

American Canal Society Canal Structure Inventory

This is report #3 *** Report #4 will follow if necessary

Structure <u>Possible uncovering of 6 former wooden locks in downtown Weldon.</u>		Canal <u>Roanoke Canal</u>	HAER/CEHR
State/Province <u>N. Carolina</u> County <u>Halifax</u>		Designer(s) <u>Claudius Crozet ?</u>	Condition <u>?</u>
City/Town <u>Weldon</u>		Contractor/Builder <u>Roanoke Navigation Co.</u>	
Street <u>US#158&#301(close to hydro-plant</u>		Source of Material <u>Local</u>	
Associated Waterway <u>Roanoke River</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP <u>Map not available</u>		Start <u>Dec. 1828</u>	Rebuilding <u>None</u>
UTM Coordinates _____		Completion <u>1834</u>	Abandoned <u>1835-1836</u>
History & Use in Series #2 Use Since Abandonment: See form #1 for details; With additional details on this report. 1st three locks completed in November 1833, other three locks in 1834. These wooden locks were <u>still visible as late as 1899!</u> (See Bulletin #8 Geological & Economics Survey) State of N.C. Basin at Weldon was <u>connected</u> to Roanoke River for a short period in 1832-1834. Traffic persisted on the canal to at least the late 1850's, then through the Civil War. Then the N.C.General Assembly granted the Roanoke Navigation grant Co. the right to <u>disolve</u> in 1874-75. To receivership in March 1875.			
Description (Visible Remains at the site) However, in 1859 the N.C.General Assembly had granted the right to discontinue navigation. But was revived by the State for use of the Confederacy during the Civil War. While in receivership after March 18, 1875 all canal property was sold to a group of new owners. Chartered under the name the Roanoke Navigation & Water Power Co. On March 2, 1885. The canal then was for waterpower only, not navigation purposes. In Jan. 1890 work started on widening the canal, building headgates, repair the canal banks & locks and slight work on the aqueduct. This was for the industrial improvement of the canal route. This company closed down about 1912 or later. However, parts of the canal were kept open by a successor to this company. The Roanoke River Development Company. The two sets of locks at Roanoke Rapids, the aqueduct and the canal basin at Weldon were retained by the above company for a period of time. at Roanoke Rapids, the aqueduct and the canal basin at Weldon were retained by the above company for a period of time. See forms #1 & #2 for details; See this form #3 for <u>recent</u> information in which there is a <u>variance</u> of details. Sources of information cover several pages and are not included with any reports.			
Present Property Owners: <u>See form #2</u>		Location of Deed Description: <u>Same</u>	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): <u>See forms #1, #2 & #3.</u>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: <u>See form #2</u>		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: <u>Same</u>	
Investigation made by: <u>Alden W. Gould (ACS)</u>			Date:
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.