

American Canal Society Canal Index

CANAL Newmarket Canal		STATUS Abandoned about 1907		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Ontario, Canada				HAER
COUNTIES: York	DATES IN USE:		LENGTH CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): From NewMarket to Holland Landing			4 9 13	3 / ?
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: 30D/4 East Alliston 30D/3 West NewMarket	ENLARGEMENTS			
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:
 This Canal would have been on the East Branch of the East Holland River that comes into Lake Simcoe from the Southwest. The Holland River is shown quite well on Canadian Navigation chart #2028-sheet number 1. Holland Landing a terminus of the canal is mentioned but is off the chart. One must use the above mentioned topography maps to see the full way of the Canal on the Holland River from Holland Landing to the Town of Newmarket. Started in 1906 the Canal was expected to be finished in June 1907. Three locks were put in place, but never any gates. The first lock was at the Town of Newmarket, the second was North about 1 1/4 miles and the next lock was at Holland Landing. This is a total of about 4 miles. From Holland landing the part of the River with out locks to Lake Simcoe is nine miles. Most of the nine miles is still navigable and bouyed. At the end of this nine miles you will have to walk or row to Holland Landing to see one of the old locks. I have been told that there still is masonry of the three locks.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
 There now exists three masonry locks. There are no gates on the locks for they were never installed and as far as we know the gates were never manufactured.
 In the book History of the Town of Newmarket there is mention of this Canal route by General Surveyor Smith in 1800.
 In as much as the mouth of this Canal would have been in the Southwestern part of Lake Simcoe, if the Canal has been completed, it could have been part of the Trent-Severn Canal System as the Trent-Severn Canal System uses the Eastern part of Lake Simcoe for its route.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
 York Pioneer and Historical Society, 47 Hannaford St., Toronto, Ont. Canada M4E 3G8
 Ms. Louise Boyd was very helpful. History of the Town of Newmarket P272
 Simcoe County Archives, R.R. No.2, Minesing, Ont. Canada LOL 1Y0
 Mr. Peter P. Moran was very helpful

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):
 A marker and paragraph of history

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