

CANAL The Junction Canal, Virginia		(FOR ACS USE)	
STATUS SURVEYED ONLY		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURE Surveyed 1313, 1326	
LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL) 36°53'N, 73°12'W - 37°13'N, 73°24'W, summit at 37°02'N, 73°33'W Randolph, on the Roanoke, to Farmville of the Appomattox		LENGTH CANAL _____ SLACKWATER _____ TOTAL ca. 10	
LIFT LOCKS	NBR.	DIMENSIONS Lock Chamber _____ Overall _____	AQUEDUCTS NBR. _____ 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 rivers of southwest Virginia, notably the Roanoke and the Dan, flow into South Carolina on the way to Albemarle Sound. Early in the 19th Century, plans had begun to divert this river traffic back into Virginia by building a Junction Canal between the Roanoke and Appomattox Rivers, passing near Charlotte Court House. At least one survey had been made by 1313, and an extensive one was carried out in 1326. Although there were several proposed routes for a Junction Canal, the one to Farmville was the shortest, and was shown as having been completed on several maps of Virginia. However, nothing in the Virginia Board of Public Works records suggests that any construction was ever carried out. It is quite possible, however, that this route was used to some extent by batteaux during freshets, when they could navigate the two streams along the route and portage over the watershed between them. This route should be explored carefully for signs of flash locks or other navigation works.</p>			
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:			
REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS: W. E. Trout, III 1932 Cinco Lobles Drive, Duarte, California 91010			DATE 13 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.)			
See above.			
BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: (Published works relating to Canal)			
<p>"The Appomattox River Navigations", p.14; and "The Roanoke Navigation", pp.2-3; W. Trout, unpubl. mss., maps. JRMK Canal Library, Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond, Virginia 23213. "The Early Development of the Roanoke Waterway", P.M. Rice, North Carolina Historical Review, 31 #1 (Jan. 1954) pp.50-74.</p>			
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES			
Virginia Board of Public Works Reports and Field Notes, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia 23219.			
NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:			
RETURN TO: CANAL INDEX COMMITTEE, C/O P.H. STOTT, HAINES ROAD, MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK 10549			

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