Crooked Lake Canal

STATE/PROVINCE: New York State

COUNTIES: Yates

LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal):
Dresden, on Seneca Lake to Penn Yan, on Keuka Lake

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:

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 90 x 15. 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 enters, 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.

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UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR,HAER,HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):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