

Canal Wabash & Erie /Southern Canal CO./ Evansville Canal Co.		Structure Pigeon Creek Reservoir Dam & Feeder	HAER Condition
State Indiana	County Gibson	Designer (s)	
City/Town Port Gibson		Contractor/Buider Ferrer, Sturges, & Hosmer	
Street		Source of Materials	
Associated Waterway Pigeon Creek		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
Name of 7.5 Min. USGS Quad. Map Princeton		Start 1851	Completion 1853
UTM Coordinates		Rebuilding	Abandoned 1869

History & Use In Service; Use since Abandonment: The Pigeon Creek Reservoir was built as an additional source of water for the lower level of the Wabash and Erie Canal. In October 1850, contractors Hosmer, Ferrer, & Sturgis sublet this work to Stewart and Rockafellow. The result was a 2376 foot long embankment across the valley of Pigeon Creek formed a lake covering some 1,486 acres with water up to 15 feet deep. The embankment itself was 10 feet wide on top and had a 1 3/4 to 1 slope. On the west end was a 66 foot long waste wier and on the east end four 2x2 sliding gates which put water into a 500 foot feeder which entered the canal at Port Gibson. In the center of the embankment 2 inch oak planks formed a wall which ran from 2 feet below the natural surface to 2 feet above the top water line. (see back)

DESCRIPTION: (visible remains at the site)  
At the present time county road 500S runs across the valley of Pigeon Creek on top of the reservoir embankment. A small bridge marks the location where the embankment was cut in 1869. The former reservoir is now farm land and is said to be better than the surrounding land.

Other Works or Events Associated With Site:

Present Property Owners: Edward McClure	Location of Deed Description: Book 149 Page 402
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BIBLIOGRAPHY (Published, unpublished mss., maps, photographs):  
 Indiana House Documentary Journal  
 Evansville Daily and Weekly Journal, Evansville Courier  
 Evansville Daily Enquirer  
 Letters from the Indiana State Archives  
 On site examination  
 Stormont's HISTORY OF GIBSON COUNTY

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:	National Register, HAER, other recognition:
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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.