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LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Pettigrew State Park																												
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Cresswell, Cresswell SE NC																												
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <p>THE SOMERSET (COLLINS) CANAL, 6 mi. long, is the oldest of the 6 larger canals connecting Lake Phelps with the Scuppernon River, and was completed in 1788 by a shipload of slaves brought for the purpose. The canal was used for navigation as well as for draining the swampland, where rice and later corn was grown, and the fall at the lake was used to power machinery for Somerset Place, whose mansion house (ca. 1830) next the canal has been restored by the state and is open 9-5 daily, 1-5 Sundays, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days. Leaflet available from Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.</p> <p>Quads: Cresswell and Cresswell SE 7½' (marked "Old Canal"). It is not known if there was a navigation lock connecting the lake with the canal.</p> <p>Somerset Place is on the coastal plain, 9 mi. S of US 64 near Cresswell, at Pettigrew State Park, Route 1, Cresswell, N.C. 27928, (919)797-4475. Camping; boating on Lake Phelps.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From THE AMERICAN CANAL GUIDE Part 2, p.2 (1975)</p>																												
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