

Structure Locks- No's- 1, 2, & 3. Plus other features & structures now in park.		Canal Landsford	HAER/CEHR Condition Excellent
State/Province So. Carolina County Chester		Designer(s) ? (at structures)	
City/Town Catawba (S12-327, off U.S. Street #21, about 6 mi. No. of SR #9.		Contractor/Builder Robert Leckie	
Associated Waterway Catawba River		Source of Material Presume local	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP _____		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
UTM Coordinates _____		Start 1820's	Rebuilding Doubtful
		Completion 1823	Abandoned 1837
History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: Before the days of railroads, this canal canal was a part of a more or less chain of canals along the Catawba-Waterree River. All of which were built to by-pass rapids. The Landsford, named so, because it offered a (fording place) across the Catawba River. Since it was abandoned it played no part in history as far as I know. However, things have changed quite recently, the canal has taken on a new life span for the future, it will live again, but not as a method of transportation. This old Historic Site has now become a Canal State Park of importance, still under construction but making great headway. I have observed its progress over the past 3 years in the months of May & October. To say the least, this park has a great potential. This will be one of the EXCELLENT PARKS when complete			
Description (Visible Remains at the site): #1-Guard Lock 80 X 12ft. Completely excavated, EXCELLENT CONDITION. Area partly cleared. Adjacent stone dam at site. Next Locks #2 & #3 are a combine. 80 X 10 ft. each. Now cleared out of tall trees. This combine is Beautiful! At the end of Lock #3 is a Canal Bridge built of stone, and a Plaque giving the name of the contractor-(Robert Leckie-1823) Within this same section are restrooms(to be rebuilt). Hiking trails-have cleared here, are wide and kept mowed. A new addition appears this year, the retaining walls of a former mill through which trail passes. Looks like a lock, but isn't. I believe the canal passed through also! Close to the Superintendants Res; Is the "Museum", an excellent granite Locktenders House moved from Rocky Mount Canal piece by piece in 1973 and re-assembled.			
Other works or events associated with site: This young "Mansion" was built for the Rocky Mount Canal about 1805-1807? At present, no work has been done at the Museum other than adding a new roof. I believe windows, doors and the floor is yet to be completed when time is available. A new gate has been built at section #2. Be sure to visit this beautiful park, plenty of shade. Use the hiking trails.			
Present Property Owners: (Contains 200 acres) State of South Carolina		Location of Deed Description: Presume same.	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): Contact Mr. Michael Foley (Chief Historian), So. Carolina Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (Division of State Parks) Suite #113, Edgar A. Brown Bldg, 1205 Pendleton St., Columbia, S.C. 29201 Alden W. Gould, 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060 (Photos in B & W) American Canal Society (See their bulletins for addresses) State of South Carolina (See above item at Columbia, S.C.)			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: See above items.		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Per-Mike Foley) Rocky Mount Columbia, S.C.	
Investigation made by: Address: Alden W. Gould, 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060 (Reporting condition and progress as of this date)			Date: May 1975
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.