

FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	30B- A

1. Town Northampton
 Address off Riverside Drive and
Federal St.

Name Paper Mill Raceway

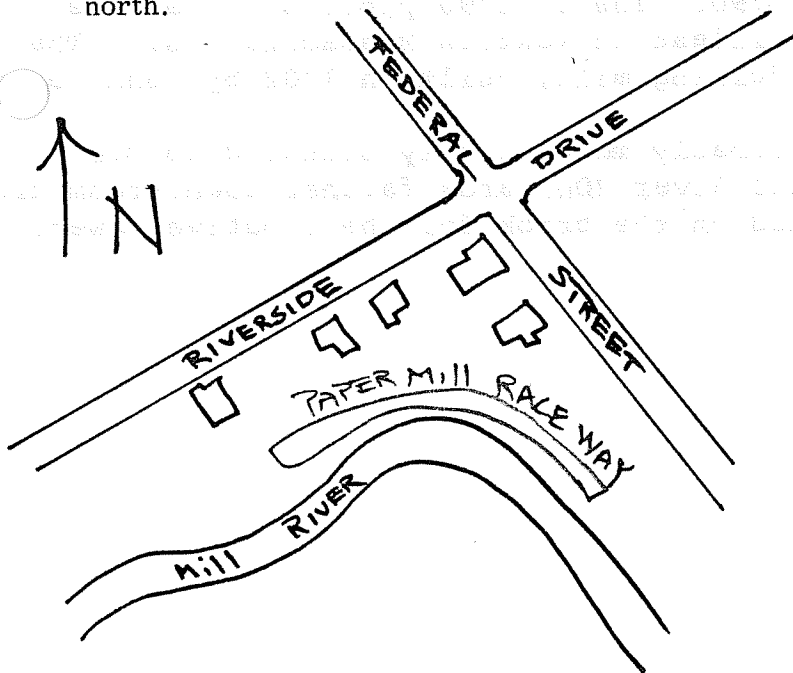
Present use none

Present owner multiple-private

3. Type of structure (check one)

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| bridge | <u> </u> | pound | <u> </u> |
| canal | <u> x </u> | powder house | <u> </u> |
| dam | <u> </u> | street | <u> </u> |
| fort | <u> </u> | tower | <u> </u> |
| gate | <u> </u> | tunnel | <u> </u> |
| kiln | <u> </u> | wall | <u> </u> |
| lighthouse | <u> </u> | windmill | <u> </u> |
| other | <u> </u> | | |

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



5. Description

Date c. 1836

Source Reg. of Deeds

Construction material stone

Dimensions

Setting

Condition

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

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 USGS Quadrant
 MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use raceway

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	<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 canal is first mentioned in an 1836 deed. The owner at that time was the Northampton Paper Mills Co. They purchased the property from the Daniel Butler estate that same year, and built a 125x 38' brick mill. This replaced an earlier paper mill which had been built by Daniel's brother William about 1790. The c. 1790 paper mill was the first in Northampton and one of the earliest in western Massachusetts. The site had first been used for a fulling mill, built in 1702 by John Co ps.

The earlier mills were probably more closely situated to Broughton's Brook which empties into the Mill River 200 yards farther downstream from the present mill site, and relied on the brrok for their motive power.

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

- 1794 and 1831 Town Maps. 1854 and 1880 County Maps.
- 1873, 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk 414-P 345, 277-270 through 273, 273-401, 268-207 through 210, 124-175, 79-96, 78-60, 72-531, 6-435.
- Hampshire Gazette, June 3, 1904, 250th anniversary number.