CANAL: WABASH & ERIE CANAL (in Ohio)

STATUS: Abandoned

LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL):
Manhattan (now part of Toledo) to Ohio-Indiana Line.

LENGTH:
1836-1843; Abandoned 1888

LIFT LOCKS:
- Locks: 25
- Dimensions: Lock Chamber 90 x 15; Overall varied

AQUEDUCTS:
- Aqueducts: 83
- Slackwater: 5
- Total: 88

DESCRIPTION:
- Type of navigation: Towpath, horse or mule power.
- Fr Oz: 60' water line, 26' bottom, 16' depth of water.
- Slack: 1 mile above Providence, 4 miles, Independence to Defiance.
- Locks: 13 cut stone, Manhattan to Independence, 12 wooden, Defiance to State Line, seven of these latter, between Junction and Defiance, were rebuilt of concrete in 1909
- Reservoir: Six Mile Creek Reservoir, 2,500 acres, 11 miles west of Junction.
- Feeder Dams: One at Providence, one at Independence.
- Side-cuts: Maumee Side-Cut; 22 miles, 6 cut stone locks, at Maumee, Ohio.
- Swan Creek Side-Cut; One mile, 2 cut stone locks, in Toledo.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:
None known

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY:
(Details of company, dates of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, dates of traffic data, transfer of ownership, etc.):

Authorized in 1834, in cooperation with Indiana and financed in part by a grant of Federal lands, the canal was to provide an outlet to Lake Erie for the Wabash & Erie Canal in Indiana. It connected with the Miami Canal Extension at Junction in Paulding County. In 1845, two years after completion, the Wabash & Erie Canal, the Miami Canal Extension and the Miami Canal (Cincinnati to Dayton) were consolidated into one system designated "The Miami & Erie Canal." The Wabash & Erie Canal portion was in disuse by 1874 and the destruction of Six Mile Creek Reservoir in 1888 ended its usefulness in the Ohio system.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
(Published works relating to Canal):
Sixth Annual Report (1842), Board of Public Works, Ohio

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES

NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:

RETURN TO: CANAL INDEX COMMITTEE, C/O P.H. STOTT, MAINE'S ROAD, MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK 10549

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