Lock No. 27 ("Johnny Cake Lock")

16. Thematic Category
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17. Date(s) or Period
1825-1827

18. Style or Design

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Original Use, if apparent
canal lock

22. Present Use

23. Ownership
Public □
Private □

24. Owner's Name & Address,
if known
Akron Metro. Park District
976 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

25. Open to
Public? unrestricted Yes XX

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
Summit Co. Hist. Soc.

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
included in "Ohio & Erie Canal historic civil engineering landmark, Ohio Council ASC!

28. No. of Stories

29. Basement?
Yes □
No □

30. Foundation Material

31. Wall Construction
load-bearing masonry

32. Roof Type & Material

33. No. of Bays
Side

34. Wall Treatment
cut stone/concrete

35. Plan Shape rectangle

36. Changes
Addition □
(Explain Altered in #42)
Moved □

37. Condition
X X X X fair

38. Preservation Underway?
Yes □
No □

39. Endangered?
Yes □
By What? No XX

40. Visible from
Public Road? Yes □
No □

41. Distance from and
Frontage on Road

42. Further Description of Important Features
Lock is standard mitered gate type. The lock chamber is 90 feet long by 15 feet wide. Of cut sandstone construction, it was repaired with concrete c. 1905. Both gates are missing. Some water in lock chamber, canal itself is dry south of Peninsula. There is an original piece of hardware--probably the wrought iron collar bearing that held the oak gate post--in the east lock wall at south end.

43. History and Significance
According to tradition, in the spring of 1828 a flood in Furnace Run swept into the canal and stopped navigation. "...the crews and passengers were compelled to live, water-bound, as best they could. They were at last reduced to johnnycake, which constituted their diet for a number of days." Thus the origin of the name for this lock at Everett, a canal stopover then known as

In the small residential neighborhood that constitutes the village of Everett.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Unionville.

45. Sources of Information
Frank Wilcox, The Ohio Canals, selec. and ed. William A. McGill (Kent, O.: Kent State University Press, 1969), see esp. p. 21 on lock hardware.

46. Prepared by Carol Poh Miller

47. Organization

48. Date 3/76
49. Revision Date(s)