Locks - No.'s - 1, 2, & 3. Plus other features & structures now in park.

State/Province: South Carolina
County: Chester
City/Town: Catawba (S12-327, off U.S. #21, about 6 mi. No. of SR #9)
Associated Waterway: Catawba River

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: Before the days of railroads, this canal was a part of a more or less chain of canals along the Catawba-Wateree 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 at 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 12 ft. Completely excavated.
EXCELLENT CONDITION. Area partly cleared. Adjacent stone dam at site. Next Locks #2 & #3 are 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 been 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 Superintendents Res; To 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Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):
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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:
National Register/CEMR, Other Recognition:

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Per-Wike Foley)

American Canal Society
Columbia, S.C.

See above items.

Investigation made by:
Alden W. Gould, 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060
Date: May 1975
Address: (Reporting condition and progress as of this date)

A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.