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Inventory No: SBR.904

Historic Name: Middle Road Arch Bridge

Common Name:

Address: Middle Rd

City/Town: Southborough

Village/Neighborhood:

Local No: 6-3

Year Constructed:

Architectural Style(s):

Architect(s): Jackson, William; Moulton and O'Mahoney

Use(s): Other Engineering; Other Transportation; Utilities Other

Arch Unspecified; Culvert Plate Arch

Significance: Engineering; Transportation

Area(s):

Designation(s):

Building Materials(s):



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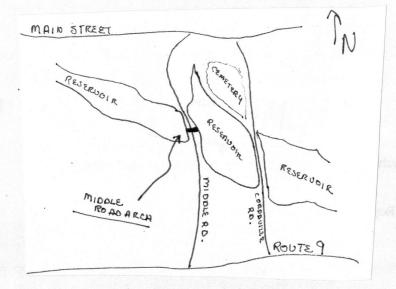
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



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. 1	Town Southborough
E	Address <u>Middle Road</u>
1	Name Middle Road Arch
1	Present use <u>culvert/bridge</u>
I	Present owner MDC-Boston
- . 1	Type of structure (check one)
d f g k	pridge xx pound panal powder house lam street ort tower rate tunnel ciln wall ighthouse windmill
	Description
D	Date 1897
	Source Metro. Water Board 2nd
-	Annual Report (1897): 56
C	onstruction material concrete, granite
	imensions approx. 18' x 22' span
	etting embankment across open water, with circular dam on west side ondition good
R	ecorded by M.H.Bowers
0	rganization Louis Berger & Assoc.
D	ateMarch 1984

7.	Original owner (if known) Metropolitan Water Board
	Original use Culvert/Bridge
	Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Historical significance

This structure is one of five bridge-like culverts built in earthen embankments that carry local traffic across Sudbury Reservoir. They are usually wholly or partly submerged. Each was built by erecting timber formwork for an arch, then laying up granite facing on each side, then pouring concrete between the facings and over the formwork. The embankments were subsequently built out from each shore. All these crossings were built by Moulton and O'Mahoney of Boston, one of the principal contractors for Sudbury Reservoir. Designs were generated by the Boston Water Board under William Jackson, city engineer.

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

Metropolitan Water Board, 2nd Annual Report (1897):56.