

Structure <b>Lock</b>	Canal <b>Blackstone</b>	HAER/CEHR Condition <b>Very poor</b>
State/ <del>Rhode</del> <b>Mass</b> County <b>Worcester</b>	Designer(s) <b>Presume Bemj. Wright</b>	Contractor/Builder <b>Presume J.D. Allen</b>
City/Town <b>Northbridge</b>	Source of Material <b>Local</b>	
Street <b>Located at Church Street</b>	DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
Associated Waterway <b>Blackstone River</b>	Start <b>Before 1827</b> Rebuilding <b>None</b>	Completion <b>Before 1828</b> Abandoned <b>1848</b>
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP <b>GRAFTON</b>		
UTM Coordinates <b>818 672</b>		

History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment:

One of the original 49 locks. History states from several sources that there were 62 locks all told. Served its purpose in transportation of merchandise and passengers from Providence, R.I. to Worcester, Mass. for 20 years. At this lock was located a canal store, a private canal also that served the owner with lumber & merchandise that could be unloaded at leisure and not tie up canal traffic. A half-way house adjacent to the lock served as an overnight stop. Only foundations left today, but excellent.

Description (Visible Remains at the site):

This lock (what there is left of it) is in very poor condition. A great many of the cut granite blocks have been removed, leaving only blocks that formed the recess for the quoin post. However, the south end of the canal bridge is part of the lock. Water flows through the lock south to Rice City Pond, passing over one culvert. A short time ago there was one block of a (quoin post recess) at the east end of the canal bridge, if not stolen it should still be there. This lock at least 147 years old (1974)

Other works or events associated with site:

The Dept. of Natural Resources has included this section within their 1300 acre State Park. Starting at this point (Church Street) the Parkland extends south for about 3-3½ miles to route #16 in Uxbridge. This route includes the Blackstone Canal for that entire distance & the river also.

Present Property Owners: <b>See Dept. of Natural Resources</b>	Location of Deed Description: <b>Same on deeds</b>
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Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs):

In this particular case, the Historical Library, Hope St. Providence, R.I. would be about the only source of information. A book on the Blackstone Canal by Col. Plummer; Also the Blackstone Canal Mapbook of the Canal Co. at the above library. I personally took several photos, but I don't consider worthwhile due to the extreme foliage cover at that time.

Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: <b>Dept. of Natural Resources Northbridge Historical Society Uxbridge Historical Society?</b>	National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: <b>According to a recent report, this section of Northbridge is on the National Register of Historic Places</b>
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.