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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NE of Camillus on
Thompson Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Camillus

XX VICINITY OF

33rd

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

New York

CODE

36

COUNTY

Onondaga

CODE

067

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☒ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Town of Camillus, Dept. of Parks and Recreation

STREET & NUMBER

4914 West Genesee Street

CITY, TOWN

Camillus

XX VICINITY OF

STATE

New York

13031

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Onondaga County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Syracuse,

STATE

New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct was opened in 1844, and originally carried the Erie Canal across this stream. It was the largest of the second-class aqueducts on the enlarged canal, measuring 144 feet in overall length. The structure is located northeast of the present village of Camillus, and is set in a natural area one hundred yards east of Thompson Road. The orientation of the Aqueduct is northeast to southwest.

Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct is a four-span structure, each of its Roman arches having an interior span of thirty feet. Together these arches carried the canal towpath across the creek. On the south side of the towpath and parallel to it is a series of three stone piers and abutments which supported the wooden trunk of the canal. The interior width of each pier is forty-nine feet.¹ The depth of the timber trunk within the piers was approximately seven feet. The abutments and towpath stand fifteen feet above the water level of the creek.

The structure is anchored to each bank of the creek by a pair of curved masonry wingwalls which rise to the height of the towpath and abutments, and conform to the curvature and slope of the banks.

The entire support system of the aqueduct is built of rough pointed dimension stone laid in plain ashlar courses. The structure is pointed with hydraulic cement which has withstood the effects of weathering. The principal building stones are approximately sixteen inches thick. Each of the abutments is capped with a coping of eight-inch thick stone.

The flow of Nine Mile Creek at the aqueduct is in a north-easterly direction. To counteract potential ice damage to the aqueduct the structure was designed with a semicircular ice breaker of stone masonry on the south end of each pier, curving around each base at the waterline.

¹Noble E. Whitford, History of the Canal System of the State of New York (2 Vols., Albany, 1906), II, 1069.

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The towpath is presently covered with grass, though its original covering may have been plank laid on wood stringers over masonry fill, built in accordance with canal specifications.²

A parapet of rough pointed stone runs parallel to the towpath on its north side to a height of approximately three and one-half feet. The parapet served as a protective railing for traffic on the towpath. The towpath itself is twelve feet wide and extends the length of the crossing.

The timber trunk of the aqueduct is no longer extant. The effects of the elements and possible removal of timbers at an undetermined date have left standing only the masonry portion of the aqueduct. A section of the rotted timber trunk remains in unstablized condition at the southeast end of the aqueduct. This is presumably not part of the first trunk, but rather a later replacement.

The alignment, fabric, and pointing of Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct remains generally sound, with no listing off center or serious structural decay. Vegetation rooted in joints may ultimately loosen stones on the piers and towpath, but at present does not adversely affect the structure.

²Historic American Engineering Record, A Report of the Mohawk-Hudson Area Survey, ed. by Robert M. Vogel (Washington, 1973), p. 182.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	Begun 1841; Completed 1844	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Attributed to Frederick C. Mills	(1804- 1850)
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE				

The Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, located between locks 50 and 51 on the old Erie Canal near Camillus, is an arched stone structure of four spans erected between 1841 and 1844. Built during the first enlargement of the Erie Canal (1836 to 1862), this was the largest second-class aqueduct on the right-of-way. This structure eliminated the need for two sets of locks on the canal's Jordan Level, thereby expediting the flow of traffic to and from the west. The Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct is a remarkably well-preserved engineering and transportation landmark set in a natural area, little changed since the early nineteenth century. Presently, the Department of Parks and Recreation, Town of Camillus owns and preserves the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct as part of a local Erie Canal Park.

In 1835 the Canal Commissioners of the State of New York concluded that the Erie Canal must be enlarged. This decision was based both upon public pressure to increase the flow of commodities to and from the west, (especially salt from the Syracuse area) and upon the need to replace many structures built in haste on the original canal of 1817-1825. The Commissioners believed repairs and rebuilding ought to anticipate future needs; hence enlargement was desirable.

The middle section of the canal from Frankfort to Lyons was surveyed in 1836 by engineer Frederick C. Mills (1804-1850), who presumably submitted designs for the aqueducts and locks on the enlarged right-of-way.¹ The design for Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct may be attributed to Mills.

