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Both of our photos shown here were taken on May 15, 1914. They depict the spot where the West Branch of Sandy Creek flows under the Erie Canal. At the time these pictures were taken the canal appears to be drained. Therefore, we get a good idea of the reinforced concrete work necessary to provide a culvert. The lower photo shows the north bank of the canal and the concrete sloped wall. In the distance is the spire of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and the Brown Street bridge.

The upper picture shows the south bank of the canal and spillway. This allows excess canal water

to flow over into the West Branch of Sandy Creek. The large building in the center was Woods and Sprague Flour Mill. This made use of water power from the creek and a mill pond which was situated between the canal, East State Street and the west side of the mill. This old mill was eventually removed in the 1920's.

The other stone building which shows to the right, is presently part of the offices from the Orleans County Community Action Committee. In the 1950's an addition was made to this for Guido's Food Market which is also now a part of the Community Action office complex.

