

Canal Structure Inventory Sheet No:

Canal Society of Indiana

Canal Wabash & Erie		Structure Lock #47	HAER Condition
State <u>Indiana</u> County <u>Vigo</u>		Designer (s)	
City/Town <u>1/2 mile north of Riley along South Rd.</u>		Contractor/Builder <u>Robert Logan</u>	
Street <u>3/4 mile north of its intersection with</u>		Source of Materials <u>not determined</u>	
Associated Waterway <u>Indiana Highway #46</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
Name of 7.5 Min. USGS Quad. Map <u>Seelyville</u>		Start <u>1849</u>	Completion <u>1850</u>
UTM Coordinates		Rebuilding	Abandoned <u>1860</u>
<p>History & Use in Service; Use since Abandonment:</p> <p>Lock #47, with 8 1/2 feet lift, was the southernmost cut stone lock on the Wabash & Erie Canal. It was built by Robert Logan of Pike County, and was described in the 1854 Chief Engineer's Report as the "best lock in the State of Indiana". After the abandonment of the Terre Haute-Newberry section of the canal in 1860, stone from the east wall was carried away for use as foundation stones. The lock was taken on as a project by the Wiley High School chapter of the Indiana Junior Historical Society and the site was cleaned up. This in turn led to the acquisition of the site on 4/6/1972 by the Indiana Junior Historical Society.</p>			
<p>DESCRIPTION: (visible remains at the site)</p> <p>The west wall of lock #47 is still extant with the exception of two capstones and a part of the south corner. The visible wall is 86 feet long and 9 feet high. The wall consists of cut stone blocks 19 inches high and of various lengths and is capped with white limestone. The remains of the east wall consists of one course of 19 inch (?) high stone, 34 feet 8 inches long. The lock chamber is filled with dirt/mud to an uncertain depth. Five feet from the south end of the lock is a drop off of about five feet to a creek bend. This creek is wearing away the bank and at some future time will begin to undermine the locks stone work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(see inclosed plat)</p>			
Other Works or Events Associated With Site:			
Present Property Owners:		Location of Deed Description:	
Indiana Junior Historical Society		Book 355 Pages 919-22 Riley Township NE, NE, NE Sec. 16-T11N-R8W	
BIBLIOGRAPHY (Published, unpublished mas., maps, photographs):			
<p>Reports of Trustees and Chief Engineer 1849-1861, Indiana Documentary Journal On site measurements and photographs Letters from Vigo County Historical Society, Indiana Historical Bureau, and former sponser of Riley High School Junior Historical Society</p>			
Agencies, Individuals interested in Preservation/Restoration:		National Register, HAER, other recognition:	
Indiana Junior Historical Society			
Investigation Made by: Stan Schmitt		Date:	
Address: 3900 N. Fulton #1F Evansville, IN 47710		7/8/1983	
Return to: INDEXING COMMITTEE Canal Society of Indiana 302 East Berry St. Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802			

If at all feasible, a photograph should be attached to the reverse side, a sketch map of the site in relation to the surrounding area would also help.