American Canal Society Channel Structure Inventory

**Canal:** Bidwell Canal

**State:** New York

**County:** Oneida

**City/Town:** Kingston Mills

**Street:** noodles Road

**Associated Waterway:** Canajoharie

**Name of 7.5 mi USGS Quadrangle:**

**UIM Coordinates:** 26° 30' W 417 30' E

**History & Use in Service:**
- one of 14 such military structures constructed on canal to defend the province against possible American attack
- built on southern end of canal where Canajoharie River enters Lake Ontario
- 4 canals made military since 1812
- 2nd canal made a small fort in 1816
- additional made after mid-19th century
- remains of canal structure to stand
- remains removed in 1870s
- closed since then, standing in poor condition awaiting restoration

**Description:**
- bottom story - square concrete
- upper story - protruding, timber, in state of advanced deterioration
- opening at bottom
- stone stairs on main floor intact
- requires protection and restoration - will probably occur with a few years

**Other Works or Events Associated with Site:**
- Kingston Mills Locks (1838)
- Locks Dam and Locks work (1838)
- Sleeping Bridge
- Power House (1912)
- Canal Terminus (1914)
- Grand Trunk Rail Bridge

**Present Property Owners:**

**Location of Deed Description:**

**Bibliography:**
- [Published, unpublished maps, maps, photographs]
- [Parc Canada Photo Collection]
- [Barbara A. Lewis, "The Architectural History of the Ledge Canal"
- [Judith E. Russell, "The History of the Ledge Canal, 1833-1814"
- [Karen Price, "Construction of the Ledge Canal"

**Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:**
- [Parc Canada]
- [Kingston Historical Society]

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**Note:** If at all feasible, a photograph should be attached to the reverse side, a sketch map of the site in relation to surrounding area would also help.