

American Canal Society Canal Structure Inventory

Structure New Canal Bridge & 1200 ft. of restored canal by Mass. D.P.W.		Canal Middlesex Canal	HAER/CEHR Condition New
State XXXX Mass. County Middlesex		Designer(s) Department of Public Works	
XXX Town Wilmington Street Relocated route #129		Contractor/Builder Same as above	
Associated Waterway Lubbers Brook at end.		Source of Material Local	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP 129-1500-1960		DATES OF XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
UTM Coordinates _____		Start About 1972 Rebuilding =====	Completion Not Completed Abandoned =====
XX A 1200 ft. section of this canal has been rebuilt on the exact same spot as the original canal. Only <u>excavation</u> plus the removal of trees and brush was necessary. The towpath is cleared for future use when this project is completed. A <u>small</u> replica of a barge was used for the dedication of this site on October 19, 1974. Drawn by a horse with the rider mounted and the Captain at the tiller keeping a straight course down the canal. This day will be long remembered by local people and many from out of State as well. It was a grand celebration, the weather co-operated fully for the opening address by Lt.Col. Wilbar Hoxie, the Public Officials of the State and others with their best wishes and for further development in the future.			
XX Restoration of this site has come at a time when "Our Country" is making plans for its upcoming Bi-Centennial year. A year when our "Historical Heritage" will be remembered by and celebrated throughout the United States. ***** The Canal Bridge, one of two structures is of concrete. The canal passes under the bridge and contains the towpath also. Standing on the bridge you can view the restored canal to Lubbers Brook, where remains of "Sinking Meadows Aqueduct" are located. In the near future it is possible that the State of Mass. will consider this site as a State Park. We trust they will.			
Other works or events associated with site: Sinking Meadows Aqueduct; During its past era carried barges over this aqueduct on their way to Boston or Lowell. Structure was of stone, the old abutments still remain but the wood trough disappeared many years ago. <u>This site</u> marks the end of the present restoration project.			
Present Property Owners: Not known.	Location of Deed Description: Not known.		
Bibliography (Published, unpublished mss. maps, photographs): "The Old Middlesex Canal" a recent book released. Author-Mary Stetson Clarke. The Middlesex Canal by Christopher Roberts 1793-1860. (See recent book release for many other publications) listed over past years. Photos of entire "Dedication Day" by Alden W. Gould (MCA & ACS) taken at Canal & Bridge site.			
Agencies, Individuals Interested in Preservation/Restoration: Middlesex Canal Association. Canal Inc. (Blackstone Canal) Lincoln, R.I. (Mass. Department-Public Works)	National Register/CEHR, Other Recognition: The Middlesex Canal was placed on the National Register in 1972.		
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A sketch map or illustration of the site should be included on the reverse.