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Dear C-SPAN

I hope you're going to talk about the old Erie Canal (Clinton's ditch) on the Toqueville program.

I grew up in a house built in 1875 on the banks of the Canal. My father bought it in 1921 and doubled its size in 1931 and used stone from the Canal for trim. This is about halfway between Rochester N.Y. and Pittsford. [redacted] [redacted] is the address. It has an historical marker on it.

During the second World War part of the Erie Canal was used to manufacture the hulls of liberty ships. They were welded upside down, then moved to the N.Y.S. Barge Canal where they were floated away to be refitted. The work went 24 hours a day!

Since I have lived in Florida the N.Y.S. Barge Canal has been renamed the Erie Canal which really irks me, but I wasn't there to protest. Faithful listener