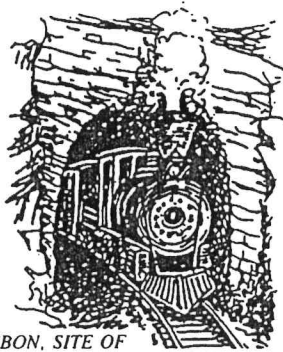


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THE FIRST RAILROAD TUNNEL IN AMERICA

The historic railroad tunnel, painstakingly blasted out of solid rock, was completed for rail traffic August 28, 1837. The Norwich & Worcester Railroad built the tunnel at a cost of \$30,000. It is officially documented as the first railroad tunnel in America for freight and passenger use by public.

It is located at the south end of our town near the large dam that spans the Quinnebaug River. It is part of "Tunnel Hill" over which Route 12 from Taftville to Jewett City passes.

Not only is it the first tunnel, but it is also a curved tunnel 300 feet long. When approaching the rugged opening from either direction, one cannot see directly through the engineered structure.

This bedrock tunnel is still in use daily as regular trips are made between Norwich and Worcester. A few years ago the Lisbon Bicentennial Commission supplied the history, and laid the groundwork for entrance of the historic excavation into the National Register of Historic Places.