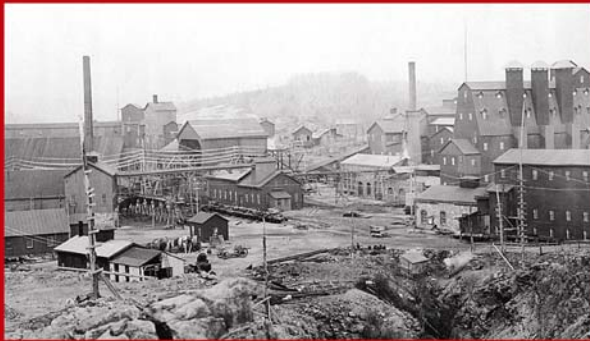


Thomas Edison's "Ogden Baby"

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The New Jersey & Pennsylvania Concentrating Works

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This book tells the history of Thomas Edison's New Jersey & Pennsylvania Concentrating Works which he built on Sparta Mountain at Ogdensburg, NJ in 1890.

Over the next ten years Mr. Edison invested over \$2,000,000.00 of his own money and eight years of his personal involvement to develop an enormous complex of mines, crushers, separators and subsidiary buildings that came to be known as "Edison".

This, however, was not the Edison NJ, which lies far to the south and is the one that most people are familiar with. This was the location of Thomas Edison's greatest experiment, his "Ogden Baby".

Huge stone ruins line both sides of Edison Road but in the summer time even these massive edifices are easy to miss as almost everything is covered with a blanket of lush green vegetation.

This book is intended to help identify these ruins and show what once was here on top of Sparta Mountain. There are fascinating ruins, great trails, abandoned railroads and ancient mines to explore. Above all is the sense that something great happened here over one hundred years ago.

"Thomas Edison's "Ogden Baby" includes over 100 photographs, 62 are from the 19th Century and 33 are from the 21st Century.

Also reproduced in their entirety are:

- 3 magazine articles from the year 1897.
- 12 "Letters Patent" for Edison's machines.
- Chapter XIX from Dyer & Martin's 1910 book "Edison his Life and Inventions"

A special 11" X 17" Plan View Map of the entire site, showing industrial buildings along with houses and mines is fastened to the last page with removable tape. The map is to scale and has a UTM grid.

Also included are 4 aerial photographs with building locations overlaid. The resolution is fine enough to see the remaining edifices and mines.

A list of mines that were investigated by Thomas Edison in his attempt to corner the eastern iron market is given in Appendix V.

A topographic Trail Map of the region is in Appendix IX.

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Edison National Historic Site
National Park Service

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Jennie Sweetman
History Columnist
New Jersey Herald in Newton NJ

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Chairman of The Scranton Mining
History Conference

“In the 1890s, Thomas Edison moved to Sparta, NJ and changed forever the way minerals are mined. He used magnetic separation and mechanized material handling systems at the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating

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