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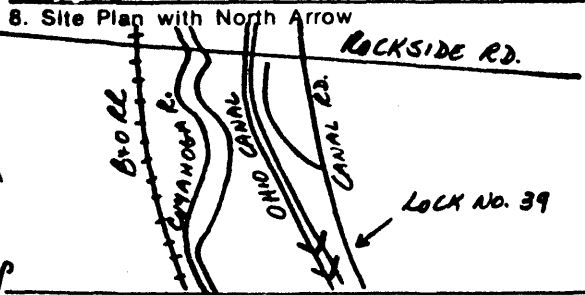
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Cuyahoga Lock No. 39 ("11 Mile Lock") and Spillway

1. No. <u>1</u> 2. County <u>Cuyahoga</u> 3. Location of Negatives <u>OHS</u>	4. Present Name(s) <u>Lock No. 39 ("11 Mile Lock") and Spillway</u> 5. Other Name(s)
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6. Specific Location
west side of Canal Rd., approx. 1200 feet south of Rockside Rd.

7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity
Valley View



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

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Zone	Easting	Northing
10. Site Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>

11. On National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	12. Is it Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	14. District Potent'l? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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15. Name of Established District
Ohio and Erie Canal

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 --; towpath used for recreation

23. Ownership Public Private

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

25. Open to Public? unrestricted Yes No

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
Western Reserve Hist. Soc.

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
part of "Ohio & Erie Canal"
National Historic Landmark
historic civil engineering landmark, Ohio Council ASC
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 very good
~~Excellent~~
~~Very Good~~

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
150' X 150'

42. Further Description of Important Features
All locks on the canal are the standard mitered gate type. The lock chamber is 90 feet long, 15 feet wide. The cut stone construction is masked by a cover of concrete, applied as a stop-gap repair measure c. 1905. The south gate stands intact while only the frame of the north gate remains.



43. History and Significance
The Ohio & Erie Canal, linking Lake Erie at Cleveland with the Ohio River at Portsmouth, was completed in 1832. For 30 years this waterway was a great controlling factor of increasing commerce, manufactures and population in Ohio. That portion of the canal between Akron and Cleveland opened July 4, 1827. The drop of 395 feet between the two cities was accomplished by 41 locks in 35 miles.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
That section of the canal between Lock No. 36 just north of Rt. 82 and Lock No. 39 is the best preserved portion between Akron and Cleveland. U.S. Steel at Cleveland leases water rights from the State and maintains both canal and towpath. Lock No. 39 is directly behind Cabala's Boat House, a popular local tavern.

45. Sources of Information
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