Grant's Hill Tunnel

State/Province: Pennsylvania  County: Allegheny
City/Town: Pittsburgh
Street: parallels Tunnel Street
Associated Waterway: 

Topographic Map: Pittsburgh East
UTM Coordinates: 

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment:
Not made operable until August 1832. Required by the City of Pittsburgh, since the Western Division was planned to run along the north bank of the Allegheny River, bypassing Pittsburgh, and the residents wanted a connection from the canal basin to the Monongahela River, where the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal was supposed to enter the city. In addition to the 810-foot canal tunnel, a series of 4 additional lift locks had to be constructed through the heart of the city to lower the canal to the Monongahela River level. (The main canal basin and unloading point for the canal terminus was located on the north side of Pittsburgh.)

Description (Visible Remains at the site):
"Workmen accidently uncovered the old tunnel in 1967 while digging the foundation for the U.S. Steel Building on Grant Street. They found the old masonry still in excellent condition and a little water still covering the tunnel floor." [Canal Currents].

Other works or events associated with site:

Present Property Owners: multiple

Location of Deed Description: 

Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):
PA Canal Society, Canal Currents #3 (Winter 1968); #4 (Spring 1968).
Pittsburgh Press, 10 December 1967.

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: 

National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: 

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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.