

Course Brook Gate House

South of Kendall Ave.

Form No. 901

Town Sherborn
Address South of Kendall Ave.

Name Course Brook Gate House

Use, 1981

Owner, 1981 Metropolitan District Commission

Type of structure Aqueduct gatehouse

Constructed ca. 1876-1877

Source Robert Peterson, Framingham Water Dept.

Construction material Brick, limestone, slate

Dimensions Approx. 20 feet tall, 20 feet long, 10 feet wide

Setting Situated atop conduit mount in overgrown area

Condition Good

Original owner Boston Water Works (later MDC)
Original use Conduit gatehouse - measured water levels
Subsequent uses Not applicable

Recorded July 1981

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

In 1875, Sherborn deeded land in the north part of town to the City of Boston for the installation of the Sudbury River Conduit. The conduit started at Winter Street, Framingham (at the Sudbury River) and terminated at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, 17.4 miles to the east. It was constructed for the Boston Water Works which became known as the Metropolitan District Commission in 1893. The laying out of this aqueduct damaged the Town Farm at the end of Rockwood St. The following year the contractor paid the Town of Sherborn \$100 for damages.

The Course Brook Gate House is situated atop the Sudbury River conduit, to the south of Kendall Ave. This diminutive utilitarian structure rises approximately 20 feet to a gable roof. It is constructed of red brick. Its trim is composed of white limestone, and its roof is covered with slate shingles. Its east and west gable ends are pierced by narrow openings. These windows are outlined by limestone blocks. Bands of white limestone enliven its red brick facade.

A door is located on the south wall. This structure contains machinery which controls the aqueduct's water level.

Note: This small gatehouse is stylistically similar to other architecturally distinguished gatehouses on several dams in the Sherborn - Framingham area.

In order to supplement the Boston water supply, the Cochituate Water Board secured the services of Joseph P. Davis, C. E., in 1871, to examine several possibilities of supply. In 1872, upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, the Sudbury River Water was pumped from Farm Pond (in Framingham).

The plans and location of the Course Brook Gatehouse were probably determined by a Mr. A. Fetley. He was an accomplished engineer who made the plans and determined the locations of Framingham's Sudbury Aqueduct Gate and Pump Houses. (See M.H.C. Forms 404, 446[provided below]). The Course Brook Gate House is a smaller but nearly identical rendition of the Farm Pond Gate Chamber (off Waverly St. in Framingham).

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Farm Pond Gate Chamber

Form No.	404
Town	Framingham
Address	Off Waverly St in Farm Pond on Sudbury Aqueduct
Historic Name	Farm Pond Gate Chamber
Present Use, 1981	Not used
Present Owner, 1981	Metropolitan District Commission, Boston MA
Constructed	ca. 1872-76
Sources	<u>Boston Water Works</u> , 1882 <u>Annual Report of the Cochituate Water Board</u> , 1876
Style	Victorian Gothic
Ext. Wall Fabric	Brick walls with granite foundation
Outbuildings	None
Other Features	Slate roof, granite trim around windows and quoined corners, iron door.
Distance From Street	Approximately 400 feet from Waverly Street
Recorded	September 23, 1979 by S. Roper, N. Ouellette, Framingham Planning Department.

Reservoir #2 Gatehouse

Form No.	446
Town	Framingham
Address	North of 555 Winter St.

Name	Reservoir #2 Gatehouse
Present Use, 1981	Gatehouse
Present Owner, 1981	Metropolitan District Comm. Boston, MA
Constructed	ca. 1879
Source	MDC, Water Division Records
Style/Form	Victorian Gothic
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Granite Blocks
Outbuildings	None
Other Features	Arched windows, triangular grate pediment on tiled hipped roof, iron door
Distance from street	1,000 feet from Winter Street
Recorded	November 23, 1979, by S. Roper, N. Ouellette, Fram- ingham Planning Dept.