

Northern Canal  
Lowell, Massachusetts  
Middlesex County

HAER No. MA-8

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9-LOW,  
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DATE: 1846-47

LOCATION: Between the Western Canal and the Pawtucket River, and parallel to the River and to North Street, Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals, Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: The Northern Canal was constructed to bring more water into the canal system in order that the demands for power made by increasingly large mills could be met. The Northern Canal supplemented the Pawtucket Canal as a feeder to the system. Further information can be found in HAER No. MA-1, Lowell Canal System.

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