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The terminal is located at latitude 43.322178507, longitude -76.417576581. The point represents the terminal wall and was obtained in summer 2009. There is no restriction on its release to the public.

Significance: Fulton Terminal, located on the Oswego Canal, is a component of the nationally significant New York State Barge Canal. It is one of several terminals built along the Barge Canal to provide points for freight transfer.

Description: Located on the east bank of the canal, the terminal is accessed by an asphalt road that is in good condition.¹

The concrete terminal wall shows signs of spalling and breakage. A cut-out niche contains concrete stairs down to the water. There are low concrete-filled, cast-iron bollards set in the grass behind the wall. The terminal is in poor condition.

History: Although Chapter 746 of the Laws of 1911 had appropriated nearly \$20 million to build terminals along the New York State Barge Canal, the wall at the Fulton Terminal was actually built using funds from the Barge Canal Act. Contract 10B, awarded on March 4, 1912, to Oswego Construction Company with Harry H. Brown, State Assistant Engineer, supervising, included excavating the prism and building a docking wall between locks O2 and O3.² No other contract information has been found.

Sources:

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Historians: Laura S. Black and Jami Babb, summer 2009

¹ Description of current conditions is based on a site visit made by the HAER recording team in summer 2009.

² Noble Whitford, *History of the Barge Canal of New York State* (Albany: J.B. Lyon Company, 1922), 198-200; *Annual Report of the State Engineer and Surveyor of the State of New York for the Fiscal Year ended in September 30, 1912* (Albany: J.B. Lyon Company, 1913), 178-79.

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Appendix: Image of Current Conditions



Image 1: Terminal wall. Field photograph taken by HAER recording team, summer 2009.