

CANAL LANDSFORD CANAL		STATUS Under restoration as a park and historic site		ACS 8																											
STATE/PROVINCE: South Carolina				HAER																											
COUNTIES: Chester																															
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): on the Catawba River, 13 miles southeast of Rock Hill, off U.S. Rt. 21		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">ENLARGEMENTS</th> <th rowspan="2">DATES IN USE</th> <th colspan="2">LENGTH</th> <th rowspan="2">LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE</th> </tr> <tr> <th>CANAL</th> <th>SLACKWATER TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1823-38</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>4 80x10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		ENLARGEMENTS	DATES IN USE	LENGTH		LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE	CANAL	SLACKWATER TOTAL	1	1823-38	2	2	4 80x10	2					3					4					
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<p>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The Landsford Canal, the northernmost of four canals on the Catawba-Wateree system, was part of the internal improvement program started by the state legislature around the four principal falls (see Catawba, Rocky Mount, and Wateree Canals). In all there were 25 miles of river canals, with 417' of lift, built at a cost to the state, including some turnpikes and coastal improvements, of nearly two millions. It was stated that "two thousand miles of river navigation" was made passable. All were on the west bank of the stream. Tolls on all the river navigation canals were set at one cent per bale of cotton per lock; other charges are unknown.</p> <p>In addition to the two pairs of lift locks, there was one guard lock at the upriver end. All structures were of stone. The guard lock was planned to be 100 x 12; although definite information is lacking, it is assumed this was no exception. A rock dam in the river by the guard lock, 6 masonry culverts, 2 bridges (masonry and masonry & wood), and a masonry lock keeper's house completed the list of structures built. In addition an existing mill and mill</p>																															
<p>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: race were incorporated into the canal near its midpoint. The four lifts totaled 35'. The contractor was Robert Leckie, later Superintendent of Masonry on the C & O Canal. Cost of the Landsford: \$130,000.</p> <p>The Landsford is one of the only canals in South Carolina remaining little disturbed. All five locks are still standing, and the stonework is in good condition. Though the lower end has been badly washed by seasonal flooding, the earthen walls of the upper two thirds of the canal stand out prominently. The entire work is now part of a restoration and canal park under the SC Dept of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.</p> <p>The canal has seen two seasons of archeological work to determine its features (contracted with the Univ. of SC Institute of Archeology & Anthropology). Immediate plans and works in progress include nature trails, day use area, and interpretive areas. Long range plans are to open the upper two locks and the canal, making it operational to the bridge.</p>																															
<p>NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:</p> <p>South Carolina Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Box 1358, Columbia, South Carolina 29202</p>																															
<p>BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:</p> <p>INLAND NAVIGATION IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA PIEDMONT, Daniel W. Hollis, PROCEEDINGS, S.C. Historical Association, 1968</p> <p>BUILDING THE LANDSFORD CANAL, E. Thomas Crowson, SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY ILLUSTRATED, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1970</p> <p>INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1811-1828, David Kohn (Washington, 1938)</p>																															
<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):</p> <p>Much additional detailed information on the river navigation system may be found in the "Inland Navigation Files, Catawba-Wateree River," State Archives, Columbia, SC</p>																															
<p>EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):</p> <p>NATIONAL REGISTER site</p> <p>nomination by the SC section, ASCE, as a State Civil Engineering Landmark</p>																															
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