

Structure Cohas Falls and 1 lock	Canal Merrimack River Navigation	HAER/CEHR Condition See below
State N.H. N.H. County Hillsboro Off rte. #3-A a little south of the Town of Goff's Falls on the Street east side of the river.	Designer(s) Presume John L. Sullivan XXXXXX /Builder Middlesex Canal Co. Source of Material Local	
Associated Waterway Merrimack River	Presume DATES OF CONSTRUCTION Start 1810-12-13 Rebuilding ? Before Completion 1814 Abandoned Late 1850's	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP USGS 1:100,000 Manchester South		
UTM Coordinates 19.2997 7547		

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment:

One of several river locks that served transportation from Concord, N.H. to Lowell, Mass. and via the Middlesex Canal to Boston, Mass. Elevation drop from Concord to Chelmsford, Mass. Listed from 90-120 ft. I don't know which is correct. The location of this lock is quite different. This section is more or less slack water, having an island in the river with a wide canal on its east side. As it approaches another (small) island that may have been built for the lock in the river, the canal water parts and goes both sides. However, in those days I would say that a barrier ran from the shore to the small island to divert all water into the lock. Also, from the big island (south) was a bar and more barrier and cribbing that narrowed the canal as it reached the lock built of granite.

Description (Visible Remains at the site):

Due to water flowing through from the canal on the land side it was impossible get over to the lock, about 100 ft. from the shore. With very low water it might be done, but a canoe here would be the right approach for best view. Here at least the stone barrier leading to the lock can easily be seen at the head of rapids. At present, we will have to assume that the chamber walls are intact (more or less) with the chamber loaded with sand, small rocks and without a doubt some scattered granite blocks caused from heavy ice flows over the past 160 years. Presume this lock had the same required size 82 X 10 ft. Poling was necessary, steering oar used. Sails were used in slackwater areas sometimes for several miles. (Further research will be made on this lock)

Other works or events associated with site:

Built by the ~~Middlesex Canal Co.~~ **Manchester & Concord Canal Co.** To open up the back country to water transportation for lumber, bricks, mill products and other merchandise to Lowell, Mass. and to Boston, Mass. via the Middlesex Canal. There were no towpaths or horses used on this river navigation system.

Present Property Owners:

Unknown

Location of Deed Description:

Unknown

Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):

Concord Historical Society. Manchester Historical Society.
Charles W. Mower, Reeds Ferry, Merrimack, N.H. (Recent photos)
Alden W. Gould, 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060 (Recent photos)
Manchester & Concord Public Libraries (Possible)
Litchfield Historical Society. (Possible)

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:

I doubt if any, due to type and the condition of canals and locks.

National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition:

I would say none, but not certain.

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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.