Based upon the report of Frederick Mills, the Canal Commissioners in 1837 decided to eliminate a lock of eleven feet lift at each end of the canal's twelve-mile Jordan level, lower the level, and allow

¹ Noble E. Whitford, History of the Canal System of the State of New York (2 Vols., Albany, 1906), 1, 142, 146.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Raymond W. Smith, Program Assistant

ORGANIZATION NYS Parks and Recreation
Division for Historic Preservation

DATE

February, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg. #1

TELEPHONE

518-474-0479

CITY OR TOWN

Albany,

STATE

New York 12238

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Dep Comm for Hist. Pres.

DATE

3/12/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Active

DATE

5/17/96

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles A. Smith

DATE

5/13/76

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the proposed aqueduct to carry the canal across Nine Mile Creek. The new aqueduct would replace an existing two-span structure on the original canal found to be "in a failing and unsafe condition."² The improvements to the Jordan level would save one mile in distance, over \$18,000 in construction costs, and annual repairs and attendance at the double locks at each end of the original course.³ In 1841, builders Denton and Cromwell were awarded the contract for the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, and paid the sum of \$10,439.⁴

Work on the new aqueduct proceeded rapidly while the deteriorating two-span aqueduct remained in use. The old structure required repeated bracing and repair.

At last, in its Annual Report for 1845, the Canal Commission was able to state with regard to the Jordan level, that "work...is completed on the original plan of the enlargement, and the whole including the Nine Mile Creek...was brought into use at the opening of the navigation last spring." Completion of Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct in 1844 obviated the need for the "two old locks of unusual high lifts, rendered slow in their operation by being connected at the head with narrow trunks of aqueducts," and the expense of lock repairs and operations.⁵ As the principal structure on the enlarged Erie Canal's Section Eleven (Jordan level), Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct continued in use until the abandonment of the old canal right-of-way by the Canal System of New York State in 1918. For more than half a century the aqueduct served the growing traffic of the enlarged canal, requiring none of the maintenance frequently necessary on the structure it replaced.

²New York State Canal Commissioners, Annual Report for the Year 1841: Assembly Documents, No. 24 (January 25, 1842), 41, 43.

³Whitford, I, 154.

⁴Notes on file, Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, Onondaga Historical Association, Syracuse, New York.

⁵New York State Canal Commissioners, Annual Report for the Year 1845: Assembly Documents, No. 14 (January 6, 1846), 38-39.

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In 1974, the town of Camillus acquired title to Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct from the State of New York. The aqueduct is to become the focal point of a proposed Erie Canal Park.

Expert design and substantial construction techniques make the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct a significant engineering and transportation landmark. Its survival is in part due to the use of hydraulic cement in its construction. Hydraulic cement was first developed in the United States by famed engineer Canvass White (1790-1834) in conjunction with Erie Canal masonry. After 1819, all aqueducts, culverts, and locks on the canal were mortared using White's hydraulic cement.⁶ Because few such structures survive, the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct is doubly worthy of recognition as an engineering monument.

⁶Joshua V. H. Clark, Onondaga (2 Vols., Syracuse, 1849), II, 65-66.

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Property Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct

State New York

Working Number 3.25.76.2872

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Sondaga Co.

TECHNICAL

Photos 5

Maps 1 4 contact sheets

CONTROL

OK am 3.30.76

HISTORIAN

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H. W. Engsted
28 Apr 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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OTHER

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Inventory BNB 5/6
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NINE MILE CREEK AQUEDUCT

CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA CO., N.Y.

CREDIT - DR. DAVID BOEBE - 1974

CAMILLUS, N.Y.

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ABUTMENTS, PIERS, AND WINGWALL FROM TOWPATH - VIEW NE

445
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Loc. Abutments, piers and
wingwall from towpath -
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4 IDENTIFICATION

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Abutments, piers, and wingwall from towpath--view NE.



