

Tremont Gatehouse
1855

Building History

Built in 1855, the Tremont Gatehouse was designed in the Italianate style and is one of the smallest gatehouses on the Lowell canal system. It replaced a temporary structure that had been built in 1847. The purpose of the gatehouse was to control the flow of water from the Northern Canal into the lower level of the Western Canal, which in turn feeds the Lawrence Canal.

The gatehouse contains a pair of sluice gates. The gates are now operated by electric motors remotely but the original, manually operated, counterweighted, rack and pinion equipment remains in place.



Tremont Gatehouse in 1930. (Photo – UMass Lowell Center for Lowell History)