Stretch of Canal(south)
Hartford St. Dam & Canal Bridge

Structure
State/MA XXX_LASS.       Town Uxbridge
Street Hartford Street
Associated Waterway Blackstone River

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
UTM Coordinates 830 638 + South

Blackstone

Canal

HAER/CDHR

Condition Excellent

Designs/Engineer Bridge & Dam by State
Contractor/Builder By State of Mass.
Source of Material Local (See below)

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION/CAVAL:
Start About 1827   Rebuilding See below
Completion Before 1828 Abandoned 1848 (See bel

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 seem:
seems 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 serves 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 conjunc
Aon 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 stil
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 the
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 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

Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):
Historical Library, Hope Street, Providence, R.I.
Uxbridge Public Library.
Providence Journal-Archive Dept. 7 Articles & Photos?
American Canal Society. Drawings and recent photos.
Blackstone Canal Lap 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 Ado.

Location of Deed Description:
See DNR

Investigation made by: Alden W. Gould
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RETURN TO:

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