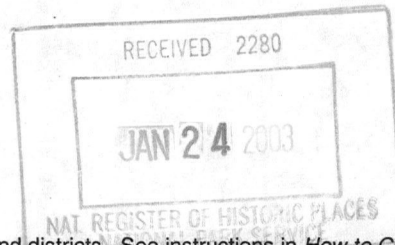


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Black River Canal Warehouse

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 502 Water Street [] not for publication

city or town Boonville [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Oneida code 065 zip code 13309

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements as set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide. [X] locally. ([] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mike Cant, SXPA Commissioner

1/02/03
Date

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register [] see continuation sheet
- [] determined eligible for the National Register [] see continuation sheet
- [] determined not eligible for the National Register
- [] removed from the National Register
- [] other (explain) _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

3/7/03
date of action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- [] private
[X] public-local
[] public-State
[] public-Federal

- [X] building(s)
[] district
[] site
[] structure
[] object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Non-contributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, and TOTAL. Values: 1, 1.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/canal-related

VACANT/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE

foundation CONCRETE
walls WOOD, METAL
roof ASPHALT
other

Narrative Description (See continuation sheet)

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Black River Canal Warehouse
Name of Property
Boonville, Oneida Co. NY
County and State

Description

The Black River Canal Warehouse is located on the east side of Water Street in the village of Boonville, Oneida County. Situated on a small parcel (.07 acre), the building stands immediately adjacent to the former right-of-way of the Black River Canal. An abandoned railroad line remains in close proximity to the southwest gable end. There are no other buildings on the nominated parcel.

The warehouse originally constructed in 1850 is a 1 1/2-story, rectangular, wood frame building, 28 by 40 feet, situated with its gable ends oriented generally northeast and southwest. Structural members consist of sawed and hewn timbers assembled with mortise-and-tenon joinery (similar to barn framing). The timber sills originally rested unsupported at grade. A poured concrete floor and partial foundation were added during the twentieth century. The exterior is sheathed in a combination of board-and-batten siding (south wall), lapped metal shingle plates (north wall) and embossed metal siding panels on the gable ends. Loading doors are framed into the west, south and east walls of the warehouse; second story hoisting bays are evident on both gable ends. Fenestration is random, consisting of salvaged and re-used residential window sash installed horizontally in the north and west walls at an undetermined date. A plain wood cornice defines the roofline.

The interior of the warehouse building is utilitarian and devoid of any finish. Structural elements are exposed, revealing the timber framing members, sawed floor joists, plank flooring, rafters and roof boards. The northeast gable end is divided into two small rooms, each 14 feet square, by means of rough plank partition walls. An open wood stair provides access to the second-story loft area. Remains of a wood hoisting winch remain in the building in a disassembled state.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [X] A Property associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location
[] C a birthplace or grave
[] D a cemetery
[] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure
[] F a commemorative property
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance:

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance:

1850-1924

Significant Dates:

1850

Significant Person:

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheet)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Best, Tharratt Gilbert. Boonville and Its Neighbors. Utica, 1960.
Cookinham, Henry J. History of Oneida County, New York. 2 vols. Chicago, 1912.
Kelly, Virginia B., et al. Wood and Stone: Landmarks of the Upper Mohawk Region. Utica, 1972.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by historic American Building Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal Agency
[] Local Government
[] University
[] Other repository:

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Black River Canal Warehouse
Name of Property
Boonville, Oneida Co., NY
County and State

Statement of Significance

The Black River Canal Warehouse is significant under Criteria A and C as a substantially intact, representative example of vernacular, canal-related architecture associated with the history of the Black River Canal from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century. Constructed in 1850, the utilitarian, timber framed building is typical of the many storage barns and warehouse structures built along the canal in the nineteenth century. The simple, two-story structure with loading bays at the gable ends retains substantial structural integrity to the period of significance. As one of the last remaining warehouses associated with the operation of the Black River Canal, the nominated property represents the economic importance of Boonville during the canal era.

The village of Boonville is situated 32 miles north of Utica on the Tug Hill plateau, the divide between the Mohawk River and Black River watersheds. The first attempt at establishing a permanent settlement in the region occurred in the spring of 1795, when Gerrit Boon arrived. A native of Leyden, Holland, Boon was sent by Col. Adam Mappa, an agent of the Holland Land Company, to initiate land sales on the upland plateau. Despite initial difficulties, Boon's settlement by 1805 consisted of a school, church, water-powered mills and several residences. Boonville's greatest period of prosperity occurred with the construction of the Black River Canal beginning in 1837.

