

RESEARCH STAGES

19. PREVIOUS WORK <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Collected	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> "Pot hunted"	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Tested	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Excavation	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE

20. PRESENT LOCATION OF MATERIALS (INCLUDE ADDRESSES)

21. REFERENCES/REPORTS

SIGNIFICANCE

22. RECOVERED DATA (identify IN DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.)

- A. Documentary:
- B. Archaeological:

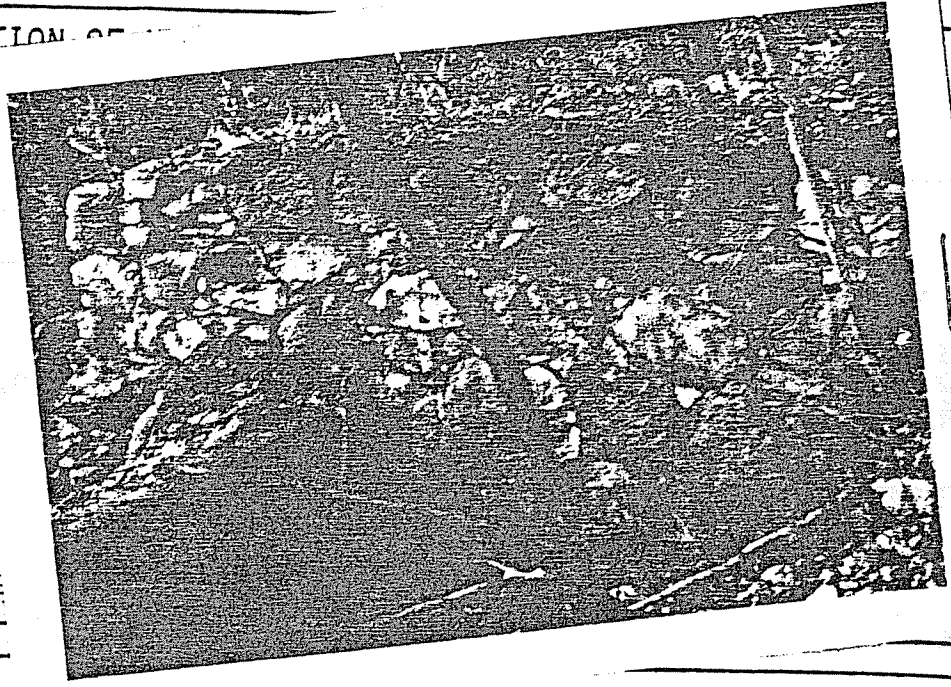
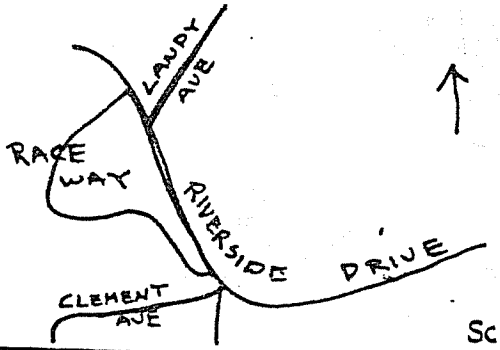
23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The site is located on the east bank of the Mill River in the village of Bay State. It consists of the remnants of a dam, the headrace and the tailrace of the power canal. In addition, the

SITE PLAN

24. ATTACH TO THIS FORM PORTION OF

25. SKETCH PLAN OF SITE



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FIELD EVALUATION

COMMENTS

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 USE ONLY

Town MHC NO. 246
 UTM
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 QUAD
 NR ACT ELIG. NO DISTRICT yes No

IDENTIFICATION

1. SITE NAME(S) First Bay State Raceway MAS NO. OTHER NO. 23C-31/30A-32

2. TOWN/CITY Northampton COUNTY Hampshire

3. STREET & NUMBER (IF NOT AVAILABLE, GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO REACH SITE)
Riverside Drive- on west side extending north from Northampton Cutlery Co.

4. OWNER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES)
City of Northampton and Northampton Cutlery Co. Public Private

5. SITE LOCATED BY
CRM Survey Avocational Collector Field School Other (Specify)
 Describe Sampling Strategy used to Locate Site:

DESCRIPTION

6a. PERIOD(S) (Check all applicable boxes)
17th C. 18th C. 19th C. 20th C. Unknown

6b. ESTIMATED OCCUPATION RANGE
1840's-mid 20th century

7. DATING METHOD
 MAPS 1854, 1831, 1860, 1873, 1884, 1895. TITLE SEARCH Yes No
 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS
 COMPARATIVE MATERIALS OTHER

8a. SITE TYPE Agrarian Residential Industrial Commercial Military
Unknown Other (Specify)

8b. DESCRIBE

ENVIRONMENT

9. DESCRIBE SIZE, HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BOUNDARIES

10. STRATIGRAPHY
 Surface Indicators Stratigraphy
Standing ruins Stratified
Surface finds NOT Stratified
Markers
Cellar Hole

11. SOIL
 USDA Soil Series Contour Elevation % Slope of Ground
0-5 5-15 15-25 over25
 Acidity 1 7 14
 (Acid) (Base)

12. TOPOGRAPHY
Flat Gentle undulation
Rolling Hills Mountains

13. WATER
 NEAREST WATER SOURCE : SIZE AND SPEED DISTANCE FROM SITE SEASONAL AVAILABILITY

14. VEGETATION
 PRESENT PAST

CONDITION

15. SITE INTEGRITY
Undisturbed Good Fair Destroyed IF DISTURBED, DESCRIBE DISTURBANCE

16. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
Open Land Woodland Eroded Soils Residential Scattered Buildings
Commercial Industrial Rural Visible from Site
Coastal Isolated

17. ANY THREATS TO SITE DESCRIBE POTENTIAL THREATS:
Yes No

18. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC
Free Access Need Owner Permission Restricted No Access

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Northampton	Form No: 23C-31/32
Property Name: Bay State Raceway	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

23. Archaeological or Historical Significance

basement of the oldest building at the Northampton Cutlery Co. still has its water wheel. According to the 1860 Directory, the dam was constructed c. 1847 by George A. Hill. A few years later the first brick block was built for the manufacturing of articles of hemp. This business only lasted a short while, and in 1854 the Bay State Tool Manufacturing Co. took over the works. This in turn was followed by the Bay State Hardware Co. in 1858 and the Northampton Cutlery Co. in 1870. The last named firm is still in operation.

The power canal hasn't been in use for a long time, and was used as a dump for the cutlery's waste until twenty years ago. Today the quarter mile long headrace is only evident for the northern half of its length.

Bibliography

1831 Town Map. 1854 and 1860 County Maps.
1873, 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1860-61, p. 96.
Registry of Deeds: Bk 276-P 103, 240-190, 204-300, 180-422, 173-312 through
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