

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

1. No. 13	4. Present Name(s) Lock No. 31 ("Lonesome Lock")
2. County Summit	5. Other Name(s)
3. Location of Negatives ONS	

6. Specific Location
200 feet east of the Cuyahoga River and approx. 0.5 mile south of Ohio Turnpike

7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity
Boston Twp., vic. Peninsula



9. Coordinates
Lat. _____ Long. _____
U.T.M. Reference

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10. Zone Easting Northing
Site Structure
Building Object

11. On National Register? Yes No
12. Is It Eligible? Yes No

13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes No
14. District Potent'l? Yes No

15. Name of Established District

16. Thematic Category
F, H, I

17. Date(s) or Period
1825-1827

18. Style or Design

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Original Use, if apparent
canal lock

22. Present Use
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23. Ownership Public Private

24. Owner's Name & Address, State of O., Dept. of Public Works
65 S. Front St., Columbus

25. Open to Public? Yes No
unrestricted

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
Summit County Hist. Soc.

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
included in Ohio & Erie Canal historic civil engineering landmark, Ohio Council ASCE
Approx. Acreage: less than 1

28. No. of Stories

29. Basement? Yes No

30. Foundation Material

31. Wall Construction
load-bearing masonry

32. Roof Type & Material

33. No. of Bays Front Side

34. Wall Treatment
cut stone/concrete

35. Plan Shape **rectangle**

36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved

37. Condition ~~interior~~ **good**
~~exterior~~

38. Preservation Underway? Yes No

39. Endangered? By What? Yes No

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes No

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road

42. Further Description of Important Features
Lock is standard mitered gate type. The lock chamber is 90 feet long by 15 feet wide. The cut stone construction is partially masked by a cover of concrete, applied c. 1905. Both gates are missing. There is water in the lock chamber. Remains of what was probably a canal spillway can be seen close by and southeast of the lock.



43. History and Significance
This lock on the Ohio & Erie Canal was located between the once-thriving canal villages of Boston and Peninsula. The names of the canal locks were bestowed by association. This one, inaccessible except on foot (and then only after a considerable hike), is in a secluded stretch of canal where the only sign of "civilization" is the sound of Ohio Turnpike traffic one-half mile to the north.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Secluded environment, due to the irregular terrain. Nearby is "Stumpy Basin," a unique natural area that once served as a canal boat turnaround and is now used by Kent State University as an "outdoor classroom" for ecology students.

45. Sources of Information
Frank Wilcox, The Ohio Canals, selec. and ed. William A. McGill (Kent, O.: Kent State University Press, 1969). The Voice of the Cuyahoga Valley Association (newsletter), June 1972.

46. Prepared by
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47. Organization

48. Date 6/27/79 49. Revision Date(s)

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