Rosendale Natural Cement was used in the building of the most enduring landmarks of the nation. The Brooklyn Bridge, the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, the wings of the US Capitol Building, Fort Adams, Fort Jefferson, Grand Central Depot, the Croton Aqueduct and Dams, the Pennsylvania Railroad Tunnels and thousands of public works projects all got their start underground in the cement mines of Rosendale.

The Century House Historical Society is an all volunteer membership organization dedicated to the industrial history of the Rosendale Cement Region. The A.J. Snyder Estate is the location of the discovery and of the production for over a century of world famous Rosendale Natural Cement. Today the historic site is owned by the Society and has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Come visit the cavernous Widow Jane Mine at the Snyder Estate located within the 32 square mile belt of limestone between High Falls and Kingston, NY where it was often said that just as much went on underground as above ground! Exciting adaptive uses of the mines have included mushroom cultivation, trout farming, supplying water and records storage. Today, the Widow Jane Mine provides an exciting venue for historic interpretation as well as a well-known place for special events. Musicians have recorded in the mine which offers exceptional acoustics.

The Museum Exhibits and the Snyder Carriage and Sleigh Collection offer visitors an opportunity to learn about the vivid history of the Cement Region and the times and personalities of this great industry. In 1891, almost half of the cement in America was manufactured in the Rosendale Cement Region. Millions of barrels of this product made their way to market taking advantage of the transportation links provided by the Delaware & Hudson Canal and the Wallkill Valley Railroad. Materials from the archives have been used in publications including Listen to the Whistle and From the COALFIELDS to the HUDSON.
The Snyder Estate

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