**SUMMARY HISTORY OF WENDOVER CANAL PUMPS AND RESERVOIRS**

Early – Reservoir at Weston Turville, to store compensation water for the millers whose supply had been limited by the construction of the Arm

1802 – First reservoir at Wilstone, with pumping station to pump back up from it [at the site we now call Whitehouses]

1802-4 - Repairs to leakage from Arm

1806 – Marsworth Reservoir

1810 – Pump for Marsworth reservoir

1811 – Wilstone reservoir enlarged

1814 – Temporary pump to extract water from Weston Turville reservoir

1814 – start of Tringford reservoir

1815 – start of Startopsend reservoir

1818 – Completion of above 2 reservoirs and pump at Tringford, pump at Marsworth believed decommissioned

1827 – Wilstone reservoir enlarged again

1837 – Wilstone reservoir doubled again, now with link to Tringford pumping stations. Improved pumps at Tringford replace Whitehouses pumps.

1856-8 - Asphalt lining to Arm

15 years later – further leakage repairs

1887 - Tringford boilers replaced

1894-6 – Further leakage repairs

1896 - Tringford stop lock built to allow Arm to be more easily closed during dry weather

1898 – Arm allowed to remain closed

1912 – Pipeline installed Drayton Beauchamp to Tringford, diesel pumps at Tringford

1926 – Tringford beam engine from 1818 removed for scrap and pumphouse reduced in size, in preparation for electric pumps in 1927 (alongside diesel)

1944 - Additional pumphouse at Tringford adjacent to outfall of pipeline from Drayton Beauchamp [but in 2020 pipeline has been unused at this end for many years and is almost blocked with spoil and collapses. Pipeline water flows only to Whitehouses then drops into Wilstone reservoir]

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