OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

1. No. 17

2. County Summit

3. Location of Negatives OHS

4. Present Name(s) Lock No. 27 ("Johnny Cake Lock")

5. Other Name(s)

6. Specific Location on private road approx. 400 ft. east of intersection of Riverview & Everett Rds.

7. City or Town Everett

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. Coordinates

10. U.T.M. Reference 17 452140

11. On National Register? Yes ☐ No ☑

12. Is It Eligible? Yes ☐ No ☑

13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes ☐ No ☑

14. District Eligible? Yes ☑ No ☐

15. Name of Established District

16. Thematic Category F, H, I

17. Date(s) or Period 1825-1827

18. Style or Design

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Original Use, if apparent

22. Present Use

23. Ownership Public ☐ Private ☑

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Akron Metro. Park District 976 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

25. Open to Public? unrestricted Yes ☐ No ☑

26. Local Contact Person or Organization Summit Co. Hist. Soc.

27. Other Surveys in Which Included included in "Ohio & Erie Canal historic civil engineering landmark, Ohio Council ASC"

28. No. of Stories

29. Basement? Yes ☐ No ☑

30. Foundation Material

31. Wall Construction load-bearing masonry

32. Roof Type & Material

33. No. of Bays Front Side

34. Wall Treatment cut stone/concrete

35. Plan Shape

36. Changes

Addition ☐ Alteration ☐ Moved ☑

(Explain in #42)

37. Condition

38. Preservation Underway? Yes ☐ No ☑

39. Endangered? Yes ☒ No ☐

By What? No ☑

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes ☑ No ☐

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road

42. Further Description of Important Features

Lock is standard mitered gate type. The lock chamber is 90 feet long by 15 feet wide. Of cut sandstone construction, it was repaired with concrete c. 1905. Both gates are missing. Some water in lock chamber, canal itself is dry south of Peninsula. There is an original piece of hardware—probably the wrought iron collar bearing that held the oak gate post—in the east lock wall at south end.

43. History and Significance

According to tradition, in the spring of 1828 a flood in Furnace Run swept into the canal and stopped navigation. "...the crews and passengers were compelled to live, water-bound, as best they could. They were at last reduced to johnnycake, which constituted their diet for a number of days." Thus the origin of the name for this lock at Everett, a canal stopover then known as Unionville.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

In the small residential neighborhood that constitutes the village of Everett.

45. Sources of Information


Frank Wilcox, The Ohio Canals, selec. and ed. William A. McGill (Kent, O.: Kent State University Press, 1969), see esp. p. 21 on lock hardware.

46. Prepared by Carol Poh Miller

47. Organization

48. Date 3/76

49. Revision Date(s)
Lock No. 27 ("Johnnycake Lock"), Ohio and Erie Canal District, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, Ohio

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View looking north.
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