

Second Section

American Canal Society Canal Structure Inventory

Structure <b>Griffins Falls &amp; 1 lock</b>		Canal <b>Merrimack River Navigation</b>	HAER/CEHR Condition <b>Fair</b>
State/Province <u>N.H.</u> County <u>Hillsboro</u>		Designer(s) <b>Presume-Isaac Riddle</b>	
City/Town <u>Manchester</u>		Contractor/Builder <b>Presume-Union Locks &amp; Canal Co.</b>	
Street <u>South(end) of Riverdale Ave.</u>		Source of Material <b>Local</b>	
Associated Waterway <u>Merrimack River</u>		DATES OF CONSTRUCTION	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP <u>Manchester South Quad</u>		Start <u>Before 1814</u>	Rebuilding <u>?</u>
UTM Coordinates <u>298.3/4758.8</u>		Completion <u>By 1814</u>	Abandoned <u>By 1850's</u>
History & Use in Service; Use Since Abandonment: <p>Section number 2; Is an exploration made on July 27, 1975; Which will give a more thorough investigation of this particular site. Location of this site has been found to be the <u>most accessible</u> of all river locks on this navigation system. The site is on the east side of the river in a residential area. Riverdale Ave. is a <u>dead end</u> road going <u>south</u>, a residence is on the <u>right</u>, go down grade through <u>yard</u> to a dirt road cut out of the grade to river. Area is quite clear, very little brush. Lock will be ahead at the stone wall, can't be missed. Rapids in the river will be on the west side of the structure. Drop in elevation of this lock <u>probably</u> about 2-3 ft.</p>			
Description (Visible Remains at the site): <p>This site is much easier <sup>to</sup> view than the Lock at Cromwells Falls. The chamber wall on the east side appears to be of its original height, and can be walked on with a little caution. This chamber wall down to the water level would be <u>about 5 ft.</u> The west wall of the chamber has been damaged by ice floes somewhat, but the lower chamber blocks are <u>very discernible</u> and in a straight line. This lock has some stone in its bed, but <u>nothing</u> like we find in most other structures. The west side could be walked on if possible to cross over the chamber which appears to be about a <u>good 10 ft.</u> wide. Built of <u>granite slabs</u> and <u>on land</u> at its <u>east</u> wall. You will not have wet feet. Chamber well watered. Wing wall at south end of lock</p>			
Other works or events associated with site: <p>Quite close by this site was a former ferry across the Merrimack River, the Old Ferry House is still here a short distance from the lock site. Known as Smith's Ferry. Days of operation prob ably in the <u>late 1700's</u> and early 1800's. Stage coaches picked up passengers for Manchester.</p>			
Present Property Owners: <u>This site may be owned by those living close to lock.</u>		Location of Deed Description: ?	
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss, maps, photographs): <p><del>Manchester Historical Society Lead.</del>  <del>Geneard Historical Society.</del>                  State Library-Concord, N.H. (Possible)</p>			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration:  None that I know of other than ACS		National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition:  Very doubtful.	
Investigation made by: Alden W. Gould(ACS) Address: 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060			Date: July 27, 1975
RETURN TO: <u>Peter Stott</u>			

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