

American Canal Society Canal Structure Inventory

This report is final; Destroy all others *(Revised May 1977)

Structure <u>Site of former 6 wooden locks at Weldon, N.C.</u>		Canal: <u>Roanoke Canal</u>	HAER/CEHR
State/Province <u>N. Carolina</u> County <u>Halifax</u>		Condition: <u>Removed</u>	
City/Town <u>Weldon</u>		Designer(s) <u>Hamilton Fulton; C. Crozet & others.</u>	
Street <u>US #158 & US #301 (approximately)</u>		Contractor/Builder <u>Roanoke Navigation Co.</u>	
Associated Waterway <u>Roanoke River</u>		Source of Material <u>Local</u>	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP <u>Not available</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
UTM Coordinates _____		Start <u>Dec. 1828</u>	Rebuilding <u>None</u>
		Completion <u>1834</u>	Locks Abandoned <u>1835-36</u>
History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: <u>These 6 wooden locks served to lower barges & batteaus from the upper basin to the lower basin close to the river. Lower of 6 locks heaved-up during flood 1835-36. Badly damaged and not rebuilt. Locks were 85 X 18 X 8ft. lift. Five feet of water over sills. Recent report from N.C. Dept. of Cultural Resources via Geological & Economics Survey in Supplement #8 of 1899, states, locks were abandoned & removed. Tho' ruins XXXX could be seen as late as 1899. However, their exact former sites are still not known, but the area involved appears logical. A map has been located, but the terrain has changed extensively over the years. Therefore means little in identifying the lock sites of 1828-36.</u>			
Description (Visible Remains at the site): <u>Nothing whatsoever remains of the former 6 wooden lock sites today.</u>			
Other works or events associated with site: <u>The Old Grain Mill of 1892 and the former Hydro-Electric Plant of 1901 still stand today. Both are brick buildings. Both of the structures drew their water for power from the Roanoke Canal when they were in operation. Neither structures will be involved with construction of the new highway bridge over the Roanoke River.</u>			
Present Property Owners: <u>Of the former land used for locks is not known.</u>		Location of Deed Description: <u>Presume Halifax County</u>	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): <u>N.C. DEPT Department of Cultural Resources-Division of Archives & History Raleigh, N.C. 27611</u> <u>Virginia Electric & Power Company, Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 27870</u>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: <u>Nothing here to be preserved.</u>		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: <u>The Roanoke Canal is on the National Register.</u>	
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the survey.