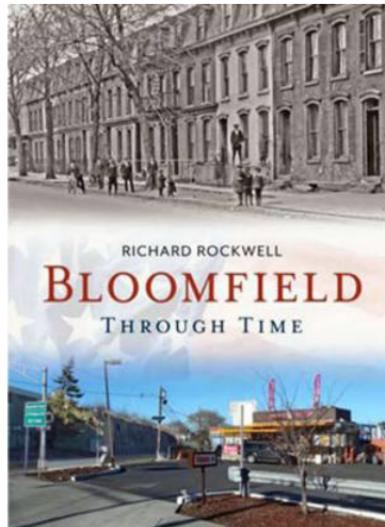


Give the gift of local history



Need a holiday gift for the Bloomfielder who has everything? Five books on local history are available at the Historical Society of Bloomfield Museum (90 Broad Street, inside the Bloomfield Children's Library).

Bloomfield through Time, by Richard Rockwell, features digitally enhanced photos from 100-year-old negatives, showing Bloomfield's transition from farms and water-powered mills, to

heavy industry, to our modern residential look. The book also depicts the evolution of local transportation from the Morris Canal, to electric trolleys and railroads, to the Garden State Parkway; plus housing shifts from Victorian homes to apartment buildings.

Proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Friends of the Morris Canal Greenway in Bloomfield, an organization devoted to preserving the Morris Canal and the Collins House.

All five books are available at the HSOB Museum at 90 Broad Street (inside the Bloomfield Children's Library), open Wednesdays 2 to 4:30 and Saturdays 10 to 12:30. For book prices, call (973) 743-8844, or email info@hsob.org.

Bloomfield, by Jean Kuras, Fred Branch and Mark Sceurman.

Bloomfield Revisited, by Jean Kuras and Fred Branch.

Extensive research and vintage photos in these two volumes capture Bloomfield's small-town values and working-class ethics. Images include inventor Thomas Edison, President Woodrow Wilson and landscape painter Charles Warren Eaton, all of whom had an impact on our town.

Co-author Jean Kuras is the current president of the Historical Society of Bloomfield. Mark Sceurman is a former president and current co-publisher of "Weird NJ." Frederick Branch is a founding member of the HSOB and the Northern NJ Chapter of the Victorian Society in America.

One Hundred and Fifty Years Around the Green: A Brief History of Bloomfield, New Jersey, 1812-1962, by Rachel F. Diamond, is a commemoration of Bloomfield's sesquicentennial in 1962. Readers take a historical journey around town from a mid-20th century perspective. Available in hard cover and soft cover, each copy is an original first edition from 1962 — true collectors' items for those who love Bloomfield.

The Mill on the Third River is an illustrated, industrial history of Bloomfield's Dodd and Davey families, whose companies were leaders in U.S. book manufacturing. The history extends from Colonial times to the present. Readers will admire the book's elaborate production (in keeping with the subject matter) and its packaging in a custom box.