

American Canal Society Canal Index

CANAL Holston River Navigation		STATUS Abandoned,		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Tennessee & Virginia				IHAER
COUNTIES:				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Saltville VA to mouth on the Tennessee R at Knoxville TN				
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:				

ENLARGEMENTS	DATES IN USE	CANAL	SLACKWATER	TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
	1 Late 1700	est by flatboats			None
	2 1805	ca.150miles			1/36x80
	3				
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

There were apparently a number of isolated early locks in Tennessee, most of them built by mill owners in their mill dams, as required by law. The remains of one of these has been seen at David Ross's Mill Dam on the North Fork of the HOLSTON RIVER near Kingsport. This 36 x 80' lock was constructed in 1805 with funds from the states of Virginia and Tennessee, to permit through navigation of flatboats carrying salt down from Saltville, VA.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This site needs to be located and inspected, and the whole river explored for signs of navigation and for remains of boats.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:

See Engineering on the Twin Rivers by Dr. Leland Johnson (Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville TN 37202) 1978.

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, IHAER, IABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):
From material supplied by Dr. Johnson.

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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