THE GRANVILLE FEEDER

STATE/PROVINCE: OHIO
COUNTIES: Licking County
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal):
Granville to just below FOUR MILE LOCK on the Ohio & Erie Canal
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: A five mile long feeder was constructed in 1831 & 1832 to supply water to the Ohio & Erie Canal just north (below) the Licking Summit. It was made navigable by the State and the village of Granville financed a one mile extension into the town. The feeder was opened in 1832 and the extension was carrying traffic in 1833. An 1836 enlargement of the Licking Reservoir (Buckeye Lake) made the feeder unnecessary. The feeder was virtually abandoned after 1838.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: As originally constructed, the Granville Feeder crossed Ramp creek upon a culvert and Raccoon creek on an aqueduct composed of a wooden trunk supported by two abutments and one pier of stone masonry. Severe floods on the Licking river in July of 1834 caused extensive damage to the feeder and the Raccoon creek aqueduct was destroyed. A new three-arch stone aqueduct was completed in 1835. This aqueduct, "SHOWMAN'S ARCH", is now used to carry Cherry Road over the creek. The old stone work is pretty well covered by more recent concrete, but some can still be seen.

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

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