

Structure Lock		Canal Blackstone	HAER/CEHR Condition Very poor
State/Province Mass. County Worcester		Designer(s) Presume Benj. Wright	
City/Town Uxbridge		Contractor/Builder Presume J.D. Allen	
Street Adjacent to route #122		Source of Material Local	
Associated Waterway Blackstone River		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP BLACKSTONE		Start Before 1827	Rebuilding None
UTM Coordinates 834 586		Completion Before 1828	Abandoned 1848
<p>History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: One of the original 49 locks. Located about 1/4 mile off route #122(south). Served the area and towns along the canal route from Providence, R.I. to Worcester, Mass. Both freight and passenger service were maintained until winter and ice set in. In rural New England the canal done much to open up the back country with the seaport of Providence. This canal was much in the same way as your auto on <u>Sundays</u>. Take the family or a group on a picnic. In some of these remaining old locks the local boys used them as a swimming pool. Water still runs through this area. No further use after abandonment. This was a guard lock to the river.</p>			
<p>Description (Visible Remains at the site): As for the actual lock, it is pretty much destroyed. The lower granite blocks and those of the curved entrance to the lock are still intact. There is a basin here also, cutting in off the river at a curve. It's clear. The canal is well watered above the lock <u>nearly</u> to route #122. Both banks are <u>very good</u>. There is also a towpath bridge just above the lock, both abutments still standing in good shape. Where the canal crossed at route #122 today, the canal was <u>filled in</u> at that point for the road. On the other side of route #122 the canal is dry, but in excellent condition. This lock also has been here for well over 147 years in (1974). Somewhat isolated, still easy to locate by following drawing. A little walk will do you good!</p>			
<p>Other works or events associated with site: No comments on this lock. This does not come under the 1300 State Park by the Dept. of Natural Resources. Perhaps later on after phase #1 has been completed. Not advised.</p>			
Present Property Owners: Unknown at present		Location of Deed Description: Same-Unknown	
<p>Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): I would suggest the Historical Library, Hope Street, Providence, R.I. for any reference to the above lock. I personally took several pictures of the area. No others available to my knowledge.</p>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: Quite sure the Uxbridge Historical Society is interested. Possible that Canal Inc. Lincoln, R.I. also.		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: Not sure of this section included in the National Register of Historical Places being <u>south</u> of route #16	
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