Southern Route (Kentucky, Tonn. and Ga.)

**Status:** Surveyed Only

**Location (Endpoints of Canal):** From the junction of the Kentucky and the Ohio rivers to Augusta, Ga., on the Savannah.

**Dates of Construction & Closure:** 1834 - 1836

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- Description: Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful), e.g., feeders (navigable or otherwise), locks other than above, type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.
- Report of State Engineer, Kentucky Senate Journal, 1835-36: "- from the Ohio up the Kentucky River by locks and dams to the three forks of the Kentucky; thence up the South Fork (Red Bird River) and Goose Creek to the salt works (Garrard Works, SE of Manchester); thence by canal into Cumberland River at Cumberland Ford (Pineville); thence 4 miles in Cumberland River to mouth of Yellow Creek; thence by canal in bed of Yellow Creek to Cumberland Gap; through Cumberland Gap by a tunnel and by canal thence to Powell's River, 5 miles below; down -- into the Clinch and Tennessee, and up the Hiwassee by locks and dams; from the Hiwassee -- by a canal to the navigable waters of the Savannah at the head of steamboat navigation -- " Surveys indicated: Kentucky to the three forks, about 175 miles, 17 locks and dams; South Fork to Goose Creek, 42 miles, 16 locks and dams; Goose Creek to Cumberland Ford, 38 miles, 160' lockage needed. The hindsight afforded by later geological survey maps indicate that the route should have been by way of the Little Tennessee and the Tugaloa Rivers and the experience of the L & N RR shows that the planned tunnel was impractical.

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

None

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**Unpublished Records, Location of Photos, Drawings & Important Periodical References**

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

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