

FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Northampton

ss North side Evergreen Rd.

Dimock Reservoir

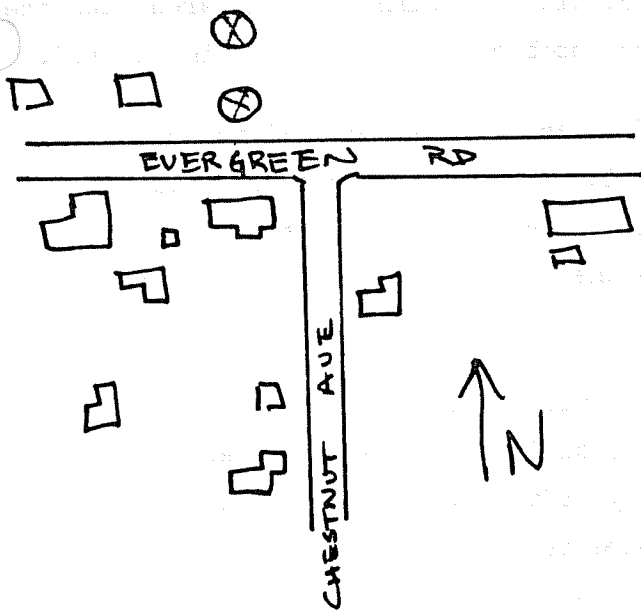
present use storage

present owner Richard Greenwood

type of structure (check one)

- pound
- powder house
- street
- tower
- tunnel
- wall
- windmill
- kiln
- lighthouse
- other reservoir

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



5. Description

Date 1873-77

Source Atlas and Water Dept.

Construction material brick

Dimensions 15' above ground, 20-25' in

Setting suburban/ rural diameter

Condition fair

6. Recorded by F. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

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USGS Quadrant _____
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Monotuck Silk Co.
 Original use reservoir
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates storage-post 1945

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This "reservoir" first appears on the 1884 Atlas. The Monotuck Silk Co. is listed as the owner, and piping laid under High St. (now Evergreen Rd.), Center St. (now Upland Rd.), Front St., Grove Ave., and Chestnut Ave. connect the reservoir to at least one house on the hill, the two Grove Hill houses, the Main St. mill of Monotuck Silk Co., the mill of the Northampton Emory Wheel Co., and then finally to the Mill River. Notes in the margin of a map of city waterlines in the area date the piping to 1877, and list the source as a spring (probably just west of Dimock St.).

The reservoir held 27,000 gallons of water, was cylindrical in shape, built of concrete, and mostly underground. Brick, circular walls rise three feet above the ground. A conical roof, topped by a polygonal, louvered cupola caps the walls. The roof line is broken for a door and two pairs of 6-pane windows on the southern side. A small shed has recently been added on the southwestern side.

By 1913 the City of Northampton had acquired this waterworks system from the Monotuck Silk Co. In that year they proposed to build a standpipe to replace the old reservoir, to better serve the approximately fifty families who were supplied at that time by the old system. The metal standpipe is 24' in diameter, 40' high, has a capacity of 125,000 gallons and is located about 20' south of the old "reservoir". In 1945 the city sold the old reservoir and a small parcel of land.

10. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Water Dept.- Atlases of waterlines.
- Report of Board of Water Commissioners, 1913, pp. 236-37.