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CANAL Goose Creek and Little River Navigation Loudoun County, Virginia		(FOR ACS USE)		
STATUS Abandoned.		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURE 1349 - ab. incomplete 1354		
LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL) 39°04'N 77°35'W; 39°06'N 77°29'W Evergreen (Ball's) Mill to the Potomac		LENGTH CANAL <u>1</u> SLACKWATER <u>11</u> TOTAL <u>12</u>		
LIFT LOCKS	NBR. 9	DIMENSIONS LOCK CHAMBER <u>52 x 11</u> ' OVERALL _____	AQUEDUCTS NBR. <u>0</u> SECTION SIZE _____	TUNNELS 0
DESCRIPTION: (Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful); e.g., feeders (navigable & otherwise), locks other than above, type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.)				
<p>The Goose Creek and Little River Navigation Company was organized in 1332 to construct a lock-and-dam towpath navigation for canalboats from the Potomac for 20 miles up Goose Creek, with a 5-mile branch up Little River, a tributary, to Aldie. President of the Company was George Carter of Oatlands, now a National Trust property. General William Gibbs McNeill was the most notable engineer for this project. Work began on Goose Creek in 1349 and stopped in 1354 because of railway competition, after the work had been completed for 12 miles up to Ball's Mill, involving 9 stone locks, 4 canals with stone guard gates, and 4 dams. Today 4 of the locks are submerged in a new lake; the other 5 lift locks are in excellent to fair condition, and 3 of the guard gates are in very good condition. The gem of the navigation is the two-lock staircase (Clapham's) near the mouth of the creek, and its 1-mile canal. This canal and the lock now belong to Xerox Corporation which has expressed interest in making it available *</p>				
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION: Mr. John Lewis Minor Bartlow House Hamilton, VA 22068 Mr. Willard H. Duetting, Director, International Center for Training and Development, 8130 Boone Blvd., Vienna VA 22180 Mr. William Stupp, Loudoun County Park Authority, 18 E. Market St., Leesburg, VA 22075				
REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS: W. E. Trout, III 1932 Vinco Robles Drive, Duarte, California 91010				DATE 10 June 1973
HISTORICAL SUMMARY: (Original aims of company, date of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, height of traffic date, transfers of ownership, etc.)				
<p>* to the public as a park. The rest of the works may be incorporated into a Loudoun County park along Goose Creek.</p> <p>Clapham's lock is of particular interest because, although a two-lock staircase requires only 3 pairs of miter gates, this lock has four, for reasons not yet understood. Also, the dimensions of the chambers are unusual, being designed for boats half as long as those used on the C&O Canal, so that two boats could have been locked through a C&O lock at one time. However, only one canalboat is known to have used the GC&LR Navigation so this interesting experiment was never carried out, in spite of the fact that the C&O Canal Company had constructed the Goose Creek River Lock in their canal, opposite the mouth of Goose Creek, to provide access from the Creek to the C&O Canal. This lock was also a 2-lock staircase, but with three pairs of gates.</p>				
BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: (Published works relating to Canal)				
<p>"The Goose Creek and Little River Navigation", W. Trout, <u>Virginia Cavalcade</u>, Winter 1967, 75¢ ppd. from Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. 23219. 5pp. "The Goose Creek and Little River Navigation", W. Trout, unpl. ms., 14pp+, maps, JRE& Canal Library, Reynolds Metals Co., Richmond, Va. 23213.</p>				
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS. LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES				
Reports of the Goose Creek and Little River Navigation Company to the Virginia Board of Public Works, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. 23219.				
NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS: None, yet.				
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