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## **MERRIMACK VALLEY TAKES CENTER STAGE IN EXQUISITE NEW HISTORICAL TRIBUTE**

**MERRIMACK VALLEY, MA 2004** — Pour a cup of hot cider, curl up in your favorite chair and sit back to enjoy one of the most incredible books of the season, *Lower Merrimack, The Valley & Its Peoples: An Illustrated History*. With its vivid pages and precise, yet lively historical account written by esteemed educator, historian and author, Paul Hudon, what better way to learn of the area's intriguing past and present.

This beautiful hard cover publication is the most artfully illustrated account of Merrimack Valley's rich and colorful heritage, to its evolving, promising future. Learn about:

- Merrimack Valley's original inhabitants and the evolution of such modern-day communities as Newburyport, Haverhill, Amesbury, Andover, Lowell and Lawrence.
- The textile corporations that provided new sources of employment, attracting European immigrants who actively contributed to the rich culture and vigorous politics of the Valley.
- Fascinating tales of local legendary people who certainly characterized the Valley such as Hannah Dustin, Timothy Dexter, the Kimmel Sisters, Francis Cabot Lowell, and Sarah G. Bagley, just to name a few.
- Throughout history, the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, the success of the Valley to rise above and conquer every time was grounded on the cohesion of the people and their communities and their ability to join forces and work together.

Hats off to Paul Hudon who so colorfully recreates the life of the Merrimack Valley's distant and recent past as well as its promising future. *Lower Merrimack, The Valley & Its Peoples: An Illustrated History* contains 200 pages with more than 300 incredible historical photographs in vintage black and white and vibrant color that add unsurpassed beauty to this breathtaking collection. One must personally experience this gorgeous publication to truly appreciate its brilliance.

Dr. Hudon will be signing copies and touring the area throughout the year delighting audiences with his vast knowledge of the Merrimack Valley, and will be available for media interviews.

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