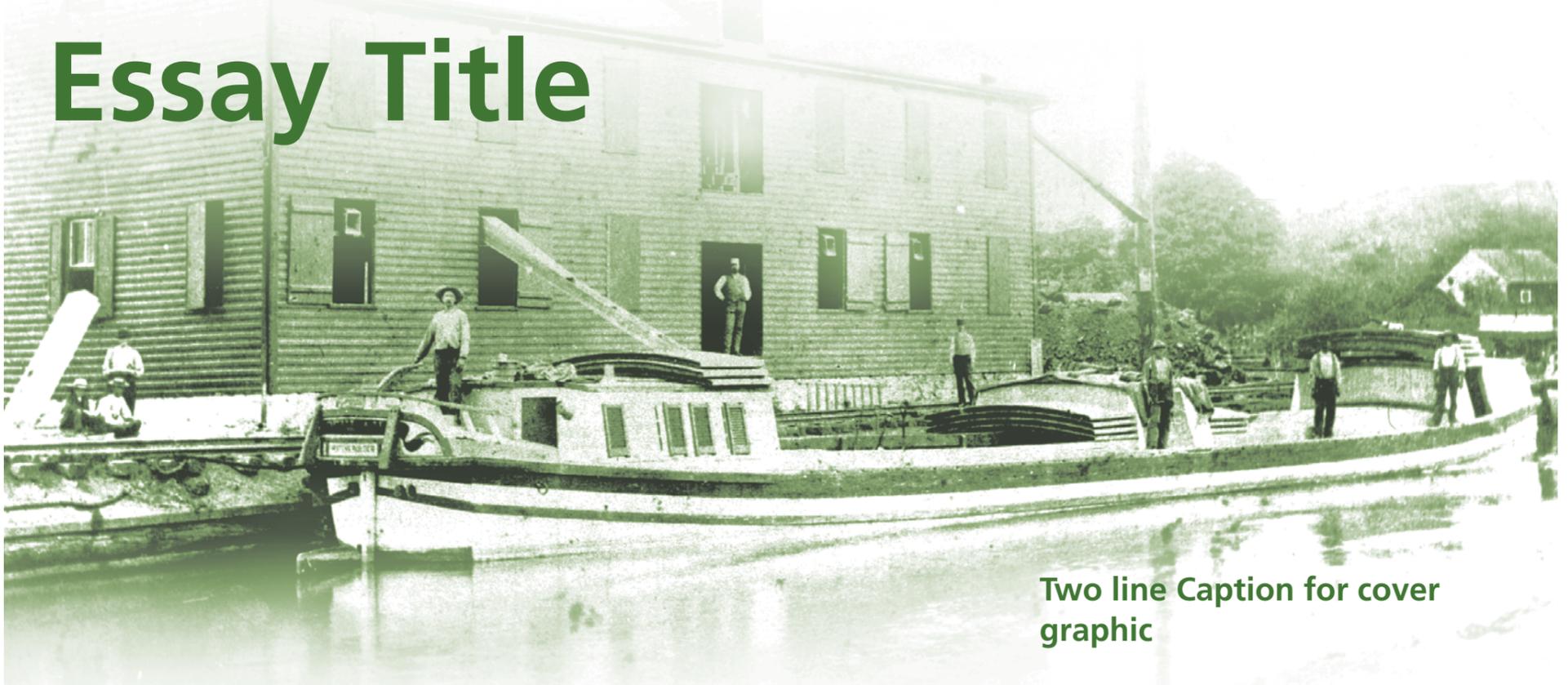


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The letter forms are distinct with Frutiger fonts. Reviewers found Rawlinson more difficult to read. Use hyphenation sparingly and italics only for ship names, and book or published title names. Simplicity and conventional presentation is urged.

Apply a minimum of type hierarchy and visual devices. Refer to "Programmatic Accessibility Guidelines for National Park Service Interpretive Media," The publications chapter offers more information.

Information may be presented as topical essays separate from visitor use information. A Visitor Use LP 11x17" format¹ shows day-use information, regulations and safety. Here, side two does invite further park experiences, but relies on the day-use format to provide specifics.

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...a long stretch of quiet and peace...

