**OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

1. **No.**
   - 2

2. **County**
   - Cuyahoga

3. **Location of Negatives**
   - OHS

4. **Present Name(s)**
   - Lock No. 38 ("12 Mile Lock") and Spillway

5. **Other Name(s)**

6. **Specific Location**
   - Ohio & Erie Canal at Hillside Rd. (opposite 7104 Canal Rd.)

7. **City or Town**
   - Valley View

8. **Site Plan with North Arrow**

9. **Coordinates**
   - Lat.
   - Long.
   - U.T.M. Reference
   - Zone 17 448 740 458 006 5
   - Easting Northing

10. **Site □ Building □ Structure □ Object □**

11. **On National Register?**
    - Yes □ No □

12. **Is It Eligible?**
    - Yes □ No □


14. **District Yes □ Potent'l? □ No □**

15. **Name of Established District**
    - Ohio and Erie Canal

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

22. **Present Use**
    - towpath used for recreation

23. **Ownership**
    - Public □ Private □

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

25. **Open to Public?**
    - Yes □ No □ restricted

26. **Local Contact Person or Organization**
    - Western Reserve Hist. Soc.

27. **Other Surveys in Which Included**
    - part of "Ohio & Erie Canal" National Historic Landmark, historic civil engineering landmark, Ohio Council ASC
    - Approx. Acreage: less than 1

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 Rectangle**

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

37. **Condition**
    - very good

38. **Preservation Underway?**
    - Yes □ No □

39. **Endangered?**
    - Yes □ No □ By What?

40. **Visible from Public Road?**
    - Yes □ No □

41. **Distance from and Frontage on Road**
    - 10' X 100'

42. **Further Description of Important Features**
    - All locks on the canal are the standard mitered gate type. The lock chamber is 90 feet long by 15 feet wide. The cut stone construction is masked by a cover of concrete, applied as a stop-gap repair measure c. 1905. Both gates remain intact.

43. **History and Significance**
    - One of the three best preserved locks on the Ohio and Erie Canal between Akron and Cleveland. The canal contains water at this point, the lock gates are intact, and the reputed "lock tender's house and inn" is nearby. The picture is that of a working canal. Taken together these features illustrate the use of the canal at a period when canals were essential to Ohio's growth.

44. **Description of Environment and Outbuildings**
    - Rural valley setting. The canal is in a very good state of preservation and the towpath is frequently used by hikers.

45. **Sources of Information**

46. **Prepared by**
    - Carol Poh Miller

47. **Organization**

48. **Date**
    - 3/76

49. **Revision Date(s)**

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*Photo: looking south through railing of Hillside Rd. bridge over canal.*

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