

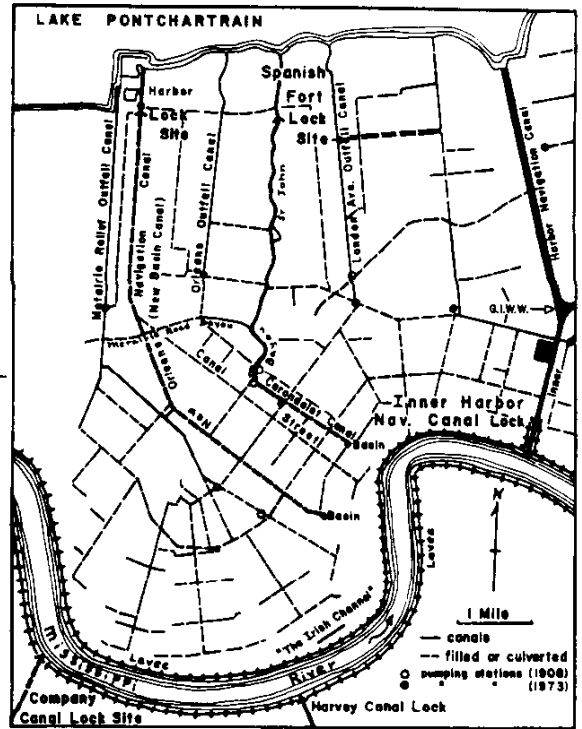
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CANAL Garondelet Canal		STATUS Abandoned, filled in		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Louisiana				HAER
COUNTIES: In New Orleans				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Lower end of Bayou St. John, to a basin at St. Claude & Lafitte Avenues		ENLARGEMENTS		
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: New Orleans East 7 1/2'				
	DATES IN USE	CANAL LENGTH SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No. / STCL	
1	1794-1927	5	None?	
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BAYOU ST. JOHN, which bisects the north half of New Orleans, was a determining factor in the location of the city, and even had a fort - now called "Spanish Fort" near its mouth on Lake Pontchartrain. Extending southward five miles to within two miles of the Mississippi, it had been part of the Indian trading route between the lake and the river and must have been appreciated by the city's founder, Sieur de Bienville, the same Frenchman who first envisioned the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. In 1794 Governor Carondelet built at great expense a navigable extension of the bayou, called the CARONDELET (or OLD BASIN) CANAL.

This brought boats to the old city, within half a mile of the river, but did not connect with it. In 1927 the canal was filled in and is now Lafitte Street; the terminal basin was near the municipal auditorium. UTM: 15.78280.331780, New Orleans East LA.

For a time SPANISH FORT LOCK (40x490') was operating on the bayou just S of the Robert E. Lee Boulevard crossing, but sadly, it was removed in 1969-72 and replaced by a landscaped waterfall across the street near the ruins of the fort. UTM: 15.781300.3324350, Spanish Fort LA.



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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:

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UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):

Need more material on this canal, and details of Spanish Fort Lock. The Bayou still exists but the canal and lock are gone, the latter "improved" by removal.

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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