Justice William O. Douglas, March 1954

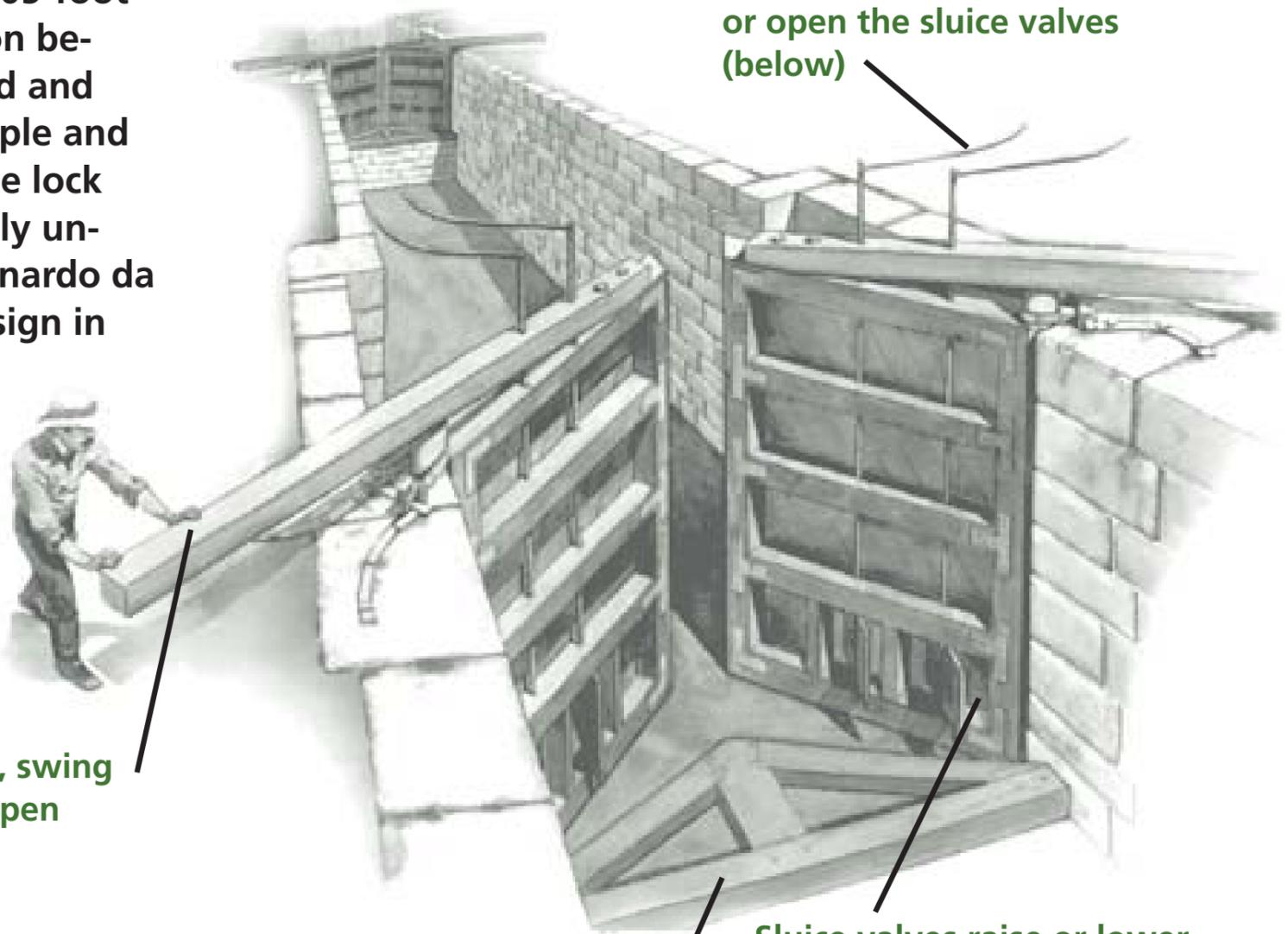
After it closed in 1924 the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal sat nearly abandoned for 30 years. Flooding and financial ruin had killed the C&O Canal Company but not the canal's physical remains. Although now bypassed by freight and commerce, the canal was soon discovered by people with different goals. The canal's nearly level towpath ran 184.5 miles along the Potomac River. It had survived as a window on the past and as a witness to the present resilience of nature.

One of those who rediscovered the C&O Canal was Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. Over time, Justice Douglas and other concerned citizens convinced the government to protect the canal. In 1971 Congress established the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Now all year long visitors can still enjoy what Douglas called, "a refuge, a place of retreat, a long stretch of quiet and peace."

Lock Gates

The 74 lift locks built on the canal enabled boats to overcome the 605-foot change in elevation between Cumberland and Georgetown. Simple and hand-operated, the lock gates were virtually unchanged from Leonardo da Vinci's original design in 1485.

Lock keys manually close or open the sluice valves (below)



Operated by hand, swing beams close and open lock gates

A mitre sill anchors the gate while the lock fills with water

Sluice valves raise or lower water levels

Explore the Towpath

Information about the canal, ranger-led activities, and points of interest is available at visitor centers along the canal. Visitor center hours vary seasonally, so phone ahead or check the website for hours, schedules, and current towpath conditions.

Hikers, campers, bicyclists, and others now can experience the rich history, wildlife, and geology of the Potomac Valley. Watered sections of the canal accommodate canoeists, boaters, and anglers. In Georgetown and at Great Falls park, rangers and volunteers in period clothing take you back to the canal's mid-19th-century heyday.

Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Camping supplies and food can be bought at stores near the park. Find restrooms and water pumps at all campsites. Potable water is not available in winter. Fires are allowed only in designated areas.

Canoeing and non-motorized boating are possible in watered sections of the canal from Georgetown to Milepost 22, and for short stretches above that. Important note: Canal users must portage (carry their boat) around each lock. Motorized craft are generally prohibited. Contact visitor center staff about boat rental possibilities.

This park is one of over 390 parks in the National Park System. To learn more about parks and National Park Service programs in America's communities, visit www.nps.gov.

More Information

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