

CEMETERIES GIVE CLUES TO MACEDON'S CANAL HISTORY

Two cemeteries in the Town hold clues to Macedon's past. The Baptist Burial Ground, located on Walworth Rd. just north of Quaker Rd. (map # 6), is the site of the graves of Sir Winston Churchill's great-great grandparents,



Anna & David Wilcox. Their great granddaughter Jenny married Lord Randolph Churchill, father to the great statesman and war hero. Other relatives are buried in Palmyra.

The second, The Wayneport Union Burying Ground, located on Wayneport Rd. (map # 7) just north of the canal, is the final resting-place of 26 'canallers,' victims of an epidemic in 1846 during the construction of the Enlarged Canal. It is the only known site where canal laborers were buried en mass. The actual gravesite is unmarked, but a historic marker erected in 1992 now identifies the cemetery.

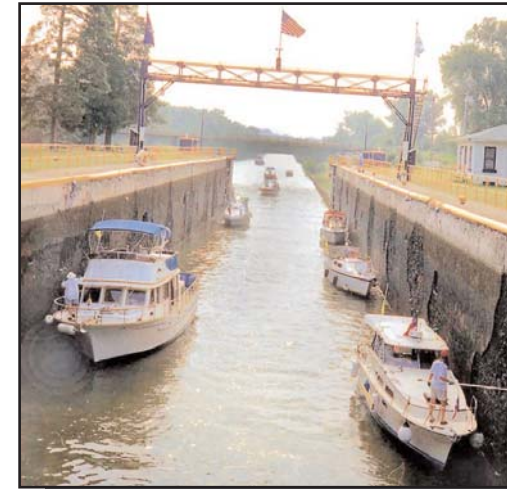


LOCK 60 AND GALLUP'S CHANGE BRIDGE #39

The Lock 60 Historic Site, (map # 2) is located off Quaker Road between Walworth and O'Neil Roads. Lock 60 is one of the finest surviving locks of the improved Erie Canal and located on the site of the original lock #71. Opened in 1841, the lock was later doubled and then lengthened to meet the demands of the canal traffic. Each chamber is 18' x 110'. The site is now maintained by the Lock 60 Locktenders under the umbrella of the Town of Macedon. The lock was abandoned in 1914.

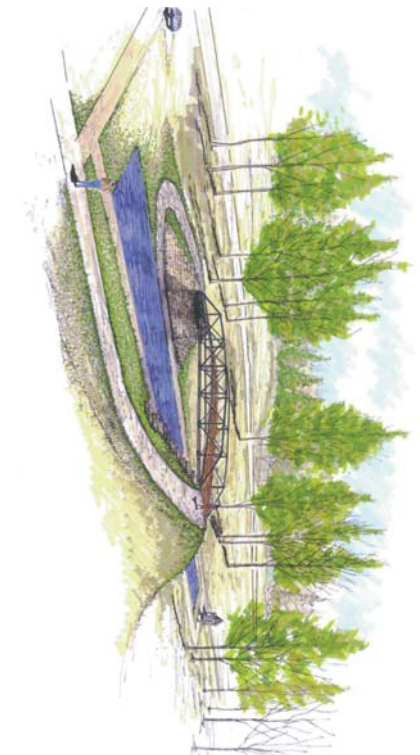


Located to the west of the lock is a connecting trail to the NYS Canalway Trail constructed and maintained by the Macedon Trails Association. At the junction of these trails just west of the O'Neil Road bridge can be seen the Gallup's Bridge #39 Highway Change bridge abutments (map # 3). They are the only known surviving change bridge abutments of the enlarged canal, and would have had a clear span of 72.5' with a deck 14' wide. Traveling west, the mules would have changed from the south to north sides of the canal, & the towpath can be seen on the south abutment.



Macedon's CANAL HERITAGE

Located 15 miles east of Rochester on the Erie Canal, Macedon is a true 'Canal Town.' Featuring many unique and outstanding historic and present-day sites, Macedon is a place not to be missed by the canal enthusiast.



AQUEDUCT PARK AT LOCK 29

SITE OF ALDRICH CHANGE BRIDGE, MUD CREEK AQUEDUCT & POWERHOUSE

The Aldrich Change Bridge, rescued from the waters of Ganargua (Mud) Creek in 1997, was rededicated in



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RESTORATION OF THE 1858 ALDRICH CHANGE BRIDGE

2004 close to its original location in Aqueduct Park at Lock 29 (map #1). Manufactured in 1858 by Squire Whipple, the bridge was originally located at the weighlock in Rochester, but moved to the Macedon Palmyra Town line in 1880. When the present canal was opened the bridge was sold to a local farmer and moved. Significant not only as the only surviving change bridge and an example of Whipple's truss bridge design, the bridge is the oldest dated surviving wrought and cast iron bridge in New York State.

