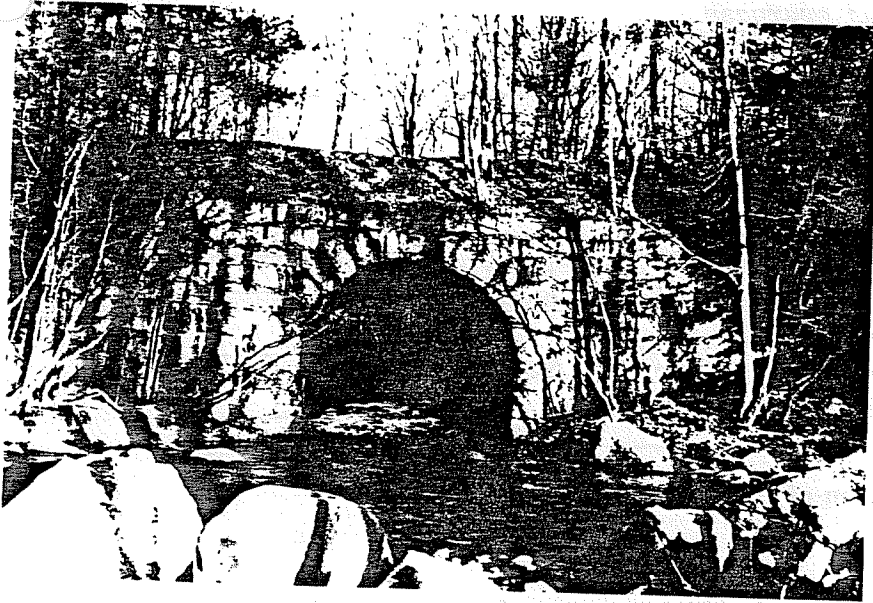


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Northampton

at junction of Beaver Brook and Mill

River (off River St.)

Beaver Brook Arch

present use Beaver Brook underpass

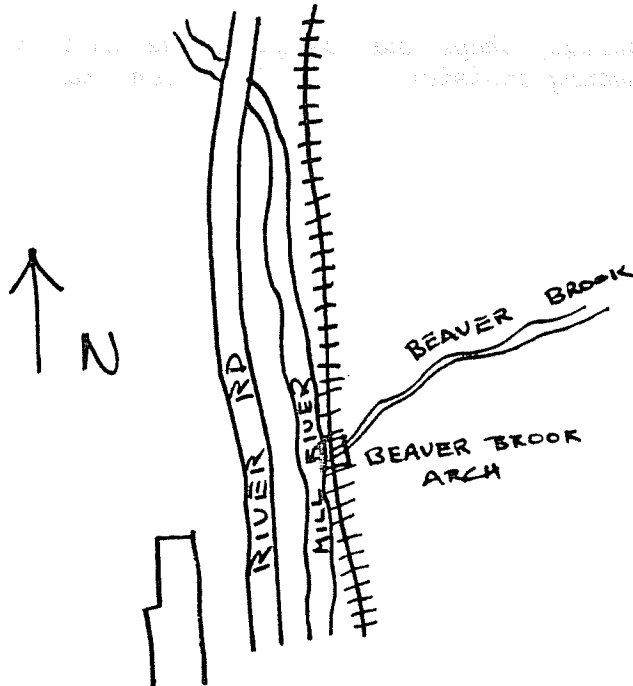
present owner

type of structure (check one)

- pound _____
- powder house _____
- street _____
- tower _____
- tunnel _____
- kiln _____
- wall _____
- lighthouse _____
- windmill _____

other

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



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5. Description

Date c. 1867

Source _____

Construction material stone

Dimensions arch: 15' wide, 20' long

Setting rural

Condition good

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) New Haven and Northampton Railroad
 Original use railroad overpass
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This large stone arch was built to carry the tracks of the Williamsburg division of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad over Beaver Brook at its junction with the Mill River. This branch opened in 1867 and tied the industrial villages of Williamsburg, as well as Leeds and Florence to the main railroad line running north and south along the Connecticut River.

The arch is similar in material, shape and design to the Arch St. in Leeds, which is also for the Williamsburg division of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad.

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

The Meadow City's Quarter Millennial Book, 1904 p. 83.
10 County Map.
1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.