

Structure Stretch of Canal(south) Hartford St. Dam & Canal Bridge	Canal Blackstone	HAER/CEHR Condition Excellent
State/ MASS. MASS. County/ Worcester Worcester	Designer(s) Eridge & Dam by (State)	
XXX /Town Uxbridge	Contractor/Builder By State of Mass.	
Street Hartford Street	Source of Material Local (See below)	
Associated Waterway Blackstone River	DATES OF CONSTRUCTION (CANAL)	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP BLACKSTONE	Start About 1827	Rebuilding See below
UTM Coordinates - 830 638 + south	Completion Before 1828	Abandoned 1848 (See below)

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment:

Even back before the days of the canal in this section, there was a bridge over the Blackstone River at this point. It was a route to Hartford, Ct. In those early days there was no Rice City Pond north of the dam as we see it today. No spillway when the canal was built. This all came about after construction of the present modern dam to control flooding. The present towpath there was not surrounded by water on the river side. Today it seems or appears to be standing in water. The gate house was installed at the same time as the dam and Canal Bridge. Its purpose to control the (amount) of water going into the canal in case of high water in the river. While the canal abandoned in 1848, still served as mill power about 1850 for years.

Description (Visible Remains at the site):

This is a very attractive site, all in very good condition today. This is one of the very desired sections for recreation and parkland in conjunction with the Dept. of Natural Resources 1300 acre State Park. Will be used for canoeing to route #16 (south) & the same north of the dam. There is a large basin on the canal (south of the dam). This section of the canal still has its granite retaining walls on the river side (south to route #16) plus another spillway (built in 1917) at the Stanley Woolen Mills which it served with water for power before the days of electricity. During research of this area over several years, it appears to me that this section is in a remarkable state of preservation, over 147 years old and still here today (1974).

Other works or events associated with site:

The Dept. of Natural Resources State Park, 1300 acre project, now in the process of deed and title clearing. Much of the Blackstone Canal included and a great deal of wooded sections, also the river. All, more or less in an area quite remote, nearly as it was in centuries past.

Present Property Owners: At present under investigation by DNR	Location of Deed Description: See DNR
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Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):
 Historical Library, Hope Street, Providence, R.I.
 Uxbridge Public Library.
 Providence Journal-Archive Dept. Articles & Photos?
 American Canal Society. Drawings and recent photos.
 Blackstone Canal Map Book @ H.L. Prov. R.I.
 Uxbridge Historical Society.

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: DNR (STATE PARK) Uxbridge Historical Society. Northbridge Historical Society. Blackstone Valley Asso.	National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: I believe this is on National Register of Historical Places per recent article seen.
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.