

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 7903.02 Status U Revisit

Quadrangle Name: Columbia North

Tax Map No.

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Saluda Canal Possible Guard Wall

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:

Stacked stone wall/possible guard wall located near the northern end of Segment A of the canal. The wall measures approximately 61 meters northwest/southeast and fronts a slightly elevated area about 18 meters in width. The wall is only about a half meter high. If the feature served as a guard wall it would have helped protect the entrance of the canal from damage during high water events. The wall is not shown on the ca 1820 plan map for the canal indicating that it may have been constructed after this date.

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)

File Name:

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View:

Facing North

Facing Northwest

Other:

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