NINE MILE CREEK AQUEDUCT
CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA CO., NEW YORK
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TRUNK TIMBERS - NE END OF TRUNK

446

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Loc. Trunk Timbers - NE
end of trunk

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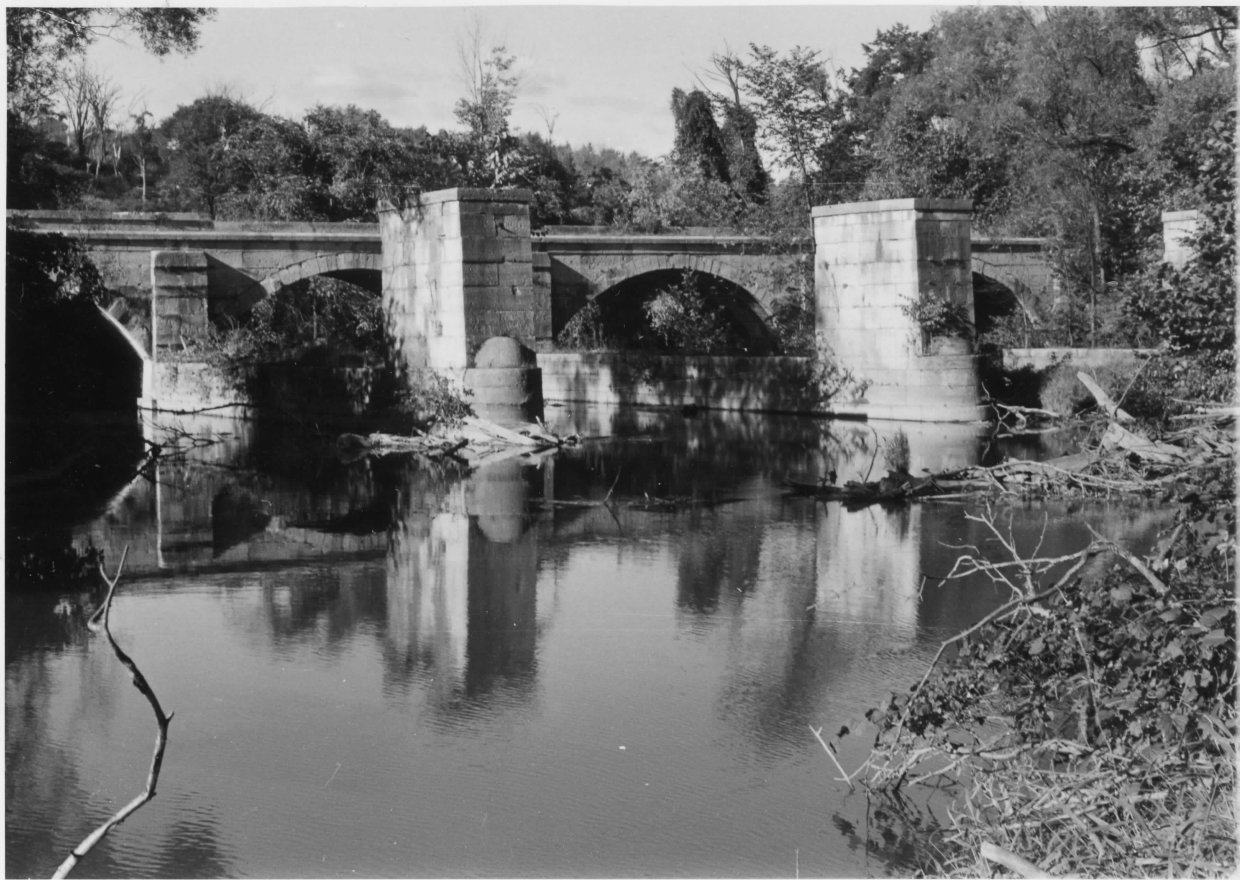
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Trunk timbers--NE end of trunk.



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CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA CO., NEW YORK

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CAMILLUS, N.Y.

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SOUTH ELEVATION - VIEW LOOKING NE.

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Loc.

North elevation - arches
and wingwall -
view SW

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North elevation--arches and wingwall-- view SW.



NINE MILE CREEK AGREEMENT
CAMILLUS, ONONDAGA CO., N.Y.
CREAT -

DR. DAVID BEEBE - 1974

CAMILLUS, N.Y.

NEG. PRIVATELY OWNED

NORTH ELEVATION - ARCHES AND WINGWALL - VIEW SW.

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Nine Mile Creek Agreement
Onondaga Co., N.Y.

Loc.

South elevation -
view NE.

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South elevation--view NE.



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ABUTMENTS, PIERS & TOWPATH - VIEW LOOKING SW.

