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CANAL	STATUS		ACS
NIMISHILLEN & SANDY CANAL	CONSTRUCTION BEGAN never finished – now abandoned		HAER

STATE/PROVINCE: OHIO						
COUNTIES: Stark & Tuscarawas	of construc.	DATES /X/ /X£/	CANAL	LENGTH SLACKWATER	TOTAL 13	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE ?
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal):	ENLARGEMENTS 1	1835-37				
	2					
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:	3					
	4					

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Original intent was to connect Canton (County seat of Stark) to the Ohio & Erie Canal at Bolivar–a total canal distance of 20 miles. When the Sandy & Beaver Canal was projected down the valley of the Big Sandy, it was decided to terminate the N.& S. in a junction with the S.& B. just east of Sandyville. Discussions were held on the possibilities of extending the N.& S. north to a junction with the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal thus putting Canton on both "crosscuts" to the east. Nothing came of this latter proposal and the "Panic of 1837" shut down the main canal before it was finished. When the economy improved, Canton was interested in Railroads and the Nimishillen & Sandy project was not revived.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: One or two reservoirs (never built) were to provide a water supply until the canal entered the Nimishillen Creek about a mile south of the Village. The canal was in and out of the creek for the next 12 miles. Locks were of Wooden and earth construction. The total fall was 100 feet. A 2½ miles stretch of the canal was used as a mill race for the Browning (Goodwill) Mill in North Industry until the 1880's. There are no substantuated accounts of boats ever using any portion of this canal.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:
Nimishillen & Sandy Canal Information Center
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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
TOWPATHS – Sesquicentennial Issue #3 (1975) p.p. 48-50.
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UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR,HAER,HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):
OHIO REPOSITORY (Canton) microfilmed issues for years 1835, 36 & 37.

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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