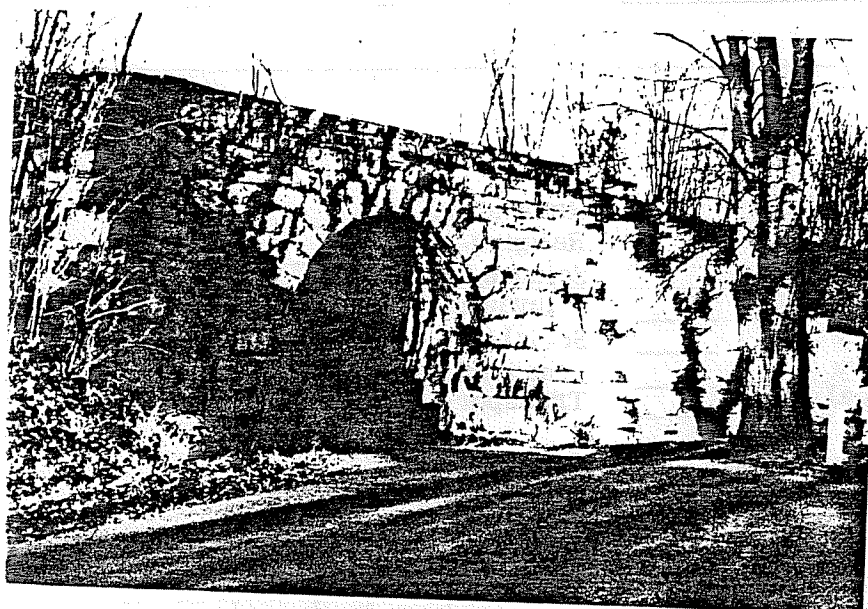


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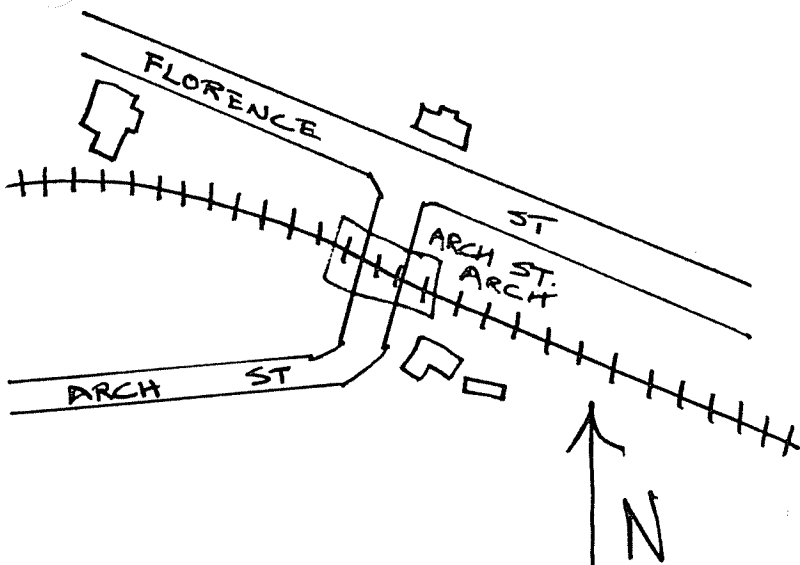
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1 Northampton
 Address Arch St.
 (opening under RR tracks)
 Name Arch St. Arch
 Present use Arch St. underpass
 Present owner _____

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



Type of structure (check one)

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|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| bridge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | pond | _____ |
| mill | <input type="checkbox"/> | powder house | _____ |
| monument | <input type="checkbox"/> | street | _____ |
| tower | <input type="checkbox"/> | tower | _____ |
| tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> | tunnel | _____ |
| well | <input type="checkbox"/> | well | _____ |
| windmill | <input type="checkbox"/> | windmill | _____ |
| other | _____ | | _____ |

5. Description

Date c. 1867
 Source _____
 Construction material stone
 Dimensions arch: 15' wide, 20' long
 Setting rural/suburban
 Condition good

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

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)

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|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| 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 Arch St. just south of its junction with Florence Road. This branch railroad opened in 1867 and tied the industrial villages of Williamsburg, as well as Leeds and Florence in Northampton to the main railroad line running north-south along the Connecticut River.

The arch is similar in material, shape and design to the Beaver Brook Arch located off River Road, which is also for the Williamsburg division of the New Haven-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.*
- 1860 County Map.*
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*