Blackstone Canal

State: Mass.  County: Worcester?

City/Town: Millville

Street: Route #102 to Bow or Prospect Sts.

Associated Waterway: Blackstone River

Name of 7.5 Min USGS Quad: Millville

UTM Coordinates: 867554

Description: This is one of the lock. So nearly perfect that I will check it off at 99%. So far as I know at this time, this is the only lock that can be rated as EXCELLENT. It is cut granite blocks very well constructed and showing no signs of deteriorating from any angle. The chamber is straight as the day built. Gate recesses at each end are perfect. The quoin post braces have been removed on capstones. Only 2 granite blocks have been moved about 1 foot, but still there on the north end of chamber & those were capstones. Area around lock is grown up a little, easily taken care of if necessary. OK to walk around lock providing you jump over the creek. Length of lock overall, over 106 feet. Lift about 6 feet. Width 10 feet. Barges were usually 9 feet. 0 inches wide. Quoin post to quoin post about 80 feet.

Other Works or Events Associated with Site:

This lock and at least some of the property around it is privately owned. Taxes are paid on it each year. Paths around the lock would indicate that someone is keeping an eye on that Historic Site. (If you were an ACS member you would) Have visited this area many times. I still say—it's WONDERFUL.

Present Property Owners: Name not known at this time. I will check tax office later.

Location of Deed Description: Present deed is at Reg.of Deed (nearest Court House)

REFERENCES, INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:


Investigation Made By: Alden W. Gould (Formerly of Wareham, Mass.)

Address: 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060

Date: 6/15/73

If at all feasible, a photograph should be attached to the reverse side. A sketch map of the site in relation to surrounding area would also help.