

## THE FULLAM TOWN BRIDGE



Several bridges have spanned the canal at Fullamtown, which is the old name of the area just south of Perinton Park where Fairport Road crosses the canal. Fullamtown was an early settlement as well as a canal stop where passengers could leave the canal and continue on a stage coach into Rochester. The inn at the site served as a post office, a store, a barn for mules and horses, and a blacksmith shop. That structure was subsequently moved to 10 East Church Street in Fairport Village.

In 1884, the planks in the wooden bridge across the canal were partially replaced and some other repairs were done that year and the next. In 1886 that bridge was replaced with an iron structure which remained, with minor changes, until 1902 when the State authorized the removal of the iron bridge and its replacement with the lift bridge pictured here. The small building on the superstructure housed the machinery that controlled the pulleys which raised the bridge. This bridge did not have a long history, since it had to be replaced when the Erie Canal was widened in 1912-1913. At that time a temporary crossing was constructed just north of the lift bridge, and that remained until the new steel deck bridge that spanned the widened canal was completed. The steel deck bridge was replaced in 1974 with the current structure.