The primary purpose of the Black River Canal was to provide an improved water supply to the Erie Canal during the period of the First Enlargement; its secondary purpose was to improve bulk transportation. The steep elevation traversed by the canal right-of-way called for difficult and expensive engineering solutions. By the time it was completed from Rome to Lyon's Falls in 1855 (with Boonville at the summit level), the Black River Canal incorporated 109 locks, with 70 locks located in the 693 feet of interval between Rome and Boonville. The coming of the canal stimulated the lumber industry of the Adirondack foothills region around Boonville, a boom that continued until the forests were nearly clear-cut by the early twentieth century. As the principal business community along the canal, Boonville became a shipping hub for bulk commodities and manufactured goods. Historic photographs show the canal right-of-way lined with rows of wood frame warehouses.

The nominated warehouse building was built in 1850 when the Black River Canal was completed as far as Boonville. The simple, utilitarian structure embodies the features characteristic of canal warehouse structures of the period, including a long, rectangular form with second-story loft space, a gabled roof, timber frame construction, loading doors and hoisting bays. With the abandonment of the Black River Canal as a transportation route in 1924, Boonville's many warehouses were abandoned, demolished, lost to fires or moved from their original canal-side location. The nominated Black River Canal Warehouse building is significant as one of the last extant examples of this building type in Boonville. Acquired by the village of Boonville for inclusion in a Black River Canal trail park, the warehouse building will be restored and converted to public use as an interpretive center. The Black River Canal Warehouse remains an important example of its type, period and method of construction from Boonville's canal heyday.

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Photograph Key

Black River Canal Warehouse
Name of Property
Boonville, Oneida Co. NY
County and State

All Photographs:

Black River Canal Warehouse
Boonville, Oneida County, NY
Lisa Kaiding
2002
Negative @NYSHPO, Waterford, NY

Photo No.:

- 1--East elevation, view Northwest;
- 2--Southwest gable end, view North;
- 3--West elevation, view Northeast;
- 4--First story interior;
- 5--Detail, open stair and timber framing, first floor;
- 6--Timber framing, second floor.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Black River Canal Warehouse
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Oneida

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/19/03
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/07/03 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/03
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 03000093

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/4/03 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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BOONVILLE, ONEIDA CO. NY

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BOONVILLE, ONEIDA CO. NY

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BOONVILLE, ONEIDA CO. NY

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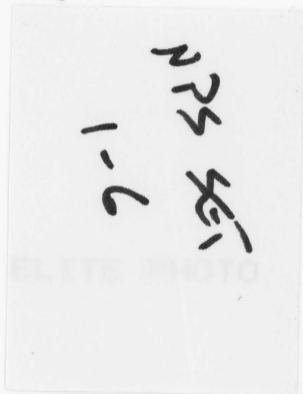


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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BOONVILLE QUADRANGLE NEW YORK 7.5 MINUTE SERIES PLANIMETRIC

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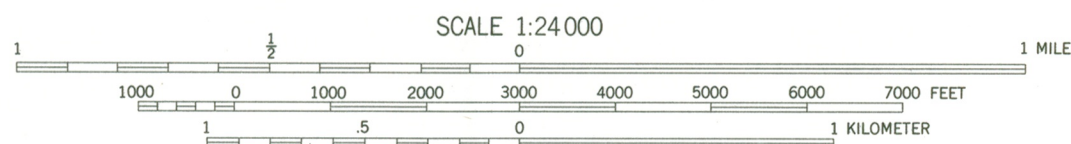
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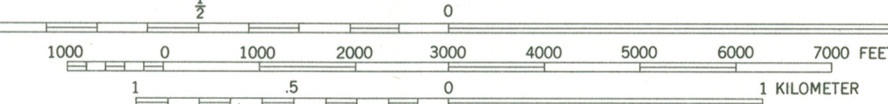
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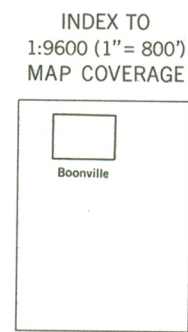
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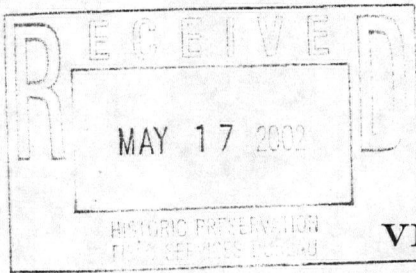
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- County.....
- Town or City.....
- Incorporated Village.....

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- U. S.
- State.....
- State Highway number and limit.....
- County road.....
- Interchange number.....
- Divided highways and streets: Wide mall.....
- Narrow mall or barrier.....
- Undivided highways and streets: 4 or more lanes.....
- Less than 4 lanes.....
- Vehicle track; trail.....



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May 15, 2002

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Re: Village of Boonville Canal Museum Site

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for coming to Boonville and inspecting our Canal Warehouse/Museum building. The Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees met on Monday night (5/13/02) and have agreed that if the building fits your criteria to be put on the Historic Register, we would like you to proceed in completing the paperwork to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions. My number is 315-943-2052.

Very truly yours,
Lisa Kaiding
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Grant Administrator