

CANAL Crooked Lake Canal		STATUS Abandoned - July 4, 1877		ACS		
STATE/PROVINCE: New York State				HAER		
COUNTIES: Yates		L E N G T H		LIFT LOCKS		
		DATES IN USE	CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	No. / SIZE		
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Dresden, on Seneca Lake to Penn Yan on Keuka Lake	ENLARGEMENTS	1 1833	8	8	27 90x15	
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Construction of the Crooked Lake Canal was authorized April 11, 1829 and commenced Apr., 1830. The canal was completed Oct. 10, 1833 at a cost of \$333,287. The size of the 27 locks was 90x15. There was one guard lock. Locks originally of wood; rebuilt of cement masonry at heads, and dry walls with timber and plank facings in chambers; when abandoned, locks were: 1 stone lift lock, 1 guard lock and 10 lift locks of stone with timber fenders in chambers, and 16 composite lift locks. The size of the canal prism was 42 and 26 x 4 ft.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The Crooked Lake Canal commences at Dresden, on the western shore of Seneca Lake, into which it empties, at a point about thirteen miles above the foot of the lake at Geneva, and extends westerly to the village of Penn Yan and into Keuka Lake from which it takes its waters. It rises from Dresden to Penn Yan about 277 feet through twenty-eight locks, in a distance of eight miles.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
Whitford, Noble E.-History of the Canal System of the State of New York, Vol. II, 1905, cpywrt. 1906
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Annual Report of the Canal Commissioners of the State of New York, 1873

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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