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Loc. Abutments, piers, and
Towpath - view looking
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Abutments, piers, and towpath--view looking SW

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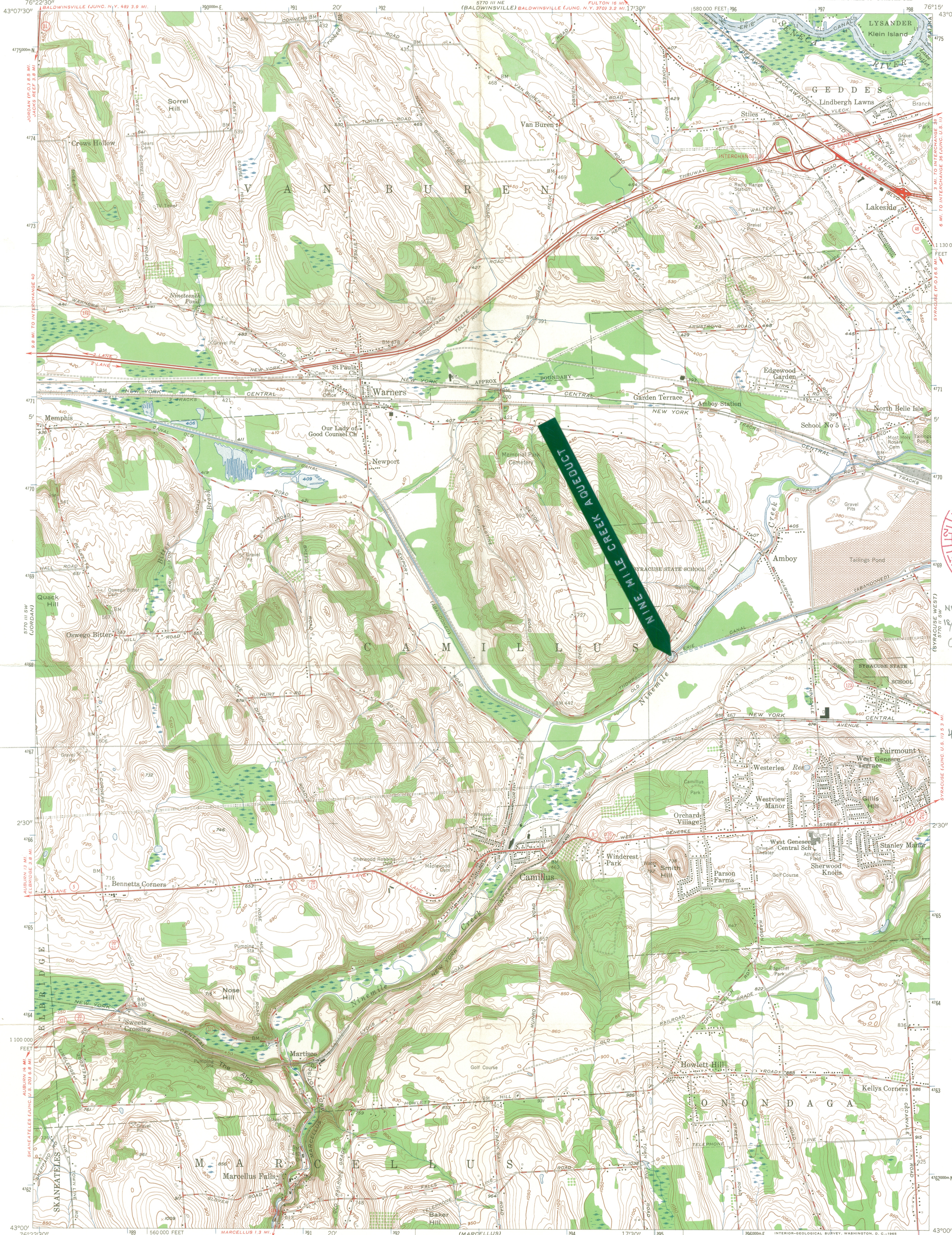
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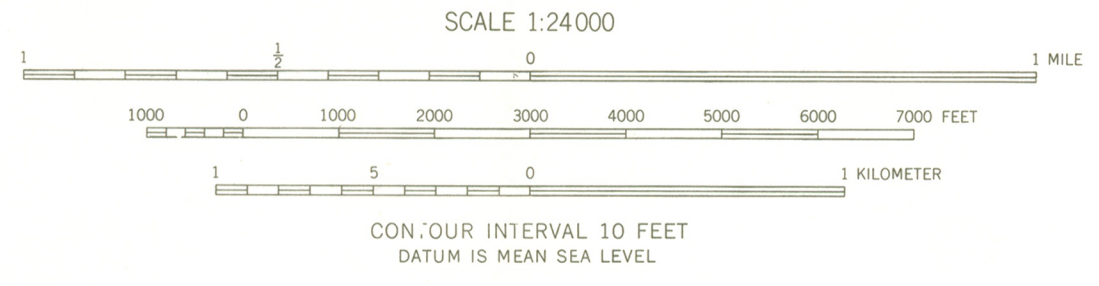
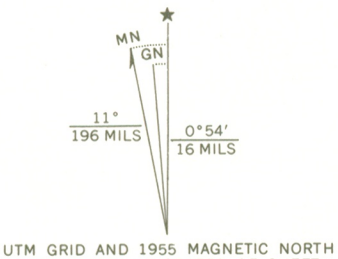
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NINE MILE CREEK AQUEDUCT
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Onondaga Co., N.Y.

