The Mohican Canal

STATE/PROVINCE: Ohio
COUNTIES: Knox, Holmes and Ashland Counties.

LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal):
From the western end of the Walhonding Canal to Loudenville.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The Mohican and Vernon Canals were to have been the extensions of the planned Walhonding Canal. Construction was to have been done in stages. The Walhonding was built between 1837 and 1841 with the projected extensions to be built after the finish of that canal. However, financial troubles of the state of Ohio after 1839 effectively doomed completion of the overall proposal. As a result, the Walhonding Canal as built from Coshocton (Roscoe) to a point on the Mohican River at a point downstream from present Cavallo endured as a never successful canal.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
The Mohican Canal was to have been an extension of the completed Walhonding Canal along the Mohican River to the community of Loudonville in Ashland County. The Mohican Canal was to have been 23 miles in length with eleven locks having a combined lift of 94 feet. Total cost was estimated at $416,736. Like the Vernon Canal, all attempts to build the extension ceased after 1844.

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