

Canal Structure Inventory Sheet No:

Canal Society of Indiana

Canal <u>Central/Wabash & Erie /Southern Canal Co./Evansville Canal Co.</u>		Structure <u>Basin-Southern Terminus of Canal</u>	HAER Condition
State <u>Indiana</u> County <u>Vanderburgh</u> City/Town <u>Evansville</u> Street <u>7th Ave & Indiana Ave</u> Associated Waterway		Designer(s) Contractor/Builder <u>Rowley & Sherwood ?</u> Source of Materials	
Name of 7.5 Min. USGS Quad. Map <u>Evansville South</u> UTM Coordinates		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION Start <u>1838</u> Completion <u>By 1839</u> Rebuilding <u>1852</u> Abandoned <u>1868-70</u>	
History & Use in Service; Use since Abandonment: <p>This basin marked the extreme southern end of the Wabash & Erie Canal. When constructed in 1838-39 the 180'x360' basin was at the end of a 67 chain extension or navigable head race. Located adjacent to Pigeon Creek, it was intended to use the 56' fall to the creek as a source of water power. To this end a 6½ acre tract between the creek and basin was donated to the state by Law, Scott, & McCall, proprietors of Lamasco. In 1841 the Central Canal at this point was filled from the Pigeon Creek feeder dam 20 miles away and put under the charge of a state appointed agent. Water is known to have intermitantly in the basin during the 1840s. In 1850 the basin was again filled from the Pigeon feeder dam as navigation was reopened on the 20 mile (see back)</p>			
DESCRIPTION: (visible remains at the site) <p>At the present time the entire basin is a gravel parking lot for Universal Furniture and a one block portion of Indiana Avenue. During the 1930s-1940s a marker describing its history was located on the site.</p>			
Other Works or Events Associated With Site:			
Present Property Owners: <u>Universal Warehouse Co.</u>		Location of Deed Description: <u>Deed Book 187, Page 228.</u>	
BIBLIOGRAPHY (Published, unpublished mss., maps, photographs): <u>Indiana House Documentary Journal, Evansville Daily Journal, Evansville Daily Enquirer, Elliott's A HISTORY OF EVANSVILLE AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY, Gilbert's HISTORY OF EVANSVILLE AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY, Morlock's THE EVANSVILLE STORY, Maps, and on site examination.</u>			
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.