

CANAL King's Power Canal, Waterford, New York		(FOR ACS USE)	
STATUS Small section still intact & in excellent condition; rest filled in & built upon.		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURE	
LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL) Located in southern tier of the Town of Waterford parallel to the Mohawk River.		LENGTH CANAL <u>1/2</u> mile BACKWATER _____ TOTAL _____	
LIFT LOCKS	NBR. NONE	DIMENSIONS LOCK CHAMBER _____ OVERALL _____	
		AQUEDUCTS NBR. _____ SECTION SIZE _____	TUNNELS
DESCRIPTION: [Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful); e.g., feeders (navigable & otherwise), locks other than above, type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.]			
<p>The single greatest contribution to Waterford's industrial development was King's waterpower canal built about 1828 by John Fuller King. King performed a real engineering feat for those days by running two dams across the north or fourth branch of the Mohawk River, the largest extending to Peebles Island. After holding back this water King released it through his canal running parallel to the river fully 1/2 mile. The water fell back into the Mohawk with a drop of sixteen feet. Along the 53 foot wide canal were built dozens of factories which turned out an almost unprecedented variety of goods. King and his group had vision worthy of today. They advertised their surplus power on New York's Wall Street as equalling "thirty run of mill stone." The canal became known locally as "King's Ditch". Each establishment had its own sluice gate. The Mohawk water ran thru the canal & down the sluice-ways, turning the wheels as it fell 16 feet.</p>			
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:			
Garry F. Douglas, Village Historian, 123 Fonda Road, Waterford, N.Y. 12188 Waterford Historical Museum & Cultural Center, Inc., 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, New York, 12188			
REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS:		Garry F. Douglas, 123 Fonda Rd., Waterford, NY	DATE 8/29/73
HISTORICAL SUMMARY: [Original aims of company, date of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, height of traffic date, transfers of ownership, etc.]			
<p>Canal declined in earlier 1900's as other forms of power totally replaced the antiquated means involved.</p>			
BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: [Published works relating to Canal]			
<p>1) <u>History of Waterford, N.Y.</u> by Col. Sydney E. Hammersley, pub. 1957, Library of Congress card # 57 - 7758.</p> <p>2) <u>History of Saratoga County</u> by Nathaniel Sylvester, pub. 1878.</p>			
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES			
Garry F. Douglas, Village Historian, 123 Fonda Rd., Waterford, N.Y. 12188			
NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:			
RETURN TO: CANAL INDEX COMMITTEE, c/o P.H. STOTT, HAINES ROAD, MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK 10549			

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.
TO MAKE AN INDEX CARD SUITABLE FOR FILING, CUT ALONG THE HEAVY LINES AND FOLD BACK ALONG THE DOTTED LINE.

acknowledged
F.I.R. 13