

CANAL The Catawba River Navigation, North Carolina		(FOR ACS USE)	
STATUS Abandoned.		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURE ca. 1820	
LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL)		LENGTH CANAL _____ SLACKWATER _____ TOTAL _____	
LIFT LOCKS	NBR.	DIMENSIONS LOCK CHAMBER _____ OVERALL _____	AQUEDUCTS NBR. _____ SECTION SIZE _____
TUNNELS			
<p>DESCRIPTION: (Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful); e.g., feeders (navigable & otherwise), locks other than above, type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.)</p> <p>The history of this navigation has not yet been worked out. However, there is an interesting note concerning it in the N.C. Legislative Documents, 1852-53, v.II, p.330, in a report on the Catawba River by Hamilton Fulton, dated 1820, concerning two locks at Devil's Shoals:</p> <p>"These locks are probably the rudest imitations which have ever been attempted; but, as considerable expense has been incurred in their erection, it will be well to let them remain as long as the materials will last.... Paddles must likewise be fixed in the gates. There is no way at present of opening them but by main strength, which must in a short time tear the gates to pieces.... As soon as time will permit, I intend drawing the plan of a timber lock for the future guidance of this company."</p>			
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:			
REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS: W. E. Trout, III 1932 Cinco Robles Drive, Duarte, California 91010			DATE 17 June 1973
<p>HISTORICAL SUMMARY: (Original aims of company, date of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, height of traffic date, transfers of ownership, etc.)</p> <p>For S.C. canals on the Wateree-Catawba River, see Landsford Canal, Wateree Canal, Catawba Canal and Rocky Mount Canal.</p>			
BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: (Published works relating to Canal)			
<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES</p> <p>Legislative Documents, Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.</p>			
NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:			
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