

Miami and Erie Canal Locks (Abandoned)
Near site of Loranie Portage
Lockington
Shelby County
Ohio

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
MIAMI AND ERIE CANAL LOCKS (ABANDONED)

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Location: Near site of Loramie Portage, Lockington, Shelby County, Ohio

Present Owner: State of Ohio, Anthony Wayne Parkway Board, 15th and High Streets, Columbus, Ohio

Brief Statement of Significance: The locks are the highest point on the Miami and Erie Canal, commenced in 1825 from Cincinnati to Dayton and completed in 1845 to Toledo.

The locks are near the site of Loramie Portage; see page 606, Vol. 2, Historical Collections of Ohio by Henry Howe. See also page 99, A History of Ohio by Roseboom and Weisenburger and pages 485 and 557 of The Ohio Guide, WPA Writers Project, and 1948-1950 Progress Report, Anthony Wayne Parkway Board.

The site is now a dry hillside with five stone locks within one-half mile as shown in photograph with this report. Supply canal wound along hillsides from Loramie Reservoir. This is probably the final section of the canal completed in 1845.

The lock gates have disappeared and the supply canal is clogged and broken.

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