

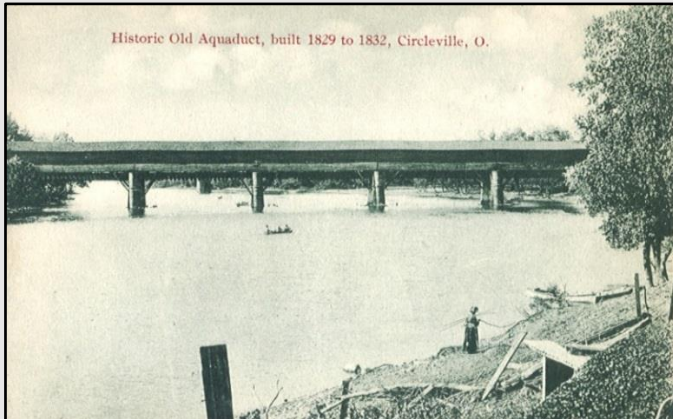
Franklinton Historical Society

Promoting interest in Franklinton history...nurturing a sense of pride in the Franklinton area

Canal Boats and the People Who Operated Them

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by Steve Spicer



Aqueduct at Circleville



Lock at Lockbourne

“The Columbus Canal: This branch of canal was over four years constructing. The heaviest jobs were the canal dam across the Scioto and the Columbus locks...and the eight locks at Lockbourne. The first mile from the Scioto was excavated by the Penitentiary convicts under guards. Such men were selected by the keeper as would have least inducement to break away; and they generally received a remission of part of their sentence for faithful service. On the 23d of September, 1831, the first boat arrived at Columbus by way of the canal. About 8:00 o’clock of the evening the firing of cannon announced the approach of the *Governor Brown*, a canal boat launched in Circleville a few days previous, and neatly fitted up for an excursion of pleasure to this place, several of the most respectable citizens of Pickaway County being on board as passengers.” —*History of Franklin County*, William T. Martin, 1858.

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