Lock No. 32

County: Summit

Location of Negatives: OHS

Specific Location: on unmarked, unimproved road (formerly canal towpath) approx. 800 ft. north of Boston Mills Rd.

City or Town: Boston

Site Plan with North Arrow

Coordinates: Lat. 41° 52' 45" N, Long. 81° 54' 10" W

On National Register: Yes

Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.: Yes

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

Owner's Name & Address: Frank Wilcox, 65 S. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215

Owner's Name & Address: Marcia McGill, The Ohio Canals, Kent State University Press, 1969.

Thematic Category: Transportation

Date(s) or Period: 1825-1827

Original Use: Canal lock

Present Use: Canal lock

Ownership: Public

Address: 65 S. Front St., Columbus

No. of Stories: 1

Foundation Material: Load-bearing masonry

Wall Construction: Load-bearing masonry

Roof Type & Material:

No. of Bays: 1

Wall Treatment: Cut stone/concrete

Plan Shape: Rectangle

Condition: Fair

Preservation: No

Endangered: No

Visible from Public Road: No

Distance from Frontage on Road: 800 ft.

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 was covered with a facing of concrete c. 1905. Both gates are missing. There is water in the lock chamber. Lock is much overgrown with thickets, thus preventing a better photograph.

History and Significance:

That portion of the Ohio & Erie Canal between Akron and Cleveland was opened July 4, 1827. For 30 years this waterway was a great controlling factor of increasing commerce, manufactures and population in Ohio, and no doubt played an important role in the growth of the Village of Boston, in which Lock 32 is located.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings:

At the northern edge of the Village of Boston. The Boston cemetery lies to the west.

Sources of Information:


Prepared by Carol E. Miller

Date: 4/76

Revision Date(s): 4/76
Thematic Resources

Lock No. 32, Ohio and Erie Canal District, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, Ohio
Photograph by Carol Poh Miller, April 1976
Negative property of Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society
View looking south.

# 104/11  DECE  JUN 27 1979
DEC  17  1979