

CANAL Erie-Michigan Canal		(FOR ACS USE)	
STATUS Abandoned, Unfinished		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURE Const. Begun 1837, ended 1839	
LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL) from: "1 mi. West of Ft. Wayne to: Michigan City, Ind.		LENGTH CANAL _____ SLACKWATER _____ TOTAL _____	
LIFT LOCKS	NBR.	DIMENSIONS LOCK CHAMBER _____	AQUEDUCTS _____ TUNNELS _____
DESCRIPTION: (Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful); e.g., fenders (navigable & otherwise) locks other than above type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.)			
<p>Intended for horse-drawn canal boats similar to other Indiana canals of the 1830's. The Reservoir at Rome City, Noble County, Ind. was completed; a feeder was to run to the main canal line. The Reservoir is still in existence, called Sylvan Lake. Traces of the feeder lead West and South from Rome City for less than a mile. Some work was done at the Summit in Green Twp. Noble County, Section 23. The ditch was later enlarged and now serves as a drainage ditch, bearing little resemblance to a canal at this time. Portions of the old channel can be seen where the ditch has been 'straightened' by later excavations.</p>			
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:			
Canal Society of Indiana 302 East Berry Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802			
REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS:			DATE
Thomas Meek 7029 Adams Center Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46816			December 9, 1982
HISTORICAL SUMMARY: (Original aim of company, date of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, height of traffic date, transfers of ownership, etc.)			
<p>Began in 1837 as part of the Internal Improvements Program adopted by the Indiana Legislature in 1836, the Erie-Michigan Canal was probably the least practical of the several which were proposed. The territory to be crossed was not settled, there was doubt of being able to get enough water to operate the canal, and, fortunately, the State ran out of money before much was done. Total expenditures are usually given as about \$16000. Ownership of the properties has long since passed to the adjacent property owners.</p>			
BIBLIOGRAPHY SUMMARY: (Published works relating to Canal)			
<p><u>Documents of the House and Senate of Indiana 1835-1847</u> pub. by State of Indiana sometimes known as <u>DOCUMENTARY JOURNAL</u> <u>INDIANA WATERWAYS</u> Volume II, issue 1, October, 1982 <u>"Searching for the Erie-Michigan Canal"</u> by Ben Meek (map)</p>			
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES			
NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:			
Oblivion			
RETURN TO: CANAL INDEX COMMITTEE, c/o P.H. STOTT, HAINES ROAD, MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK 10549			