

CANAL Telos Canal and "Lock Dam"		STATUS Abandoned?		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Maine				HAER
COUNTIES: piscataquis				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Lock at Allagash outlet of Chamberlain Lake; Telos Canal at Webster Brook (east) outlet.				
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Lock; Churchill Lake 15' Canal; Telos Lake 15'				
		DATES IN USE	LENGTH CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
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The TELOS CANAL, less than 100 yards long, was constructed by lumber interests in 1841 to divert Lake Chamberlain on the upper Allagash River east into the East Branch of the Penobscot, so logs could be floated directly eastward to Bangor instead of northward to the St. John. The original Allagash River exit to the north was blocked by a lock and dam called the "Lock Dam." This diversion of the Allagash and its lumber was not taken sitting down by everyone, precipitating the bloodless "Telos War" of 1846. The lock is now a point of interest on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, accessible by canoe but not by road. Not far away are the remains of a 3/4 mile long tramway built in 1902-3 to carry timber from the Allagash up to Lake Chamberlain, as are two giant oil-burning locomotives left in the wilderness by the Eagle Lake and Umbazookus Railroad (1925-6) which carried pulpwood over to the headwaters.

From American Canal Guide draft.

of the Penobscot's West Branch. On the Allagash itself, there were a number of "Driving Dams" to aid lumbering; their descendants now maintain the water level for canoeists.

For a brochure on the Allagash Waterway, showing the canal, lock and tramway locations, write the State of Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, Augusta, ME 04333, which supplied the above information.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:
State of Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, Augusta ME 04333.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
"Allagash Wilderness Waterway" brochure from above agency.

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, IABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):
Need more details on present state of lock and canal, and on lock size and type.

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