

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 7903.06 Status U Revisit

Quadrangle Name: Columbia North

Tax Map No.

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Saluda Canal Bridge Ruins

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:

This resource consists of two intact bridge abutments that comprise the remains of a bridge that once spanned the canal. These abutments are about seven meters wide and are made of earth and stone. The bridge location is indicated on the ca 1820 canal plans and is also visible on the 1825 Mills Atlas map of the Lexington District, which shows the road crossing the Saluda Canal before reaching the Saluda River at Stark's Ferry.

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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View:

Facing Southwest

Facing East

Other:

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