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

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

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Ellen Furnace Site (38CK68)

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Ellen Furnace

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: same



CLASSIFICATION: site, structure

OWNER:



DESCRIPTION

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Furnace includes a partially collapsed but well-preserved c. 1838
furnace constructed of quarried stone and two earthen sluiceways (one
of unusual length, approximately one kilometer). Also present are
building foundations, tramway road beds, and ore mines on the hill
overlooking the site from the northeast. The site has recently been
[Redacted] r, but little damage to major site features
has occurred.(1)

SIGNIFICANCE

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: N

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ellen Furnace Site is directly associated with nearby Susan Furnace Site (see inventory form B-C). Both were outlying furnace operations associated with the manufacturing complex at Coopersville owned by the Nesbitt Company and later the Swedish Ironworks. The Coopersville Ironworks along with Susan and Ellen Furnaces were developed between 1835 and 1843 by the Nesbitt Iron Manufacturing Company, the largest iron manufacturing company in South Carolina. The Nesbitt Company was dissolved in the late 1840's, and the Swedish Iron Manufacturing Company of South Carolina operated the ironworks from 1850 until the Civil War. Due to its fine state of preservation and association with other contemporaneous sites nearby, Ellen Furnace has the potential to yield information about inter-site and intra-site patterning and variability. The well-preserved furnace can also yield important technological, stylistic, and construction related information about early furnaces.(2)

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OTHER INFORMATION:

FOOTNOTES

(1) Terry A. Ferguson and Tom Cowan, "The Early Ironworks of Northwest South Carolina" (unpublished, report of investigations conducted from 1985-86 under grant no. 45859103 administered by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History and the United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. 41-45.

(2) Oscar M. Lieber, "Geognostic Map of the Itacolumite, Iron, and Limestone Region of Union, Spartanburg, and York District, South Carolina," Reports on the Mineralogical, Geological, and Agricultural Survey of South Carolina, 4 vols. (Columbia: R. W. Gibbes, 1856-1860), vol 2, Plate 7.