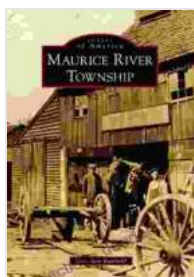


# Maurice River Township: A Journey Through Time | Images of America

Nestled in the picturesque landscapes of southern New Jersey, Maurice River Township is a tapestry of rich history and vibrant community. From its humble beginnings as a Native American settlement to its transformation into a thriving agricultural and industrial hub, the township has witnessed a remarkable evolution over the centuries.



## Maurice River Township (Images of America) by Denys Geel

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This captivating book, "Maurice River Township: Images of America," invites readers on a nostalgic journey through time, showcasing the township's remarkable past through a collection of evocative photographs and engaging narratives. These images, carefully curated from local archives and private collections, offer a glimpse into the daily lives, triumphs, and challenges of the township's residents.

## Native American Heritage

The Lenape Native Americans were the original inhabitants of Maurice River Township, leaving behind a legacy of deep connection to the land. The township's name itself pays homage to the Lenape word "Mawhock," meaning "place of the cranberries."



## Colonial Settlement

In the 17th century, European settlers began arriving in Maurice River Township, primarily from England and the Netherlands. They established farms and businesses, gradually transforming the landscape. The township became known for its fertile soil, abundant waterways, and thriving agricultural industry.



A colonial homestead in Maurice River Township, circa 1750.

## **Agricultural Powerhouse**

During the 19th century, Maurice River Township emerged as a major agricultural producer. The township's cranberry industry, in particular, flourished, earning it the nickname "The Cranberry Capital of New Jersey." Farmers also cultivated other crops, such as corn, wheat, and hay, contributing significantly to the state's agricultural economy.



## **Industrial Boom**

The early 20th century witnessed a surge in industrial development in Maurice River Township. Glassblowing, shipbuilding, and food processing emerged as major industries, providing employment opportunities for generations of residents. The township became a hub for innovation and manufacturing, contributing to the region's economic growth.



A glassblowing factory in Maurice River Township, circa 1920.

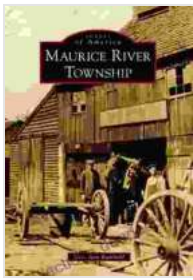
## **Community and Culture**

Throughout its history, Maurice River Township has fostered a strong sense of community. Residents have always taken pride in their town and its traditions. The township is home to vibrant churches, schools, and social organizations that have played a vital role in shaping its cultural identity.



"Maurice River Township: Images of America" is a captivating journey through the annals of this remarkable township. Through its evocative images and engaging narratives, this book celebrates the rich history and enduring spirit of Maurice River Township, New Jersey.

Whether you are a lifelong resident, a descendant of early settlers, or simply curious about the history of this vibrant community, this book is a must-read. It is a testament to the resilience, innovation, and community spirit that have defined Maurice River Township throughout its long and fascinating history.



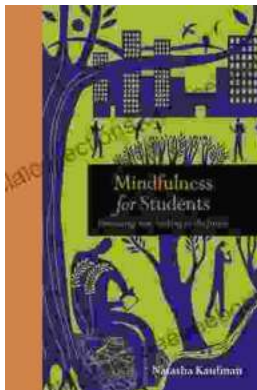
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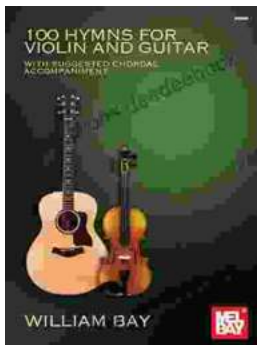
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