

Canal Central/Wabash & Erie		Structure Pigeon Creek Dam & Feeder	HAER Condition
State <u>Indiana</u> County <u>Warrick</u>	Designer (s)		
City/Town <u>Rochester-non existant</u>	Contractor/Builder <u>Barous Mudge & Co. 1838</u>		
Street	Source of Materials <u>David W. Beason 1848</u>		
Associated Waterway <u>Pigeon Creek</u>	DATES OF CONSTRUCTION		
Name of 7.5 Min. USGS Quad. Map <u>Elberfeld</u>	Start <u>1838</u>	Completion <u>1839</u>	
UTM Coordinates	Rebuilding <u>1848</u>	Abandoned <u>1866 ?</u>	
History & Use In Service; Use since Abandonment: The Pigeon Creek has the distinction of being part of both the Central Canal and the Wabash & Erie Canal. When completed in 1839 it was put under the c harge of a superintendent who was able to maintain sporadic navigation on the 19 mile level to Evansville in 1841, and possibly longer. The dam was rebuilt during 1848-9 and supplied water and periodic navigation on the Evansville level in 1852 and 1853 until the canal was completed.			
DESCRIPTION: (visible remains at the site) No known description of this work has yet been found. It is known that it was made of wood and was probably only a little bit longer than the width of Pigeon Creek. It seems to have had stone head gates as there is mention during the canal's operation of stone being stolen. Until recently it was possible to still see wood which must have made up the dam, but I have been told that during the 1983 dredging of Pigeon Creek the spoil was piled up on the banks and covered the remains.			
Other Works or Events Associated With Site:			
Present Property Owners: Peabody Coal Co.		Location of Deed Description: SW$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.34-T4s-R9w	
BIBLIOGRAPHY (Published, unpublished mss., maps, photographs): Indiana House Documentary Journal On site observation County Recorder's Office Indiana State Archives Local land owners			
Agencies, individuals interested in Preservation/Restoration:		National Register, HAER, other recognition:	
Investigation Made by: Stan Schmitt			Date:
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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.