

American Canal Society Canal Index

CANAL <b>Keystone Lock</b>		STATUS <b>Operating</b>		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: <b>Louisiana</b>				HAER
COUNTIES: <b>St. Martin</b>				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): <b>On Bayou Teche N of New Iberia</b>				
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: <b>St. Martinville LA 7½'</b>				
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:				
<p>Bayou Teche has one lock on its main stream, the KEYSTONE LOCK (36x162', 8' lift, concrete, 1913), 3 miles N of New Iberia from US 90 on LA 31. Watch for the C of E sign at the lock (R). With this lock, Bayou Teche is navigable for over 100 miles. The oldest operating Corps lock in the delta, it has timber miter gates and was hand-operated until 1960 when it was converted to an electrical system. This is one of the most sylvan and relaxing of all the operating locks in Louisiana. UTM: 16.612850.3327000, St. Martinville LA.</p>				
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<p>NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION: New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers, Box 60267, New Orleans LA 70160</p>				
<p>BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: Annual Reports of the Chief of Engineers, and material supplied by the New Orleans District.</p>				
<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR,HAER,HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):</p>				
<p>EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.): This would make a fine lock park if it is never rebuilt; if abandoned the site should be retained and preserved as a riverside park.</p>				
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