

Structure <b>(2) Locks</b>		Canal <b>Blackstone</b>	HAER/CEHR Condition <b>1 Very poor</b>
State/ <del>Prov</del> <b>Mass.</b> County <b>Worcester</b>		Designer(s) <b>Presume Benj. Wright</b>	<b>Not vis-</b>
Town <b>Uxbridge</b>		Contractor/Builder <b>Presume J.D. Allen</b>	
Street <b>Off route #122 east-P&amp;WRR tracks</b>		Source of Material <b>Local</b>	
Associated Waterway <b>Blackstone River</b>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP <b>BLACKSTONE</b>		Start <b>About 1826-27</b>	Rebuilding <b>None</b>
UTM Coordinates <b>830 603 + # UNKNOWN</b>		Completion <b>Before 1828</b>	Abandoned <b>1848</b>

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment:

Two of the original 49 locks in the Uxbridge area. About 1½ miles south of Mendon Street (route #16). But east off route #122 at the Cock & Kettle Restaurant. Providence & Worcester R.R. nearly on the towpath at this point. Served the area and towns along the canal route from Providence to Worcester. Freight barges and Packet Boats plied this canal for 20 years. The only practical route for heavy goods to the seaport town of Providence, R.I. These two locks served no other purpose after abandonment. In the 1800's, located on the lands of Bazaleel Taft. Still a prominent name in Uxbridge.

Description (Visible Remains at the site):

Numbers given locks on any drawing apply only to that drawing. To date we don't know how lock numbers were issued by the Canal Co. Lock listed as #1. cannot be seen, possibly buried when the R.R. was built. Lock listed as #2. can be seen as per map drawing, but only one half of lock chamber now, the other half may still be there, but covered by R.R. right of way. I presume many of the chamber blocks have been utilized for mill foundations in this local area. A foot path follows along side of the lock & canal at this point & water still flows only slightly.

Other works or events associated with site:

No remarks regarding this site. This area does not come under the Dept. of Natural Resources State Park unless at a future date they decide to continue below Mendon Street (route 16) Not advised as yet. These two locks would have been over 147 years old (1974)

Present Property Owners:

Unknown at present.

Location of Deed Description:

Same- at present.

Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):

Blackstone Canal Map Book, Historical Library, Hope St. Providence, R.I.  
 The Blackstone Canal by Catherine Sessions-Uxbridge Public Library.  
 The Blackstone Canal by Col. Plummer-HL@Providence, R.I.  
 Map of the canal route in the book "Providence & Worcester R.R." under the heading of The Blackstone Valley Line by Edward A. Lewis (1973)

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:

Doubtful of any preservation here. Due to lack of visible remains that have disappeared over the years

National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition:

Not sure that National Register would apply here. Being below route #16.

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