Lock No. 31 ("Lonesome Lock")

1. No. 13
2. County Summit
3. Location of Negatives
4. Present Name(s) Lock No. 31 ("Lonesome Lock")
5. Other Name(s)

6. Specific Location
200 feet east of the Cuyahoga River and approx. 0.5 mile south of Ohio Turnpike

7. City or Town Boston Twp., vic. Peninsula
8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. Coordinates

Lat. Long. U.T.M. Reference
Zone Easting Northing
17 45 42 240 4 56 6640

10. Site Building Structure Object

11. On National Register? Yes No
12. Is It Eligible? Yes No
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes No
14. District 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,
State of O., Dept. of Public Works
65 S. Front St., Columbus

25. Open to Public?
Yes No

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
Summit County 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
cut stone/concrete

33. No. of Bays
Front Side

34. Wall Treatment

35. Plan Shape Rectangle

36. Changes Addition Altered Moved
(Explain in #42)

37. Condition

38. Preservation Underway? Yes No

39. Endangered? By What? Yes 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. The cut stone construction is partially masked by a cover of concrete, applied c. 1901. Both gates are missing. There is water in the lock chamber. Remains of what was probably a canal spillway can be seen close by and southeast of the lock.

43. History and Significance
This lock on the Ohio & Erie Canal was located between the once-thriving canal villages of Boston and Peninsula. The names of the canal locks were bestowed by association. This one, inaccessible except on foot (and then only after a considerable hike), is in a secluded stretch of canal where the only sign of "civilization" is the sound of Ohio Turnpike traffic one-half mile to the north.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Secluded environment, due to the irregular terrain. Nearby is "Stumpy Basin," a unique natural area that once served as a canal boat turnaround and is now used by Kent State University as an "outdoor classroom" for ecology students.

45. Sources of Information

46. Prepared by Carol Poh Miller
47. Organization

48. Date
49. Revision Date(s)
Thematic Resources

Lock No. 31 ("Lonesome Lock"), Ohio and Erie Canal District, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, Ohio
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View looking north.

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