Lock No. 29 ("Peninsula Lock") and Aqueduct

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

1. No. 15

2. County Summit

3. Location of Negatives OHS

4. Present Name(s) Lock No. 29 ("Peninsula Lock") and Aqueduct

5. Other Name(s)

6. Specific Location
Cuyahoga River, 600 feet north of State Route 303

7. City or Town
Peninsula

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. Coordinates
Lat. 41° 7' 7"
Long. 81° 54' 7"

10. U.T.M. Reference
Zone Easting Northing

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
Peninsula Village Historic 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
canal lock and aqueduct

22. Present Use

23. Ownership
Public Private

24. Owner's Name & Address,
State of O., Dept. of Public Works,
65 S. Front St., Columbus

25. Open to Public? unrestricted

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

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
National Register of Historic Places (8-23-74)

28. No. of Stories

29. Basement? Yes No

30. Foundation Material

31. Wall Construction

32. Roof Type & Material

33. No. of Bays Side

34. Wall Treatment

35. Plan Shape Irregular

36. Changes

37. Condition
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38. Preservation Underway? Yes No

39. Endangered? By What?

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes No

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road

42. Further Description of Important Features

Lock No. 29 and the abutments of the former canal aqueduct are both of cut stone construction. Lock is standard mitered gate type, measuring 90 X 15 feet within the lock chamber. Aqueduct was originally a two-span structure, acc. to Bishop. Center stone pier was removed when aqueduct was replaced with a single-span steel structure. The new aqueduct was destroyed by the great flood of 1913.

43. History and Significance

The Cuyahoga River makes a wide detour at the Village of Peninsula and comes back to within fifty feet of itself, forming a "peninsula." The Ohio and Erie Canal crossed the river at this point by means of an aqueduct—Bishop writes that it was a wooden trough with plank towpath—built upon arches of stone, the "ruins of which can still be seen. Lock No. 29 is situated at the northern approach to the aqueduct.

Located at the Village of Peninsula, Peninsula preserves largely intact a thriving mid-nineteenth century canal and mercantile town.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

45. Sources of Information

46. Prepared by Carol Poh Miller

47. Organization

48. Date
4/76

49. Revision Date(s)

Thematic Resource

Lock No. 29 ("Peninsula Lock") and Peninsula Aqueduct, Ohio and Erie Canal District, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, Ohio

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View looking northwest.

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