

This is report #1 \*\* Report #2 may follow if (necessary) later on.

Structure (Former) Weldon Grain Mill (Later) Weldon Community Center		Canal Roanoke Canal (related)	HAER/CEHR Condition Fair
State/Province <u>N. Carolina</u> County <u>Halifax</u>		Designer(s) Not known	
City/Town <u>Weldon</u>		Contractor/Builder <u>Roanoke Navigation &amp; Water Power Company</u>	
Street <u>Off-US #301 (close to US #158)</u>		Source of Material <u>Local</u>	
Associated Waterway <u>Roanoke Canal</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP _____		Start <u>See below</u>	Rebuilding <u>Possibly</u>
UTM Coordinates <u>Maps not available</u>		Completion <u>See below</u>	Abandoned <u>ca. 1912</u>
<p>History &amp; Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment:                  Not too much is known about this site in its early period. No one living in Weldon today has any knowledge of its operating days up to abandonment. In the year 1827 adrought dried up rivers and brooks, closing down mills. But the above grain mill was in full operation due to its waterpower coming from the canal for grinding grains and coffee. Thus it appears that the above mill must have been in operation as early as 1827, or before. For about 150 years corn was ground at this location. The canal which furnished its waterpower was drained in 1912. This same building became Weldon's Community Center in 1936 via a WPA project. The severe flooding of the Roanoke River in 1940 ruined its walls and floors. This solid brick structure still stands, an artifact of Historical Importance in "Weldon's Historical Heritage".</p> <p>Description (Visible Remains at the site):                  This rugged structure of several stories in height was renovated inside and out for the Community Center, a large front door was added and a porch was built. Then a swimming pool was added (formerly a barn site) at its south end. The old R.R. tracks of the Wilmington-Weldon are still in front of this site, laid there in 1841, now 135 years old. This structure by recent letter from the North Carolina Department of Highways &amp; Transportation has been listed as being of "Historical Importance", together with its counterpart the Old Hydro-Plant which about 75-100 ft. separates the two structures with a deep ravine between the two buildings. This ravine served as the discharge for their waterwheels. The future of the above site is not known at present.</p> <p>Other works or events associated with site:                  The waterpower tube for the Old Mill extended on about a 90 degree angle down to the lowest point of the ravine from about the site of the present Old Hydro-Plant (not there at that time). Off hand, I would say a perpendicular drop in elevation of about 25-35 ft. below the canal level.</p>			
Present Property Owners: <u>Presume the Town of Weldon</u>		Location of Deed Description: <u>Same</u>	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): Virginia Electric & Power Co. (possible) Weldon Public Library Weldon Water Co. "The Roanoke News" Co. (Weldon) American Canal Society North Carolina Department of Highways & Transportation, Raleigh, N.C.			
Agencies, Individuals interested in Preservation/Restoration: N.C. Dept of Cultural Resources, Div. of Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C. American Canal Society		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: At the present time this comes under NCD of CR & Achives & History at Raleigh, N.C. (Larry Tise-Director)	
Investigation made by: <u>Alden W. Gould (ACS)</u>			Date: _____
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.

*See report #2 for additional information*