

CANAL <b>Blackstone Canal</b>		(FOR ACS USE)	
STATUS <b>Abandoned</b>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURE <b>1824-1826-1828---(1848)</b>	
LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL) <b>Providence, R.I. to Worcester, Mass.</b>		LENGTH Later CANAL <b>45</b> SLACKWATER ? TOTAL <b>45</b>	
LIFT LOCKS	NBR. <b>48</b>	DIMENSIONS LOCK CHAMBER <b>10 ft.</b> OVERALL <b>Over 100ft.</b>	AQUEDUCTS NBR. <b>1</b> SECTION SIZE <b>2</b>
TUNNELS <b>None</b>			
DESCRIPTION: (Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful); e.g., feeders (navigable & otherwise), locks other than above, type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.)			
<p>Barge travel &amp; Towpath; Canal route a combination of slack water and dug canal. The Moshassuck &amp; Blackstone Rivers used, plus several dams to retain water depth for the many factories as well as for the canal. Both rivers are rather shallow normally, during flood stage created some problems. There were locks in the Millbury area 126 ft. long, width of 10 ft. (Industrial Area) Several feeders, none navigational. At least two private canals for industry. All locks were of cut granite. Total of locks questionable, reports state 48-62, not clarified to date. Canal 45 ft. wide generally, 4ft. depth. Canal lands now privately owned or by Providence &amp; Worcester R.R. (Possible DNR in sections) Mass.</p>			
<p>NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION: Canal Inc. Lincoln, R.I. Uxbridge Historical Society, Uxbridge, Mass. DNR State of Mass. and others I cannot give at this time due to <u>absence</u> of material while I am in Florida.</p>			
REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS: <b>A.S. Gould-5558 Palm Beach Blvd. Fort Myers, Fla. 33905</b>		DATE <b>Nov. 21, 1973</b>	
<p>HISTORICAL SUMMARY: (Original aims of company, date of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, height of traffic data, transfers of ownership, etc.)</p> <p>Provide water route Providence-Worcester (before days of the railroads) Date of incorporation (later) Same for engineers. My papers are all in <u>Mass</u> Height of traffic about 1836-38. Blackstone Canal Co. sold to P &amp; W R.R. about 1845, except reservoirs etc. P &amp; W R.R. opened for business 1847. Several sections of the canal are still in good condition, having served some factories with water power after abandonment. One lock in the town of Millville, Mass. is in nearly <u>perfect condition</u> today, built about 1825-27 I presume. There are others, state of preservation varies.. Mass. DNR 1300 acre program involves several miles of the Blackstone Canal.</p>			
<p>BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: (Published works relating to Canal)</p> <p>Very little was ever published about the Blackstone Canal compared to other canals. I do know of several listed books. Usually under the <u>town</u> canal passes through, and then, only a few pages referring to the canal and the land owners of that period. More on this <u>later</u> item later.</p>			
<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS &amp; IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES</p> <p>At the Historical Library on Hops St. in Providence, R.I. can be found the <u>greater part</u> of what information is available on the Blackstone Canal. The "<u>masterpiece</u>" of all being the Canal Map Book, drawn by Edwin Phelps in 1825. <del>There is no record for the Blackstone Canal Company.</del></p>			
<p>NATIONAL REGISTER &amp; HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORDS) STATUS:</p> <p>Some sections under National Register, others considered. HAER to the <u>best</u> of my knowledge has not been suggested as yet.</p>			
<p>RETURN TO: CANAL INDEX COMMITTEE, c/o P.H. STOTT, MAINS ROAD, MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK 10549</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(OCD Lenses) (BY W photos)</p>			

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TO MAKE AN INDEX CARD SUITABLE FOR FILING, CUT ALONG THE HEAVY LINES AND FOLD BACK ALONG THE DOTTED LINE.