

American Canal Society Canal Structure Inventory

Structure <u>Mumford River Aqueduct</u> Location only of (Former) Aqueduct		Canal <u>Blackstone</u>	IHAER/CEHR Condition <u>Destroyed</u>
State/ <del>XXXX</del> <u>Mass.</u> County <u>Worcester</u>		Designer(s) <u>Presume Benj. Wright</u>	
<del>City</del> /Town <u>Uxbridge</u>		Contractor/Builder <u>Presume J.D. Allen</u>	
<del>xxxx</del> <u>Near Jct. Mumford River &amp; Blackstone River</u>		Source of Material <u>Would be local</u>	
Associated Waterway <u>Both rivers.</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP <u>BLACKSTONE</u>	Start <u>About 1827</u>	Rebuilding <u>Unknown</u>	
UTM Coordinates <u>834 586 (834.612?)</u>	Completion <u>Before 1828</u>	Abandoned <u>1848</u>	
History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: Served for 20 years to transport barges and "Packet Boats" over the Mumford River. Also to serve Capron's Canal (private) which was only a very short distance beyond the aqueduct on the left hand side <u>going north</u> . After abandonment, it served as an <u>excellent swimming hole</u> for the local (young fry). The trough at that time was leaking badly, but the water spray was forceful and created a stinging cold water shower while standing under it. What more could one ask for? This was private, no girls were allowed to use it, being remote from town no swim suits were used so---.			
Description (Visible Remains at the site): The only visable remains here today is the north <u>earth</u> abutment, the island in the middle of the Mumford River that had one of the center granite piers on it. This was a <u>five span</u> structure, probably about 90-110 ft. long. <u>All</u> cut granite blocks have removed years ago, no doubt the local mills closeby can boost of having ready made blocks for practically nothing. The Mumford River joins the Blackstone River in about 200 ft. beyond the former aqueduct. This area was subject to <u>freset</u> waters from the Blackstone River.			
Other works or events associated with site: No other comments on this site. Not included in the Dept. of Natural Resources State Park as far as I know. Due to being <u>below</u> route #16 which is the <u>present limit</u> of the State Park at the present time.			
Present Property Owners: <u>Unknown at present.</u>		Location of Deed Description: <u>Unknown at present.</u>	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): <u>Blackstone Canal Map Book-Historical Library, Hope Street, Providence, R.I.</u> <u>Catherine Sessions book, The Blackstone Canal. Uxbridge Public Library.</u> <u>No photos from any source as far as I know. Unnecessary in this case.</u> <u>Entrance now fenced off by the Electric Light Company about two years ago.</u> <u>When I researched the area, it was no problem in 1971.</u>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: <u>None whatever.</u>		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: <u>Doubtful.</u>	
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