



Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: A Guide to Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland, District of Columbia, and West Virginia (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: A Guide to Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland, District of Columbia, and West Virginia Looking back, canals of the period made roads of that day obsolete, but many canals were in turn made obsolete by railroads. On July 4, 1828, President John Quincy Adams turned the first shovelful of dirt on the canal. On that very day Marylander Charles Carroll was similarly launching construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Baltimore, Maryland. The railroad beat the canal to the Cumberland coalfields and soon reached the Ohio River, but the canal was never completed beyond Cumberland. President Adams shovel struck roots, then rocks, symbolizing the obstacles that would confront the canal builder. The ordinarily stiff and formal President took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves, and tried again. The Fourth of July crowd cheered. President Adams would call this the greatest moment of his life. He had begun a project that would cost investors \$14 million, a sum that represented then the same percentage of Gross National Product...



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