

# **Inventory of the Canal Society of Ohio Collection, 1830-2011**



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Canal Society of Ohio Collection
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<b>Extent:</b>	23.25 cubic feet (27 Boxes)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Canal Society of Ohio has preserved Ohio's canal history and heritage with guided tours and presentations to its members since 1961. The Canal Society of Ohio Collection consists primarily of materials relating to the planning, construction, use, operation, and rebuilding of canals in Ohio.

## Administrative Information

<b>Providence:</b>	Gift of The Canal Society of Ohio, 1985
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## Historical Background

The Canal Society of Ohio (CSO) was established in 1961 by James G. Cowles, Ted H. Findley, Lewis W. Richardson, James D. Robinson and others. The CSO serves as a non-profit organization focused on preserving canal history and increasing interest in Ohio's canal heritage. Located in Akron, Ohio the group consists of a Board of Trustees and its open membership.

Since its founding, the CSO has collected numerous books, maps, photographs and memorabilia detailing canal development in Ohio as well as other states, and offers these materials for viewing to its members. To keep members aware of society activities, the

CSO distributes the quarterly newsletter *Towpaths*. This newsletter contains articles relating to the canals and their history and any other current items of interest to CSO members.

The CSO also conducts guided weekend tours of selected canal segments during the spring and fall seasons. Some of these tours have included the Old Portage to New Portage route (locks #1 to #23) on the Ohio & Erie Canal in the Akron area. Tour guidebooks are provided during the event to help serve as a field manual focusing on the subject of the particular tour.<sup>1</sup>

## **Scope and Content**

Materials within this collection were compiled and donated by the Canal Society of Ohio. The administrative information pertaining to the development and activities of the CSO is found in Series C and Series G. The materials covering the CSO organization include trustee meeting minutes, membership rosters, and tour guidebooks.

The bulk of the collection consists primarily of materials relating to the planning, construction, use, operation, and rebuilding of canals in Ohio. Many of the items are not originals but are copies of documents. There are some items concerning canals in other states and countries.

There is very little information on the individuals who built and operated the canals and canal boats. Minimal genealogical information is available through this collection.

## **Series Descriptions**

### **Series A: Canal-related files**

The series contains historical summaries, maps, articles, brochures, and other documents relating to canals. These materials were collected by the Canal Society of Ohio. The series is divided into the following subseries:

#### **Subseries 1: Files relating to Ohio canals**

#### **Subseries 2: Files relating to national and international canals**

#### **Subseries 3: Files relating to rebuilding canals**

### **Series B: Periodicals**

Series consists mainly of journals, bulletins, and newsletters published by canal societies in the United States and abroad.

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<sup>1</sup> Information for this historical background sketch was taken from the following sources:

The Canal Society of Ohio, Inc., *About the Canal Society of Ohio*,

[http://www.canalsocietyohio.org/about\\_CS.html](http://www.canalsocietyohio.org/about_CS.html); (accessed 30 January, 2009).

The Canal Society of Ohio, Inc., *The Canal Society of Ohio*, <http://www.canalsocietyohio.org>; (accessed 30 January, 2009).

**Series C: Canal Society of Ohio Publications**

**Subseries 1: Tour Guides**

The subseries contains tour guides produced by the Canal Society of Ohio. CSO conducts tours for members and other interested people, usually twice a year, of various sections of canals around the state and in neighboring states. A tour guide is prepared for most of these events to enhance the tour experience and for a lasting record.

**Subseries 2: Newsletters**

The subseries contains the Canal Society of Ohio quarterly newsletters, *Towpath*.

**Series D: Photographs**

Series contains prints, slides, and negatives of canals in Ohio and beyond from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century. Includes some prints of original prints, while others are copies.

**Series E: Maps and Oversized Materials**

The series includes topographical and other maps, oversized drawings, and other similar material.

**Series F: Publications about canals**

This series contains periodicals, brochures, and newspapers that were not published by the Canal Society of Ohio.

**Series G: Administrative Files**

Series G contains Canal Society of Ohio administrative files from the organizations' founding. Materials include articles of incorporation, constitution and bylaws, trustees meeting minutes, and historical summaries.

**Related Materials**

Louis Baus Canal Photograph Collection

Cascade Locks Park Association Records

Jack E. Gieck Photographs & Negatives

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