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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Early Ironworks of Northwestern  
South Carolina

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Cowpens Furnace Site (38CK73)

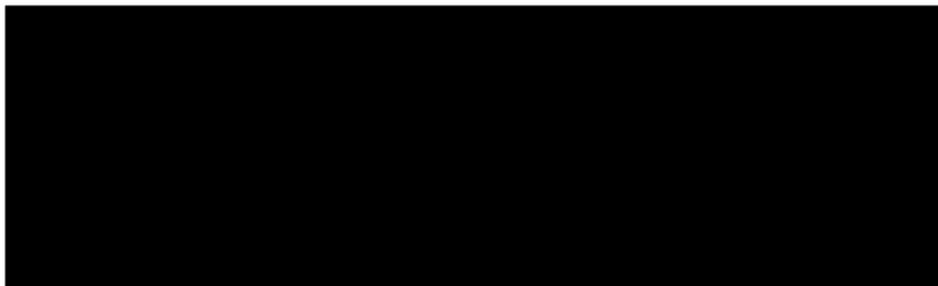
HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Cowpens Furnace

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: same



CLASSIFICATION: site, structure

OWNERS:



DESCRIPTION

The Cowpens Furnace Site, [REDACTED], contains an extremely well-preserved furnace, remains of stone pilings or structural supports, and an earthen sluiceway about one hundred meters in length (see Figure 1). The furnace is partially collapsed, but portions still stand over twenty feet high. The site also contains extensive slag heaps, iron ore, and charcoal remains. Original road beds leading into the site are partially intact. Of particular note is a well-preserved flat loading area on the hill above the furnace.(1)

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Archeology-Historic  
Engineering  
Industry

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  N

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cowpens Furnace Site is one of the best preserved early nineteenth century ironworks sites in South Carolina. It is the only remaining site that can be associated with the South Carolina Manufacturing Company, a major iron manufacturing company, that operated in Spartanburg County between c. 1825 and c. 1850. Cowpens Furnace, which had originally been built c. 1807, was purchased and rebuilt by the company around 1834. This site retains excellent subsurface integrity, due to lack of landscape modifying disturbances, and contains the most complete furnace identified. Therefore, its primary importance is its potential to yield information about furnace construction, style, and use. It also has the potential to yield information when investigated comparatively with the other furnaces included in the nomination.(2)

ACREAGE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] P  
[REDACTED] S.

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OTHER INFORMATION: This site has the greatest potential of any of those investigated for development into an archaeological park.

#### FOOTNOTES

(1) Micheal Toumey, "Map of the Iron Ore and Limestone Region of York and Spartanburg Districts," Report of the Geology of South Carolina (Columbia, S.C.: A. S. Johnson, 1848), p. 80.

(2) Terry A. Ferguson and Tom Cowan, "The Early Ironworks of Northwest South Carolina" (unpublished report of investigations conducted from 1985-1986 under grant no. 45859103 administered by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History and the United States Department of the Interior), on file at SCDAH, pp. 64-71.