The rescue, reconstruction and relocation of the bridge by a group known as the Bridge Builders has been called "one of the most important bridge preservation projects in the country today."

Also located at Aqueduct Park are Lock 29, the Mud Creek Aqueduct and the Powerhouse and water channel beneath it. The wooden floor timbers of the aqueduct have been removed and the structure altered so that it may be used for a spillway for the current canal. It also carries the NYS Canal Trail over Ganargua Creek. The powerhouse, located just north of the aqueduct, supplied electricity to both lock 29 and lock 30 in Macedon. Lock 29 is one of 6 locks in Wayne County, the most of any county in the state.



LOCK 30 PARK OFFERS HIDDEN CANAL SITES

At Lock 30 Park (map #4) in the Village of Macedon three earlier canal sites may be found. The current spillway was part of the 1840

enlargement, and along the north bank near route 350 can be seen a building once used as the State Warehouse for Grain. On the east side of route 350 Lock #61 of the Enlarged Canal can be found, making Macedon one of the few two lock towns along the canal. It is now used as part of the spillway for Lock # 30.

The Lock 30 Park also offers camping, picnic areas, a boat ramp and convenient access for boaters or trail users to the many shops and stores in the Village of Macedon.

All Macedon's Canal Sites are located within the National Park Service
Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
<http://www.eriecanalway.org/>

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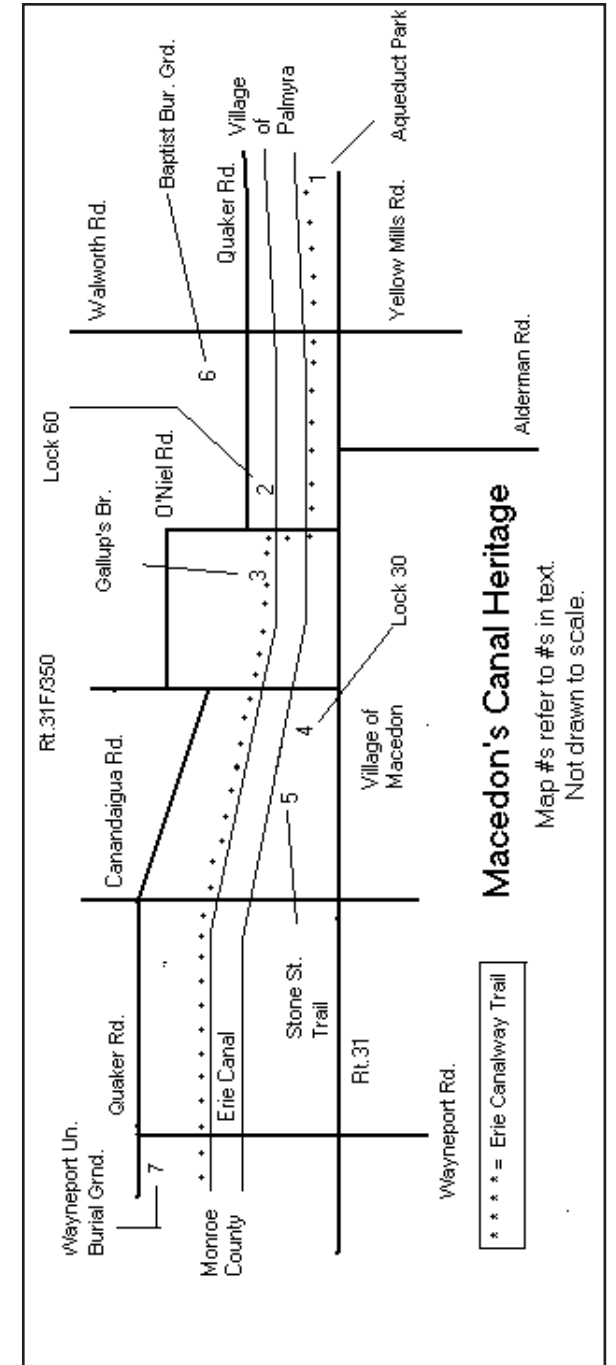
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STONE ST. TRAIL FEATURES UNIQUE CANAL SITES

Located at the end of Stone St. behind the Elementary School in the Village of Macedon, the Macedon Trails Association Stone St. Trail (map # 5) offers a south shore contrast to the Heritage Trail on the north shore. Proceeding west along the trail, the hiker comes first to Charlie Cook's point,

where a Native American lived during the early 20th century. Looking west from that point all 3 cuts of the canal may be seen side by side; the Original Clinton's Ditch of the 1820's, the Enlarged of the 1840's, and the current of 1910's. Looking to the northwest from the point a sunken and abandoned barge may be seen. Continuing west along the trail other sites offer views of all 3 canals.



Macedon's Canal Heritage

Map #'s refer to #'s in text.
 Not drawn to scale.

*** = Erie Canalway Trail