**Lock No. 31 ("Lonesome Lock")**

### 1. No.

13

### 2. County

Summit

### 3. Location of Negatives

OHS

### 4. Present Name(s)

Lock No. 31 ("Lonesome Lock")

### 5. Other Name(s)

### 6. Specific Location

200 feet east of the Cuyahoga River and approx. 0.5 mile south of Ohio Turnpike

### 7. City or Town

Boston Town, vic. Peninsula

### 8. Site Plan with North Arrow

[Map Image]

### 9. Coordinates

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### 10. Site Plan with North Arrow

[Map Image]

### 11. On National Register?

Yes K

### 12. Is It Eligible?

Yes K

### 13. Part of Estab. Yes | Historic Dist. No K


### 15. Name of Established District

Summit County Hist. Soc.

### 16. Thematic Category

F, H, I

### 17. Date(s) or Period

1825-1827

### 18. Style or Design

Load-bearing masonry

### 19. Architect or Engineer

### 20. Contractor or Builder

### 21. Original Use, If apparent

Canal lock

### 22. Present Use

### 23. Ownership

Public K<br>Private K

### 24. Owner's Name & Address,

State of O., Dept. of Public Works<br>65 S. Front St., Columbus

### 25. Open to Public?

Unrestricted

### 26. Local Contact Person or Organization

Summit County Hist. Soc.

### 27. Other Surveys in Which Included

In Ohio & Erie Canal historic civil engineering landmark, Ohio Council ASC

### 28. No. of Stories

### 29. Basement?

Yes K<br>No K

### 30. Foundation Material

### 31. Wall Construction

Cut stone/concrete

### 32. Roof Type & Material

### 33. No. of Bays

### 34. Wall Treatment

### 35. Plan Shape

Rectangle

### 36. Changes

Addition K<br>Altered K<br>Moved K

### 37. Condition

Good

### 38. Preservation Underway?

No K

### 39. Endangered?

By What?

No K

### 40. Visible from Public Road?

No K

### 41. Distance from and Frontage on Road

Approx. Acreage: less than 1

### 42. Further Description of Important Features

Lock is standard mitered gate type. The lock chamber is 90 feet long by 15 feet wide. The cut stone construction is partially masked by a cover of concrete, applied c. 1901. Both gates are missing. There is water in the lock chamber. Remains of what was probably a canal spillway can be seen close by and southeast of the lock.

### 43. History and Significance

This lock on the Ohio & Erie Canal was located between the once-thriving canal villages of Boston and Peninsula. The names of the canal locks were bestowed by association. This one, inaccessible except on foot (and then only after a considerable hike), is in a secluded stretch of canal where the only sign of "civilization" is the sound of Ohio Turnpike traffic one-half mile to the north.

### 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

Secluded environment, due to the irregular terrain. Nearby is "Stumpy Basin," a unique natural area that once served as a canal boat turnaround and is now used by Kent State University as an "outdoor classroom" for ecology students.

### 45. Sources of Information


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### 47. Organization

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