

W2-h. 12. SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION - Contracts:

Bridges, culverts, aqueducts,
etc.

Here, items 1-17 present contracts for bridges;
38-54 for culverts; 55-78 for aqueducts; 79-90
for walls; 91-113 for locks and lock houses.
For the most part, these are Articles of Agreement
signed by contractors with Acting Commissioner
Charles Mowry in 1827-28, the greater number of them
being in manuscript form.

Particularly interesting is the contract signed 12
February 1828 between Mowry and contractors John
Ryon, Jr., of Tioga County, Pennsylvania and Ephraim
Baldwin of Albany County, New York, for building on
the lattice plan and according to the specifications
of Engineer Simeon Guilford the towing path bridge
across the Susquehanna between Duncan's Island and
the Dauphin County shore (the first Clark's Ferry
Bridge). This towing path bridge across the Susque-
hanna subsequently became a feature of the Eastern
Division.

Baldwin's name appears in many other contracts; John
Ryon, Jr. was subsequently superintendent of the
division.

Contracts for aqueducts appear in items:

55- 56. Middle Creek

57. Montgomery's Creek

59. Mahantango

61. Penn's Creek