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Historical Notes

The canal along the Blackstone River was first suggested in 1796 by John Brown of Providence, Rhode Island. Efforts to construct the canal were thwarted by Boston merchants. Finally in 1823, the Rhode Island and Massachusetts legislatures approved the project and the Blackstone Canal Company was formed in 1825. The canal, 45 miles long from Worcester to Providence, was completed in 1828. It initially prospered, though there were issues of low water levels and winter freezes. In 1835, the railroad from Boston to Worcester was completed and the canal's use declined. Freight continued to be carried on the canal until 1848.

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Series Description

Series 1: Business and Stock Records (1825-1836)

Series description: This series contains correspondences, business documents, and notes of stock purchases.

Series 2: Accounts (1825-1831)

Series description: This series contains notes and bound volumes of business transactions including toll charges and freight transportation.

Series 3: Reports (1822-1828; 1907-1955)

Series description: This series contains documents detailing the proposal of the canal, hand copies newspaper articles, and a picture and a letter discussing the canal.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.1	Undated and unsigned article of agreement for construction work for Blackstone Canal Company
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.2	Undated and unsigned article of agreement for construction work for Blackstone Canal Company
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.3	November 27, 1835—copy of agreement between Blackstone Canal Company and mill owners to allow Blackstone Canal Company to construct a dam at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.4	August 8, 1836—agreement between Blackstone Canal Company and Amos R. Black to allow Blackstone Canal Company to construct an additional embankment at north Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.5	September 10, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from Stephen Salisbury for \$75.00 and from Frederick W. Paine for \$75.00 for work at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.6	September 17, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from George T. Rice for \$75.00 for work at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.7	September 27, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from Frederick W Paine for \$150.00 for work at North Pond

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1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.8	October 15, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from F.W. Paine, Stephen Salisbury and George T. for \$75.00 for work done at the dam at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.9a	October 25, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from Stephen Salisbury for \$300 for work at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.9b	October 25, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from Frederick W. Paine for \$300.00 for work at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.10	November 23, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from Stephen Salisbury for \$100.00 and from Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00 for work done at the dam at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.11	December 8, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from Geo. T. Rice for \$138.60 for work at North Pond
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.12	December 24, 1836—receipt of payment to Amos Black from F.W. Paine for \$5.00
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.13	August 29, 1836—letter to F.W. Paine from Thomas Burgess of Blackstone Canal Company
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.14	September 20, 1836—letter to Frederick W. Paine from Thomas Burgess of Blackstone Canal Company

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1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.15	November 24, 1836—letter to Frederick Paine and other mill owners from Thomas Burgess
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.16	December 12, 1836—letter o F.W. Paine from Thomas Burgess
1	1	2012.FIA.13.1.17	December 21, 1836—letter to F.W. Paine from Thomas Burgess
1	OVS	2012.FIA.13.1.18	April-May 1830—account on tolls from A. Chase D. Coll. and collected by Stephen W. Smith
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.19	November 14, 1829—authorizing of stock for Blackstone Canal Company, the sale of which directed by Thomas P. Ives, Sullivan Dorr, and Benjamin Hoppin
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.20	November 27, 1829—letter from Providence Committee to Isaiah Thomas
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.21	January 18, 1831—Letter to Nathaniel Maccarty from the Committee of Blackstone Canal
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.22	February 19, 1834—letter from Blackstone Canal Bank
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.23	February 1, 1834—ownership of eight shares of stock from Daniel Heywood and Co. to Frederick Paine
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.24	July 4, 1825—first installment of six shares of stock to Fred. W. Paine costing \$12.00

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1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.25	December 12, 1825—second installment of six shares of stock to Fred. W. Paine costing \$48.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.26	September 4, 1826—third installment of 5 shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine costing \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.27a	March 5, 1827—fourth installment on five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.27b	March 5, 1827—fourth installment on one share of stock to William R. Paine for \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.28	April 4, 1827—fifth installment of five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.29a	May 1, 1827—sixth installment on five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.29b	May 1, 1827—sixth installment on one share of stock to William R. Paine for \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.30a	July 7, 1827—seventh installment on five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.30b	July 7, 1827—seventh installment on one share of stock to William R. Paine for \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.31	October 9, 1827—seventh installment on five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00

