

CANAL Detroit Lakes and Pelikan River Slack Water Navigation Company Canal		STATUS Abandoned WW I Aprox.			ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Minnesota					HAER
COUNTIES: Becker County					
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Middle of Lock 83730 m North 79820 m East		ENLARGEMENTS			
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Audubon, Minn 1957 1959 7 1/2' Quadrangle		DATES IN USE	CANAL	LENGTH SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
		1 Aug. 1889	Dunton Lock		Aprox 5 ft lift
		2			
		3			
		4			
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <p>[This lock was built in Aug 1889; it was started in Sept 1888.] The canal was used to carry cord wood and passengers. It was a case of the railroad and automobile putting the canal out of business about W.W. I.</p> <p>During the early life of this waterway the passenger business was quite brisk. This is cottage country and the trains ran quite frequently. The boats ran on a schedule for business was quite good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Submitted new version to Secret</i></p>					
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: <p>Three locks were built on this system: The first one at the Northeast end of Lake Sallie was called Dunton Lock; this later was changed to Richmond lock. In 1907-1908 another lock was built to the South West between Lake Melissa and Buck Lake. The third lock was Johnson Lock and it was built between Lake Melissa and Little Pelikan Lake. These other two locks are on Vergas 1912 topography map.</p> <p>At the Dunton location there is at the present two dams that flow the water through two nearly identical channels. The Northern dam looks as if it was intended to be a lock. At each end of this lock channel there is a set of steel vertical H shape posts. It is my opinion that these posts were meant to be sliding ways for vertical type lock gates. At the end of this lock channel there is a concrete road that eliminates this channel from being used as a lock. This construction was put into place by the Works Progress Administration in 1937.</p>					
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION: <p>American Canal Society, At this time I was not able to get information from State of Minnesota. Becker County Museum has a great deal of information about lock.</p>					
BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: <p>Becker County, Museum, Detroit Lakes, Minn. 56501 Mr. O. Zecker, Curator <u>A Pioneer History of Becker County</u>, Minn. Pioneer Press Co. 1907</p> <p>Mr. Bill Reid a local Historian of Detroit Lakes, Minn.</p>					
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.): <p>Becker County Museum, Detroit Lakes, Minn 56501 Mr. O. Zecker, Curator</p>					
EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.): <p>It would be nice to have this lock completed. The concrete foundations look to be in good order. The biggest job would be to remove the concrete road at the end of the lock channel.</p>					
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