Canal

Lockhart Canal (SOUTH CAROLINA)

Status: Most of the channel, enlarged, in use as hydraulic.

Location (Endpoints of Canal): On the west bank of the Broad, beginning about 1 1/2 m. no. of town of Lockhart, then through the town.

Length: Canal 2, slackwater, ** total 2

Lift Locks: 6

Dimensions: Lock chamber 80 x 10, overall varied

Description: Type of navigation, features of note, etc. (Perhaps use USGS coordinates where useful.)

In addition to the lifts there was one guard lock, 100 x 12, at the upper end. All structures were of stone. Cost was $111,000 and the total lift was 51'.

* As noted, the canal is still in use but was closed to traffic in 1849.

The contractor was a Col. Nesbit.

At some time in the past, possibly the year it was closed to traffic, the canal was greatly enlarged and a new cut was made into the river above the old river lock.

Dr. Trout has found that this left the river lock, a double, dry and that the remains are accessible today. However, most of the rock facing is gone and the structures are in very bad condition.

Names & Addresses of Groups Concerned with Canal's Preservation/Restoration:

None known.

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Biographical Summary: (Published works relating to Canal)


Internal Improvements in South Carolina, Daniel Kohn, 1938


Unpublished Records, Location of Photos, Drawings & Important Periodical References

National Register & HAER (Historic American Engineering Record) Status:

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