Holston River Navigation

STATE/PROVINCE: Tennessee & Virginia

COUNTIES:

LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Saltville VA to mouth on the Tennessee R at Knoxville TN

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:

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 lock was constructed in 1805 with funds from the states of Virginia and Tennessee, to permit 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.

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UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, LEEVS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):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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