



“Canal Conversation”

aqueduct – a bridge filled with water allowing canal boats to cross rivers or other difficult terrains; origin from *aqua/aque* which means “water” and *duct* which means “a leading”

calico – a colorful cloth that has black, cream, and orange markings, as in a *calico* cat

canal – an artificial waterway for navigation, for drainage, or for irrigating land

coal – a black stony form of fossil carbon that can be burned like wood

cargo – the different materials and objects carried by canal boats

ferry – (v.) to transport (people, vehicles, or goods) by boat across a body of water

(v.) to cross (a body of water) by a ferry

(n.) a boat used to transport people, vehicles, or goods by boat across a body of water

hatch- an opening, as in the deck of a ship, in the roof or floor; the cover for such an opening; a ship's compartment

hinny – the offspring of a male horse and a female donkey

lock – a part of a canal with gates at each end where boats are raised or lowered to different water levels

lock house – a house built near a boat lock in which the lock keeper lived

lock keeper – a person hired to open and close the gates when a boat passed through a lock

mule – the offspring of a female horse and a male donkey

rudder – a flat, movable piece that can be moved from side to side at the back of a boat to steer it

sandstone - a common sedimentary rock used for building, composed largely of sand grains, mainly quartz, held together by silica, lime, etc.

tiller – a lever for turning the rudder of a boat

towline – a rope connecting mules or horses to boats for towing

towpath – a trail on the side of the canal where the mules walked towing the boat