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"The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company: Forming, Financing and Reporting on an Early 19th Century Corporation."

Joan Hollister and Sally Schultz met over 30 years ago, as classmates pursuing the M.S. in Accounting degree at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany. Their early collaboration on class projects evolved through the decades, as they both pursued careers in academia. Much of their published historical research is based on archival accounting records kept by individuals and family businesses in Ulster County, New York, during the period from 1720-1850. The current paper examines the formation and annual reporting by one of the earliest U.S. transportation firms to raise equity capital by issuing securities that would trade on New York’s nascent stock market.

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