Site of 3 former locks

State/Province: R.I.  
County: Providence
City/Town: Lincoln  
Street: At (JCT) of Chapel & Walker Sts.
Associated Waterway: Moshassuck River
Topographic Map: PAWTUCKET R.I
UTM Coordinates: 182620 440620

Blackstone Canal  
Condition: removed

Designer(s): Presume Benj. Wright  
Contractor/Builder: Presume J.D. Allen & Holmes Hutchinson
Source of Material: Local

Dates of Construction:
Start: c.1826-27  
Rebuilding: ?
Completion: ca. 1828  
Abandoned: 1848

History & Use in Service: Use Since Abandonment:
At this site were 3 of the original 49 locks on the Blackstone Canal. Served water transportation from Providence, R.I. to Worcester, Mass. This site constitutes the end of the Moshassuck River usage, which was partially canalized from Providence northward, to Scott's Pond in Lincoln. To create these three locks here, it was necessary to raise the water level in Scott's Pond by 17 ft. Thus providing head water for those locks. These locks were all singles, with a surge basin between locks #1 & #2 (going north), perhaps better understood if mentioned as between lock #1 & #2, and between #2 & #3. This took care of the surge of water from each lock. Some time after 1848 locks were removed and industrial plants developed the area and site.

Description (Visible Remains at the site):
All that remains of this site today is the river, with its well stoned up walls leading to factories at that site. The earthen dike at the south side of Scott's Pond is quite high above the lower level of the Moshassuck River. There is no question but what this area has gone through considerable change since the days of barge traffic with horses on the towpath. Above Scott's Pond is another by the name of Cranberry Pond, which was a part of the system just before approaching the Blackstone River, but not becoming a part of it for transportation in slackwater for another 3/4 miles. At the south end of this lock site—believe there was a canal basin, cut-off at the Moshassuck River on its west side. Locks about 80 X 10 ft. in the (chamber)

Other works or events associated with site:
Total area here is now an industrial complex.

Present Property Owners:
Presume Owners of factory sites: Same

Location of Deed Description:

Bibliography (Published, unpublished ms, maps, photographs):
Historical Library, Hope Street, Providence, R.I.

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:

Nothing here to preserve.  
I believe on the National Register

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