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Huntington Mills to Sackets Harbor

Sackets Harbor quads. 7½

Huatland Center, Watertown.

The 17 mile canal consisted of about 12 miles of actual canal and used about 5 miles of Mill Creek. The canalized section was four feet deep, twelve feet wide at the base and twenty feet wide at the top. The canal has been almost completely obliterated with very few traces remaining.

On April 15, 1823 the Jefferson County Canal was incorporated with a capitalization of $200,000. The canal, also called Camp's Ditch after its major promoter and stockholder, was promoted for transportation from Watertown to Sackets Harbor on Lake Ontario as well as providing a source of water power for the mills at Sackets Harbor. Completed in 1832 the canal was used only for water power until it was abandoned in 1842. On a couple of occasions logs were rafted down the canal.

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