

DePere Lock and Dam, Lock Shelter
Near the upper gate
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Brown County
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Location: The lock shelter at the De Pere Lock and Dam Complex is located near the upper gate on the north side of the lock, in French Lots PC 28 and 32, T23N, R20E, Civil Towns of De Pere and Lawrence, Brown County, Wisconsin.

UTM: 16/415390/4922200; USGS Quadrangle: De Pere, Wisconsin 7.5' series

Date of Construction: circa 1879

Engineer: United States Army Corps of Engineers with Contractors

Architect: United States Army Corps of Engineers with Contractors

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Present Use: Office for lock personnel.

Significance: The lock shelter provides shelter for the lockkeeper while on active duty. Further, the lock shelter provides office space and first aid facilities for office personnel. As such the lock shelter functions as part of the daily operation of the De Pere Lock and Dam Complex.

Project Information: This documentation was undertaken in 1995 in accordance with requirements detailed in a June 19, 1994 letter from Gregory D. Kendrick, Chief, History Branch, NPS to Dale Monteith, Acting Chief, Planning Division, USACOE, Detroit District. The Lower Fox system remains basically operational but was placed in caretaker status by the USACOE in 1982. The USACOE plans to divest itself of the Lower Fox system as soon as is feasible; therefore, NPS requested this documentation. All documentation conforms to HAER standards.

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LOCK SHELTER

The De Pere lock shelter is a 1 1/2 story wood frame building located on the landward lock embankment near the upper gate. Built on top of a poured concrete foundation excavated into the landward side of the lock embankment, the lock shelter is covered by wooden drop siding and asphalt shingles.¹ The basement can be entered through a door on the downstream side of the building. The basement of the lock shelter is currently used primarily for storage.

The entrance to the lock shelter is located on the left side of the bankward facing elevation. A plain, double hung window is located to the right of the door. The window and door are shielded by a full-width, shed-roofed awning. The awning is supported by triangular brackets on both ends and at the middle, and is covered with asphalt shingles.² Each side wall contains a single, double hung window located toward the front of the building. The rear wall contains a single, double hung window situated in the approximate center of the wall.

The first floor of the lock shelter contains two rooms; a front room used as an office, and a room in the rear used as a storeroom. A stairway leading to the attic is located in the storeroom. It has been suggested that the lock shelter currently located at the De Pere lock facility, was once used as the lockkeeper's residence.³ If so, the lock shelter may have been built at the lock in 1879.⁴

ENDNOTES

- 1 John N. Vogel, et al., *Lower Fox Corridor Survey*, Menasha, WI: East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, 1992, p. 7.
- 2 Ibid.
- 3 Ibid.
- 4 U.S. Army, *Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers, 1879*, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, *Annual Report Upon the Improvement of the Harbors of Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha, Lake Michigan, and Improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, in charge of D.C. Houston, Major of Engineers, Bvt. Colonel, U.S.A.*; Being Appendix AA of the *Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers* p.1544.