

# Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 7903.03 Status U Revisit

Quadrangle Name: Columbia North

Tax Map No.

## SURVEY FORM

### Identification

Historic Name: Saluda Canal Possible Guard Lock

Common Name:

Address/Location: Between Saluda River and I-126 east of I-20

City: Columbia Vicinity of County: Richland

Ownership: Unknown/ Other Category: Structure Other:

Historical Use: Transportation

Current Use: Vacant/Not in use

SHPO National Register Determination of Eligibility: Contributes to Eligible District

### Property Description

Other:

Construction Date: circa 1819 Construction: Masonry

Historic Core Shape: Exterior Walls:

Other: Foundation:

Commercial Form: Roof Shape:

Other: Roof Material:

Stories: Porch Shape:

Other: Porch Width:

#### Description/Significant Features:

It is possible that these walls served as a guard lock, which would have helped control the flow of water through the canal and prevent flooding in times of high water. The feature is approximately 31 x 4 meters in size and about one meter in height. It was heavily overgrown in vegetation when it was recorded in 2018. There is no feature drawn on the ca 1820 plan map for the Saluda Canal that georeferences with the location of this feature, suggesting that it may be a later addition to the canal.

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

## **Historical Information**

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The Saluda Canal (ca 1819 – 1837) was a short-lived transportation canal constructed to allow boats to circumvent a series of rapids at the eastern end of the Saluda River, near its juncture with the Broad River at the city of Columbia. The canal was one of several built in South Carolina during the early 19th century to bypass rapids and river obstructions with the goal of creating an inland navigation network. All of the canals were rendered obsolete by the development of the railroad in the middle years of the 19th century.

Source(s) of Information:

Hollis 1968; Meriwether 1936; Kohn and Glen 1938; Kapsch 2010

## **Digital Photo ID(s)**

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Facing North

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## **Program Management**

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