

CANAL <b>MILAN CANAL</b>		STATUS <b>ABANDONED</b>			ACS																									
STATE/PROVINCE: <b>OHIO</b>					HAER																									
COUNTIES: <b>entirely in Erie County</b>																														
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): <b>Village of Milan to Huron at Lake Erie.</b>		ENLARGEMENTS																												
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<p><b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b> The original intent was to provide a means of shipping grain from the interior of that region to the Lake. A group of local businessmen began building a towpath along the Huron river in 1831 and reaches Fries Landing (2 miles) in 1834. A canal was begun at this point in 1833 to reach permanently dry ground near Milan. The canal was completed (with the State's help) in 1839. A strong shipbuilding trade grew up in Milan. More than 75 Lake Schooners were built there between 1841 and 1867. The flood of 1868 destroyed the feeder dam at Milan and the canal was abandoned.</p>																														
<p><b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:</b> When construction of the canal began, the minimum depth was to be 4 feet. Before this canal was completed, it was decided to increase the depth to 13 feet to allow Lake Schooners to enter Milan. Final minimum dimensions were 13 feet deep and 40 feet wide at the water line. Two locks overcame a difference in elevation of 7 feet. A feeder dam across the Huron river at Milan fed the basin there and the entire canal.</p>																														
<p><b>NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:</b></p> <p><b>MILAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM INC.</b> Milan, Ohio 44846</p>																														
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