**Structure**  
(Tunnelton Tunnel)  
- **State/Province**: Pennsylvania  
- **County**: Cambria  
- **City/Town**: Tunnelton  
- **Associated Waterway**: Conemaugh River  
- **Topographic Map**: Blairsville  
- **UTM Coordinates**: 17.638600.4480050

**Canal**  
Western Div., PA Canal

**Designer(s)**  
- **Contractor/Builder**

**Source of Material**

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**History & Use in Service, Use Since Abandonment:**
Third tunnel constructed in the United States. 850 feet in length, it was built to avoid following the Conemaugh River on a long meandering loop. Exit from the west end of the tunnel was directly onto a stone aqueduct crossing the river. On the east portal, boats entered the tunnel from slackwater on the river, formed by a low dam downstream.

**Description (Visible Remains at the Site):**
The tunnel parallels an old railroad tunnel a few hundred yards away. Both tunnels have been plugged somewhere inside by the Corps of Engineers (who have built a flood-control dam below the tunnel mouths on one side) to prevent any flood waters from making a 'short cut' through the tunnels.

**Other works or events associated with site:**

**Present Property Owners:**

**Location of Deed Description:**

**Bibliography (Published, unpublished nss, maps, photographs):**
PA Canal Society, Canal Currents #18 (Fall 1971): photo of Tunnelton Aqueduct & west tunnel portal.

**Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:**

**National Register/CHNR, Other Recognition:**

**Investigation made by:**
Wm. H. Shank, 809 Rathton Road, York, PA 17403  
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**Date:** 24/1/1976

**RETURN TO:**
A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.