

This is revised Structure Form #2 on Weldon Aqueduct *#1 was original copy*

Structure Weldon Aqueduct		Canal Roanoke Canal	HEPR/CEHR Condition: Excellent
State/Province: North Carolina County: Halifax		Designer(s): Claudius Crozet ?	
City/Town: Weldon		Contractor/Builder: Roanoke Navigation Co.	
Street: Off US #158 at rear of (Steel Co.)		Source of Material: Local	
Associated Waterway: Roanoke Canal & River		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION Start: 1821-1822 Rebuilding: Doubtful Completion: C.1824 Abandoned: See below	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP UTM Coordinates: Maps not available			
History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: This structure is by far one of the finest of its type in the United States today. Built of heavy granite blocks and in excellent condition. It is the only aqueduct on the Roanoke Canal and played a very important part for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Its former use before the war provided water transportation from above Roanoke Rapids via the canal to the Weldon Basin for batteaus & barges. The aqueduct itself crosses over Chockoyotte Creek in Weldon, it has a single arch 30 ft. between abutments, from normal water level in the creek to the top of arch is 22 ft. The chamber is 18 ft. wide, width of structure 29 ft. Overall height 35 ft., Its total length 110 ft. It served for many years later to supply water for power to the several mills on its route. Water drained from canal in 1912.			
Description (Visible Remains at the site): While this aqueduct is located in an area that is accessible, but more or less hidden by undergrowth is understandable. Due to heavy rains in the area, the undergrowth flourishes. It was well cleared out in 1974, but in six months time the same condition returned. This will require attention every two or 3 months for proper care. A "Canal Park" has been proposed for this site at the wye entrance to the structure. While the aqueduct has been abandoned for many years, it is still standing intact, perfect, and a "Memorial" to its builders. The dimensions given are presumed to have been those recorded by the contractors. Opened to navigation in 1834 for barge traffic, makes this site well over 140 years old. Appears to be good for another century.			
Other works or events associated with site: None that I know of, other than its industrial aftermath following the end of navigation for barge traffic. Today, the canal, its locks and the aqueduct are dry structures. All of which, we hopefully, will be preserved at least in part. Nomination for the National Register of Historic Places is now in the process of completion by the N.C. Dept. of Archives & History.			
Present Property Owners: Hoernor-Waldorf Corp; Roanoke Rapids, N.C..		Location of Deed Description: Check owners.	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs) U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, P.O. Box #1890, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 N.C. Dept. of Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 (Mr. Larry Tise) Halifax Bi-Centennial Commission, Halifax, N.C. (County) Hoernor-Waldorf Corp; Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 27870 Virginia Electric & Power Co., Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 27870			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: The American Canal Society. Same as above given.		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: Now being nominated for the National Register by N.C. Dept. Cultural Resources Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C.	
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.

See revised Structure Form #3 for additional information