

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 7903 Status U Revisit
Quadrangle Name: Columbia North
Tax Map No.

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Saluda Canal Historic District
Common Name: Saluda Canal
Address/Location: Between Saluda River and I-126 east of I-20
City: Columbia Vicinity of County: Richland
Ownership: Unknown/ Other Category: District Other:
Historical Use: Transportation
Current Use: Vacant/Not in use
SHPO National Register Eligible
Determination of Eligibility:

Property Description

Construction Date: circa 1819 Construction: Other Other:
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 2 miles and 3102 feet long and has 34 feet fall; which is overcome by four stone locks, and is protected at the head by a guard lock of the same material.

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

Following its abandonment around 1837, the canal and its associated features were gradually obscured by natural processes and modern development. Portions of the canal appear to have been destroyed by a railroad built on a parallel alignment; other parts were lost to the construction of I-126 in the late 1950s.

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

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