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CANAL: New Orleans Navigation Canal

STATUS: Abandoned; filled in

ACS

HAER

STATE/PROVINCE: Louisiana

COUNTIES: In New Orleans

LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Lake Pontchartrain to basin at Rampart & Julia Streets

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Spanish Fort LA 7½'
New Orleans East LA 7½'

ENLARGEMENTS	DATES IN USE	LENGTH CANAL	LENGTH SLACKWATER	LENGTH TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
1	1832-35+	6.5			1/?
2					
3					
4					

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The NEW ORLEANS NAVIGATION CANAL (also known as the NEW BASIN CANAL) paralleled Bayou St. John two miles to the west and was also navigable, with a terminal basin at Rampart and Julia Streets, opposite the New Orleans Passenger Terminal. There was a LOCK (1832-35) on the canal near the Robert E. Lee Boulevard crossing at Conrad St., but the canal was filled in about 1955 and is now Pontchartrain Boulevard and Interstate 10. The north end of the canal, however, is still intact and is the approach to the New Orleans Marina. UTM: Lock, 15.778350.3324250, Spanish Fort LA; Basin, 15.78225.331630, New Orleans East LA.

Also known as the New Basin Canal and the Orleans Bank Canal.

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NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:

Federal Writers Project - New Orleans City Guide, 1938,p.326; and information from S.H. Brehm, Jr. of the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orlenas, and Daniel V. Cresap of the State of Louisiana Department of Public Works.
King's New Orleans (1899) has two woodcuts of boats in the basin and canal (or may be the Carondelet Canal) but no details of the canal are shown.

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR,HAER,HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):

Need more information on this canal and the lock.

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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