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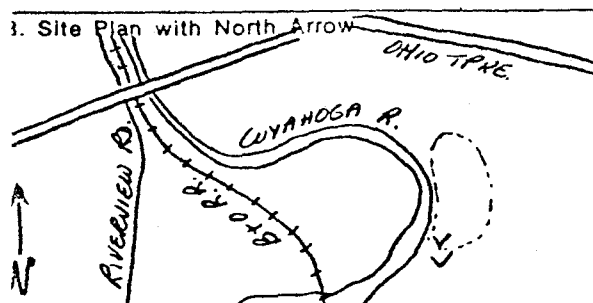
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

1. No. 12
2. County Summit
3. Location of Negatives DHS

4. Present Name(s) Stumpy Basin REFNUM 79000313
5. Other Name(s)

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

7. City or Town Boston Twp., vic. Peninsula
If Rural, Township & Vicinity



9. Coordinates
10. U.T.M. Reference
Easting 454260 Northing 4566720

11. On National Register? Yes No
12. Is It Eligible? Yes No
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes No
14. District Potent'l? Yes No

15. Name of Established District

16. Thematic Category F, I

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 boat turnaround

22. Present Use outdoor classroom*

23. Ownership Public Private

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known
Kent State University (part of KSU's natural areas system)

25. Open to Public? Yes No

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

27. Other Surveys in Which Included

Approx. Acreage: 30

28. No. of Stories

29. Basement? Yes No

30. Foundation Material

31. Wall Construction

32. Roof Type & Material

33. No. of Bays Front Side

34. Wall Treatment

35. Plan Shape

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

37. Condition Interior Exterior

38. Preservation Underway? Yes No

39. Endangered? By What? Yes No

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes No

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road

42. Further Description of Important Features
This unique natural area is comprised of flat bottom land with an unusual virgin forest of small trees. Cat-tails thrive in the basin itself, which is surrounded by steep hillsides. "Lonesome Lock" is nearby.*Stumpy Basin, formerly a canal wide-water, is today used as an "outdoor classroom" for ecology students at Kent State University.



43. History and Significance
More species of native plants exist here than in any area of similar size in Ohio. Rare orchids and Buckeye trees, western prairie plants, and northern plants such as hemlock, white pine, shubby jupiter and Buffalo berry can all be seen. The basin was once used by canal boats as a wide-water turnaround and winter shelter.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Accessible only on foot. Random foundation remains (former canal-related structures?) suggest a potential for historical archeology in this vicinity.

45. Sources of Information
The Voice of the Cuyahoga Valley Association, June 1972.
Illustrated Summit County, Ohio (Akron, O.: Akron Map & Atlas Co., 1891), p. 157.

46. Prepared by Carol Poh Miller

47. Organization

48. Date 5/76 49. Revision Date(s)

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January 4, 1980

Dr. Charles Riley
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Dear Dr. Riley:

I am pleased to inform you that the Ohio and Erie Canal Thematic Resources, (in the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area), Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is information explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,



David L. Brook
State Historic Preservation Officer

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NOACA
F. A. Ketterson, National Park Service
William Birdsell, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area
Eric Johannesen, RPO

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Stumpy Basin

County: Summit

MPD Cover Form: Ohio & Erie Canal TR

County Filed In: Cuyahoga

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

Ohio Historic Inventory form

Photograph(s)

Photograph(s) (copies)

USGS map(s)

USGS map(s) (copies)

Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

Correspondence

Other _____
