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**DAM TRAIL
ENTRANCE**



WILLIAMSBURG DAM RUINS

This is the entrance to the hiking trail to the ruins of the Williamsburg Reservoir Dam.

There are explanatory signs at the ruins.

Visitors climbing over the ruins of the dam.

(A) East side where the break occurred.

(B) West wall

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SPELMAN'S FACTORY

SITE OF SPELMAN'S BUTTON FACTORY

Between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. the flood entered Williamsburg. It hit Onslow Spelman's factory, tore down the dam and canal, and swept the mill out from under the roof. All that remained was the rocky ledge. This was the first of many on the river to be destroyed. His house in the village was untouched.

Spelman's button factory
Historic Northampton



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