

American Canal Society Canal Index	CANAL: Jefferson County Canal Co.		STATUS: A. Almost completely obliterated		ACS
	STATE/PROVINCE: New York				HAER
	COUNTIES: Jefferson County Canal Co.				
	LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): huntington Mills to Sackets Harbor				
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Sackets Harbor quads. 7 1/2' Rutland Center, Watertown,					
		ENLARGEMENTS	DATES IN USE	LENGTH CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
		1	1832-1842	12 5 17	none
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: 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 promotor and stockholder, was promoted for transportation from water town 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.					
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 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. No maps of the canal have been found; the attached map indicates the route traced by the reporter based on written descriptions and on site survey.					
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESENTLY IN OPERATION history Jefferson County Historical Society, Watertown, N.Y.					
BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: Hough, F. B. History of Jefferson County 1854 p. 13, 14 Thomas, H. Black River in the North Country 1963 p. 56, 82 Gould, E. C. "Camp's Ditch" Bulletin Dec 1959 Jefferson County Historical Society Anonymous Item in Feb. 4, 1933 Watertown Daily News					
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.): News items from Watertown Daily News, on file at Flower Memorial Library, Watertown, New York					
EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):					
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