



Rails Breathed Life Into N.Y.'s Southern Tier

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They chugged, heaved, spitted and roared their way through the Southern Tier for more than 100 years.

They pulled coal, steel, rubber, crops, linens and fabrics.

They pulled families and friends of families, businessmen and vacationers, the young and the not so young.

And in New York's Southern Tier they pulled all this from the dairy farms near Binghamton on the Susquehanna, to the textile makers in Hornell, on to Corning, the glass-manufacturing city which wears the name of railroad builder Erastus, to the college community of Olean on to Jamestown's furniture crafters and then south.