

CANAL Detroit Lakes and Pelican River Black Water Navigation Company Canal		STATUS Abandoned (about World War I)		ACS IAER	
STATE/PROVINCE: Minnesota		ENLARGEMENTS	D A T E S I N U S E	L E N G T H CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	L I F T L O C K S No. / SIZE
COUNTIES: Becker					
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Middle of Dunton Lock 83730 n North 79820 n East		2			
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Dunton Lock: Audubon 7 1/2' 1957/59. Other 2 locks: Vergas 1912 to		3			
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The canal carried both cord wood and passengers. As this was cottage (vacation) country, the passenger business was quite good with canal boats running on schedules to match those of the frequent passenger trains.		4			
<p>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Three locks were built on this system:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first one at the northeast end of Lake Sallie was called <u>Dunton Lock</u>; later changed to Richmond Lock. Built Aug 1889-(begun Sep 1888)</li> <li>2. The second lock was built to the southwest between Lake Melissa and Buck Lake in 1907-08. (No name noted.)</li> <li>3. The third lock was <u>Johnson Lock</u>, built to connect Lake Melissa with Little Pelican Lake.</li> </ol> <p>Work was done by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1937, with two separate channels passing water over the upper end of the two channels. One of these probably represents the location of the original lock, as this structure (the northern of the two) has a pair of vertical H-shaped posts at each end as though to be (intended to be) used for raising or lowering gates of some sort.</p>					
<p>NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION: American Canal Society</p>					
<p>BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: A PIONEER HISTORY OF BECKER COUNTY, Minnesota Pioneer Press (1907) Copy at the Becker County Museum, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. (Mr. O. Zecker, Curator)</p> <p>Also contact Mr. Bill Reid, a local historian of Detroit Lakes, MN</p>					
<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, IAER, IABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.): Becker County Museum, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. Mr. O. Zecker, Curator</p>					
<p>EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.): Lock at the Dunton area has possibilities to be an operational lock.</p>					
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