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Culture and drainage in part compiled by the Army Map Service
from aerial photographs taken 1942
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route



CAMILLUS, N. Y.
SE/4 BALDWINVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
N4300—W7615/7.5

1955

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12238 Information 518 474-0456
Orin Lehman, Commissioner

March 17, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief of Registers
Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Charles
Dear Mr. Herrington:

The staff of the Division for Historic Preservation wishes to call your attention to the level of significance presently recommended for the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, Onondaga County, New York (see enclosed nomination form). At the time it was reviewed for nomination (May 6, 1975), the Committee on the Registers, New York State Board for Historic Preservation, recommended the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct for listing as a site of local significance. This decision was based upon the best available information at the time, and it is with this evaluation that we forward the nomination to you.

At some time in the future, the Division for Historic Preservation expects to survey and reassess the extant historic resources of the first Erie Canal (1817-1825) and the First Enlargement (1836-1862). It is this agency's opinion that the historic and engineering significance of the Erie Canal will be proved such that its extant remains will warrant a level of state or national significance. At such time as the State Committee on the Registers is able to review the historical evidence it may wish to reconsider the level of significance presently recommended for the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct and other canal-related nominations. We wish merely to inform your office of these plans for a reassessment of the Erie Canal and its significance in the history of New York State and the early United States.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Beebe
National Register and
Survey Coordinator
Historic Preservation
Field Services



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Enclosure

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Location
**Canillus
Onondaga County**

Hon. Jacob K. Javits Also Notified
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. William F. Walsh
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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Albany, New York 12238

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct** 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: **5-17-76** 4 county code: **067**

5 LOCATION street & number **NE of Camillus on Thompson Rd.** city / town **Camillus** vicinity of **Camillus** state **NY** county **Onondaga** 6 NPS REGION: **North Atlantic**

7 OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☒ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☒ NBS ☒ HAER ☐ NHL 10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT **33** 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL if state who prepared form?

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME **Camillus** 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME **Camillus** 15 ACRES **1** ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION ☐ deteriorated ☐ altered ☒ original site ☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☒ unaltered ☐ moved ☐ good ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ fair ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated 17 features: INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☒ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☒ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☒ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO 20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☒ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☒ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **aqueduct** CURRENTLY: **park** 24 dates of initial construction: **1841--1844** major alterations: historic events: 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): 27 architect: 28 master builder: 29 engineer: **Frederick C. Mills**

30 landscape architect / garden designer: 31 interior decorator: 32 artist: 33 artisan: 34 builder/contractor: **Denton & Cromwell**

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: **Canvass White- invented hydraulic cement in conjunction with Erie Canal masonry, ca. 1819** EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL: **Canal Commission of the State of New York**

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **Aqueduct, 4 stone arches supporting 144' tow path; 3 stone piers and abutments once supported wooden trunk on canal, now removed, curved masonry wing walls laid in plain ashlar with hydraulic cement, parapet follows towpath as railing. Constructed as part of first enlargement of Erie Canal. Abandoned, 1918; acquired by city, 1974.**