



**GENERATIONS**  
cuyahoga valley national park

Preserve and Protect

## Primary Sources — Valley Railway

# Prospectus of the Valley Railway Company; 1874

## RESUME

The Valley Railway Company presents to the consideration of capitalists the most direct practical line of railway from the vast mineral deposits of Ohio to the greatest distributing lake port.

The road possesses unsurpassed characteristics in its alignment and grades. It traverses the most populous and enterprising region of the State of Ohio, a section which has increased in population, manufacturing and material wealth in the last decade more rapidly and in greater proportion than any other, and to this enterprise, this thrift, the Valley Railway will contribute the grand motive power to successful remunerative manufacturing — cheap fuel, with facilities to bring to the consumer the best of fuel at the lowest possible rate.

The Valley Railway will make a link in the shortest line of railroad from Cleveland to Washington and Baltimore, and a connection with the vast railroad interests of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Its terminal points, Cleveland and Wheeling, are centers of vast iron and other manufactories with large capitals invested, and are each noted for the prosperity and enterprise of their citizens.

Akron and Canton, midway on the line, in the last ten years have grown from villages to cities, and are in the front rank of inland manufacturing cities in the State.

With these sources of an immense local traffic, and an economical expenditure of nearly a million of dollars, derived from the largest local subscription ever made to an Ohio railroad; with the large grants of free right of way and lands for shops, the Valley Railway now presents to the capitalists a safe and sure investment, and when finished must prove to be the best coal and mineral railroad in Ohio.

D. L. King, *President*