

American Canal Society Canal Index

CANAL SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION, Penna Canal System	STATUS (Abandoned)	ACS HAER																																
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LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): From Duncan's Island to Canal Basin in Northumberland																																		
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> The Susquehanna Division canal ran north from the outlet lock located just west of the Clark's Ferry Bridge, on Duncan's Island, along the west bank of the Susquehanna River for 41 miles to a point opposite Northumberland. Here the boats were towed to the east bank from a covered tow path bridge running into Northumberland. A slack water pool was created at this point by Shamokin Dam, which spanned the river below the junction of the north and west branches. </p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> The engineers who designed and built the Susquehanna Division included: Simeon Guilford; Hother Hage, with canal office at Liverpool; Francis W. Rawle; and A. B. Waterford. Work began in 1827 and was completed in 1831. This division, with its 12 locks (90 feet x 17 feet) raising the canal boats 86 feet from the Clark's Ferry slack water pool to the Northumberland slack water pool, formed an important link with the Main Line and the canal divisions in the northern part of the state. </p>																																		
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