

CANAL <b>Oswego Canal</b>		STATUS			ACS																											
STATE/PROVINCE: <b>New York State</b>					HAER																											
COUNTIES: <b>Onandaga, Oswego</b>																																
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<p><b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b> Construction of the Oswego Canal was authorized April 20, 1825, commenced 1825 and completed Dec. 10, 1828. at a cost of \$565,437.35. The size of the prism was 40x26x4 ft. There were 6 guard locks. All locks were built of stone. The average cost of a lock was \$10,000. Towpaths were provided for horses or mules to draw the boats.</p> <p>On May 12, 1847 construction was authorized for the enlargement of the locks for the first enlargement of the canal. On July 10, 1851 construction was authorized for the enlargement of the canal prisms. Construction began in 1852 and was completed Sep. 1, 1862. at a cost of \$2,511,992.22. The prisms of the first enlargement were 70x52 1/2 x 7 ft. All locks were built of stone. There were 5 guard locks 111 1/2 x 21. The total lockage was the same as the original canal, 154.85 ft. Tonnage of boats was increased from the 50-75 of the original.</p> <p><b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:</b> canal to 210-240. Boats were drawn by horses or mules. The number of locks in the original and first enlargement included no. 4 which is now abandoned in the north side cut at Salina.</p> <p>In 1917, the Oswego section of the Barge Canal was opened. The Oswego River was canalized from Three Rivers to Lake Ontario. The siphon lock at Oswego was the first lock of this type to be built in the U.S. and was the largest of its kind in the world. It has since been replaced by a conventional lift lock. The general bottom length in the canalized river is 200 ft., clearance under bridges is 15 1/2 ft. There is no towpath, boats must have some mechanical motive power.</p>																																
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