

Lawrence Canal: Lawrence Dam
Lowell, Massachusetts
Middlesex County

HAER No, MA-6A

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DATE: ca. 1845

LOCATION: Junction of the Lawrence and Merrimack Canals,
Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals,
Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: The existing dam was built in 1845 to replace the
original one constructed in 1831. Its purpose was to
maintain the water level in the Lawrence Canal, which
powered the Lawrence Mills. More complete information
is to be found in MA-1, Lowell Canal System.

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