

Structure Canal Lock		Canal Blackstone Canal	HAIR/CEHR Condition Fair
State XXXXX Mass. County Worcester		Designer(s) Presume Benjamin Wright	
xxx Town Northbridge		Contractor/Builder Presume J.D. Allen	
xxx 5000 ft. north-Hartford St. Dam		Source of Material Local	
Associated Waterway Blackstone River		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP UXBRIDGE		Start About 1826-27	Rebuilding None
Coordinates 829 648 (826.647?)		Completion Before 1828	Abandoned 1848
History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: <p>This lock was one of the <u>original</u> 49 locks. History states there was a total of 62 on the Blackstone Canal. This lock served barges and packet boats from Providence to Worcester for 20 years. This lock served no other purpose after abandonment, but stands today as a memorial to a past era.</p>			
Description (Visible Remains at the site): This lock is at least 147 years old (1974) I would designate this lock to be #2 as to its physical condition. (Lock at Millville) would be #1 for the same reason. Built of cut granite. 92 ft. X 10 ft. wide. Towpath in this area good but somewhat grownup with tress. A foot path leads from the Hartford St. Dam direct to the lock. Used also by motorbikes, but still rough terrain. By using a canoe one can paddle up the canal right into the lock chamber. About 3 ft. of water in the chamber in 1972. Canal Basin north of lock but adjacent at small earth dam on west side. Tree roots have forced some blocks into chamber, but <u>all there</u> I'm sure. A very attractive spot. Believe it or not, there is a short section of a quoin post in the gate recess (north end)			
Other works or events associated with site: The Dept. of Natural Resources is now in the process of locating deeds & titles for the development of this State Park. This park involves 1300 acres, will be 3½ miles long, with that available land in the Blackstone Valley will be included a 3½ mile stretch of the canal that the DNR has great plans for. A recreation corridor (More or less remote)			
Present Property Owners: See-Mass. Dept. Natural Resources		Location of Deed Description: Same	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): <p style="text-align: right;">Worcester-Telegram Gazette has recent photos(1972). Also <u>AWG</u> taken on same date of above lock. Canal related information-Historical Library, Hope St. Providence, R.I.-R.I. Historical Soc. Worcester Historical Society but <u>limited</u>. Uxbridge Public Library-<u>limited</u>. "Canal Inc." Lincoln, R.I. (canal Society) should have material and possible photos. Providence Journal did have canal and lock photos about 1949. Now?</p>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: Mass. Dept. of Natural Resources. Uxbridge Historical Society. Northbridge Historical Society.		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: Doubtful at this time. <i>Recent reports state this is now on the National Register of Historical Places.</i>	
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.