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Special Notes:	Akron's Main Library; Rivers, Roads and Rails Teaching American History Grant; West Creek Preservation Committee

Minutes:

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- 0 Jack Gieck; 1st career Engineer; last twenty-two years filmmaker, writer,
consulting engineer; born Milwaukee
- 1 grew up in St. Louis; moved to Akron area in 1947 then back again in 1960
- 2 heard of Ohio Canal in 1948 thought would make an interesting film
- 3 1st film "Ohio Canal" 1948; scenes of Summit Lake
- 4 showed film in Michigan, but the people were basically uninterested; Lynn
Metzger "Canal Fever"
- 5 1950 - 1951 went back to Ohio traveled remains of Ohio & Erie Canal
Valley View, Akron, Kent towns used in films; wrote article in 1955; Canal
6 Society of Ohio had been founded
- 7 asked to be vice-president of the Ohio Society of Ohio, but was listed as the
president: became president; presenting slide shows, talks ever since
- 8 "Ohio's Canal Era" on the History Channel, popular with Ohio schools
- 9 asked to make a book of Ohio's Canal Era; went to archives and saw copies of
photos of Ohio & Erie Canal and Miami & Erie; canals were interstates of the day
- 10 the photos in the archives were copies of copies of copies; received a grant to
research archives from Toledo to Cininnati
- 11 \$40 a day for his wife and him to travel around: Dayton archives; book has sold
13-14,000 copies at this time
- 12 editor didn't approve more than 250 pictures; editor said he needed more
money; went to see Lyle Buckingham; Buckingham, Dolittle, and Burrs
grant from state of Ohio; went through 1,000 pictures down to 550; including a
13 degaria type picture
- 14 KSU editor still didn't want more than 250 pictures; book came out with 550
small canal in Ohio transmitted more wheat in 1848 than any other port in the
15 world except the Russian port of Odessa
segment maintained between north of Peninsula and Cleveland as industrial
16 water supply for American Steel and Wire; Miami & Erie in a state park (northern
section)
- 17 canal boat with mules who walk in tandem; Canal Fulton has two horses who
pull the boat
- 18 John Wunderle program in Kent; grandfather of canal literature and lore is Frank
Treveroe
- 19 Treveroe was a purchasing agent for a steam ship company in Cleveland; edited
"Towpaths" for the Canal Society; Terry Woods; Carl Amen
- 20 Barny Golding - updated physical data on all the Ohio Canals
Ohio's canal system brought Ohio from a wilderness state to the third most
21 populous state in the Union in only a couple of decades; farm state - outlet for
products; industrial state
- 22 after Revolutionary War people were given plots of land in Ohio; farmers had
crops that could be sold for twice as much in the cities
- 23 Ohio Canal was the ditch that brought the world to the wilderness; brought coffee

24 Akron Cascade Locks; 16 locks in a mile; Cascade Locks Park; Lock 3 Auditorium; Michael Cohill's museum; Canal Towpath
25 hiking; Mustill Store has been restored; Fred Mustill 1853
26 efforts furthered people's interest in the canal and its history
27 Towpath Trail; development of Cascade Locks Park on ground Schumachers
27 Cacade Mill; overshot water wheel; bridges over canal
28 Cascade Locks Park Association; "DIG: An Archaeological Investigation in Akron's Cascade Locks Park"; Early Akron's Industrial Valley
29 sluthsways - directed water around gates to prevent shower
30 layout for Cascade Locks at Lock 14; do the same thing all the way to Lock 1
31 Lock 15 at Mustill Store; a mile south get to summit of canal fed by Portage Lakes
32 can see how Akron is at the summit between Great Lakes watershed and Mississippi basin at Young's Tavern
33 boy scientist; caught history from wife Vickie; Summit County Historical Society
34 interest in canal came from filmmaking; Canal Society of Ohio; Summit County Historical Society; Akron Physics Club
35 Ohio Historical Society; Historical Societies and Museums
36 some groups are competitors; archives; love of canal built up along with filmmaking
37 caught history from Vickie
38 aquaduct - bridge of canals over rivers; south of Canal Visitor's Center; structure is still there
39 shooting scene of the aquaduct from down in the creek with canal going over takes you back a century and 1/2
40 honored to give oral history; Summit County Historical Society; 85 years old
41 Bridget Garvin is a pal; should interview Carl Amen in Cuyahoga Falls; John Wunderle; Terry Woods in North Canton
42 Frank Treveroe
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