

**BRECON AND
MONMOUTHSHIRE CANAL
MONUMENTS RECORD CARD**

**Monument Number:
MB149
LLANFOIST**

Monument Name: Barn adjacent to Bridge 93

Map Reference: 329436 211524

Official Status: Listed Building Grade II (Reference: 17642)

List Description from Historic Wales website:

Exterior

History: The Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal was promoted in 1792 to connect the upper Usk valley to the Monmouthshire Canal at Pontymoile and from there to the sea at Newport. Construction began in 1797, with Thomas Dadford as engineer, and the first section, from Gilwern to Llangynidr was completed in that year with the stretch as far as Brecon following in 1800. Work then stopped for a time with the result that the section to the Blaenavon Road east of Govilon was not completed until 1805, now with Thomas Cartwright as engineer. Further funds had to be raised and the last section from west of Llanfoist to Pontymoile was completed between 1809 and 1812, with William Crosley as engineer. Linked to tramroads, the canal was an important artery for trade in iron, lime and coal. In 1865 the Monmouthshire and the Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal Companies merged becoming the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Company. Later still the canal was bought out by the Great Western Railway and gradually the canal was run down until it was finally abandoned in 1962. Restoration work was begun in 1964.

Description: Attached at the south-west corner is a contemporary rubble building set at right angles to the canal. It is storeyed on the south side and comprises a stable and store with boarded loft door. It has a corrugated roof and a modern lean-to on the south (Llanellen) side. Straight joints indicate that it was built in two stages and the thickness of the back wall may indicate that this structure was adapted from a former bank of limekilns. Listed for its special interest as a surviving early C19 Brecknock and Abergavenny canal bridge with attached contemporary canal-side building.

Images:



From south



Across the bridge



North side

Condition: Fair - good

References:

R A Stevens, Brecknock & Abergavenny and Monmouthshire Canals (Towpath Guide No 2), (Cambridge, 1974), p55.

Notes: The wall linking the bridge to the barn is an important feature.