American Canal Society Canal Structure Inventory

Structure: Rodman Dam	Canal: Cross-Florida ~~Barge Canal~~	HAER/CEHR:
State/Province: ~~Florida~~ County: ~~Marion~~	Designer(s): Corps of Engineers	Condition: Excellent
~~City~~/Town: Rodman ?	Contractor/Builder: By Corps of Engineers	
Street: ~~Off SR #19~~ See Below	Source of Material: Local	
Associated Waterway: (Oklawaha River) ~~Cross-Florida Barge Canal~~	DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: Rodman Dam Quad	Start: 3/28/66	Rebuilding: None
UTM Coordinates: ~~421.7/3264.5~~	Completion: 12/27/68	Abandoned: No

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: The dam is 6,800 ft.long, has 4 gates.Discharge cut 175ft.wide at dam & decreases to 80 ft.at junction of Oklawaha River. Spillway provides water through dam direct to river. There is no direct connection(navigable)from Lake Oklawaha(Rodman Pool) downstream to the river. Canoes and other light craft may be portaged. There is a boat ramp downstream side of the spillway which can be used to launch small boats in the channel going from the spillway to the lower part of the river. Another boat ramp is located northeast of Rodman Dam om Lake Oklawaha as well as others located around the lake(~~see enclosed boaters guide~~). It is possible to navigate from the St. Johns River up the canal through Buckman Lock into the lake or viceversa. No plans for lock connection between(Lake and River).

~~Description~~: Spillway built of steel and concrete. Earthern Dam extends on both sides of spillway for over ½ mile. Before navigation for large barges or other craft can commence, it will be necessary to dredge a channel through Lake Oklawaha. Not required at present for the small craft. Above dam and spillway imponnds the Oklawaha River. Structure electrified.

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Location=SR #19 at south side of Project Bridge, turn right if going south or left if going north. I believe there is a sign. Follow road until you come to site, you can't go wrong! It leads you direct to it ONLY. Lake Oklawaha water level is not up to its operational status at present.

Other works or events associated with site: The Corps of Engineers have been working on a project that will connect the river at Rodman Pool. However it will still be necessary to portage trailer boats from the river into the pool via boat ramps. Expected completion of this usage about July 1,1975. This area most used today as a "Fisherman's Paradise". Very large parking lot provided.

Present Property Owners: Presume State of Florida	Location of Deed Description: Check with the Canal Authority-State of Florida

Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):

The Canal Authority-State of Florida
803 Rosselle Street,
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

U.S.Army Corps of Engineers,
P.O.Box #4970,
Jacksonville, Florida 32201

Southwest Florida Water Management District, P.O.Box #457, Brooksville, Florida 33512

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: As above	National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: Unknown

Investigation made by: Alden W. Gould(ACS) Date: 3/7/75

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RETURN TO: Peter Stott

A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.