

Canal Structure Inventory Sheet No:

Canal Society of Indiana

Canal Central/Wabash & Erie/Southern Canal Co.		Structure Pigeon Summit Deep Cut	HAER Condition
State <u>Indiana</u> County <u>Gibson</u>		Designer (s)	
City/Town		Contractor/BUILDER 1838-H & R Stewart	
Street		1850-Stewart & Walters	
Associated Waterway		Source of Materials	
Name of 7.5 Min. USGS Quad. Map <u>Francisco</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
UTM Coordinates		Start <u>1838/1850</u>	Completion <u>1853</u>
		Rebuilding	Abandoned <u>1860</u>
<p>History & Use In Service; Use since Abandonment: Like the Patoka deep cut, work on the Pigeon deep cut was begun in 1838 as a part of the Southern Division of the Central Canal. Consisting of sections 69 & 70, some 260,000 cubic yards of excavatio was completed before the southern Indiana canal works were abandoned. In October 1850 contractors Hosmer, Forrer, & Sturgis sublet this part of the canal, the main part being sections 30 & 31. This time the work involved the excavation of some 223,000 cubic yards of rock and earth to a depth of up to 20 feet over the course of 2 3/4 miles. When completed the Pigeon deep cut was some 35 feet at the greatest point and had 70 foot slopes down to the canal, with the tow path being located on top of the cut. Despite seeding and ditching to prevent washing, the Pigeon deep cut was the most (see back)</p>			
<p>DESCRIPTION: (visible remains at the site) At the present time a lake about one mile long fills the deepest portion of the cut. This lake was formed by the construction of county roads 450E and 550E across the cut. County road 220S runs along the north side of the Pigeon deep cut and offers the easiest way to view the work.</p>			
Other Works or Events Associated With Site:			
Present Property Owners: Multiple Owners		Location of Deed Description: Gibson County Recorders Office	
<p>BIBLIOGRAPHY (Published, unpublished mss., maps, photographs): Indiana House Documentary Journal Evansville Daily Journal Evansville Daily Enquirer On site examination</p>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:		National Register, HAER, other recognition:	
Investigation Made by: Stan Schmitt		Date: 3/15/85	
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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.