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1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.32a	October 9, 1827—eighth installment of five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.32b	October 9, 1827—eighth installment on one share of stock to William R. Paine for \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.33a	October 9, 1827—ninth installment on five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine for \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.33b	October 9, 1827—ninth installment on one share of stock to William R. Paine for \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.34	February 21, 1831—first installment of ten shares of stock to F. W. Paine costing \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.35	February 21, 1831—first installment of two shares of stock to F. W. Paine for \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.36	June 6, 1831—third installment on twelve shares of stock to F.W. Paine for \$60.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.37	July 30, 1831—fourth installment of ten shares of stock to F. W. Paine costing \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.38	July 3, 1831—fourth installment of two shares of stock to F. W. Paine costing \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.39	October 4, 1831—fifth installment of twelve shares of stock to F. W. Paine costing \$60.00

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1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.40	January 6, 1830—full payment of five shares of stock to Frederick W. Paine costing \$75.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.41	September 9, 1826—third installment of one share of stock to William Rupell Paine costing \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.42	October 9, 1827—seventh installment of one share of stock to William R. Paine costing \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.43	April 4, 1827—fifth installment of one share of stock to William R. Paine costing \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.44	January 1830—one share of stock to W.R. Paine costing \$15.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.45	January 6, 1830—full payment of one share of stock to Gardiner Paine for \$15.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.46	March 13, 1833—transfer of three shares of stock from Gardiner Paine to Washburn and Goddard for the price of \$75.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.47	February 11, 1834—transfer of two shares of stock from Gardiner Paine to Frederick W. Paine for \$20.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.48	February 12, 1834—transfer of six shares of stock from Daniel Heywood, Gardiner Paine, and Frederick W. Paine to Frederick W. Paine for \$60.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.49	January 6, 1830—full payment of one share of stock to Daniel Heywood costing \$15.00

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1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.50	January 6, 1830—full payment of three shares of stock to Daniel Heywood and Co. costing \$45.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.51	June 7, 1831—first, second, and third installment of five shares of stock to Dan. Heywood costing \$30.30
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.52	August 4, 1831—fourth installment of two shares of stock to Dan. Haywood costing \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.53	August 4, 1831—fourth installment of six shares of stock to Dan. Haywood costing \$30.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.54	August 4, 1831—fourth installment of two shares to Dan. Haywood costing \$10.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.55	October 7, 1831—fifth installment of ten shares of stock to Dan. Heywood costing \$50.00
1	2	2012.FIA.13.1.56	February 18, 1834—transfer of two shares of stock from Daniel Heywood to Frederick W. Paine for \$20.00

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1	3	2012.FIA.13.2.1	April 1830— handwritten account of tolls collected in Worcester by Anthony Chase
1	3	2012.FIA.13.2.2	Handwritten list of locks along canal
1	BV	2012.FIA.13.2.3	October 28, 1825-November 20, 1826—field book of canal surveys, locks, and notes
1	BV	2012.FIA.13.2.4	April 24 -September 12, 1829 record book of freight carried on canal
1	BV	2012.FIA.13.2.5	October 6, 1829-March 23, 1831 record book of freight carried on canal
1	BV	2012.FIA.13.2.6	April 2-December 17, 1830—record book of freight carried on canal
1	BV	2012.FIA.13.2.7	April 1-June 6, 1831—record book of freight carried on canal

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2012.FIA.13.3.1	December 1822—account of proposed canal from Worcester to Providence
1	4	2012.FIA.13.3.2	1822—account of proposed canal from Worcester to Providence with handwritten notes
1	4	2012.FIA.13.3.3	five page handwritten copy on of newspaper articles from Massachusetts <i>Spy</i> dated January 26, 1826 to October 1, 1828 written on I.O.O.F. Quinsigamond Lodge, No. 43 stationary
1	4	2012.FIA.13.3.4	Twelve page handwritten copy of newspaper article from Massachusetts <i>Spy</i> dated January 24, 1827
1	4	2012.FIA.13.3.5	1947-1955—picture of sale of stock certificate and account of proposed canal taken for a story on the Blackstone Canal for Sunday Telegram Magazine
1	4	2012.FIA.13.3.6	October 8, 1907—two page letter to Edith W. Shute from Charles A. Chase referring to handwritten toll account of April 1830