

# Canonchet Brook Site 7

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## Overview

Sites 7, 7A, & 11 are located on a 15 acre parcel purchased by Lawton Foster in 1853 from Horace Brightman. The purchase included one half of the Brightman house located on the west side of the road (“old house” on the map.) The 15 acres may have also included a barn on the east side of the road. The barn was torn down around 1980. (It should be noted that a portion of Site 7 extends off Lawton’s property onto an adjacent parcel which may have been owned by his father Jonathan Foster.) In 1868, he acquired the other half of the Brightman house along with 40 acres on the west side of road. Site 6 is located on the 40 acres.

Deeds indicate the 15 acre parcel was used for farming activities. Circa 1892, Lawton built a new house on the east side of road which is currently a private residence (“new house” on the map). Lawton lived on the farm up to his death in 1907. The farm was continued in operation by his daughter Lonsa Main.

A complete land use can be found in *Land of a Thousands Cairns* (2017) by Mary Gage and James Gage.

Note: Map can be found in book.

### **#1 Open-End / Closed-End on top of a boulder**

Base stone: 2 ½' H

Cairn: 2' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Vertical wall conforms to outer edge of base boulder. Medium and small stones were used to fill interior. Interior mound slants downward so that one end is high and opposite end is low. Lower corner of side wall has collapsed allowing a few large stones and a small pile of smaller stones to settle on the ground.



### **#2 Open-End / Closed-End on top of a boulder**

Base stone: 18" H

Cairn: 3' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Large stones were used to construct vertical wall. Medium and small stones were used in the interior sloping mound.



### **#3 Cross between an Open-End / Closed-End and a full vertical walled cairn**

Cairn 3' across

Stone sizes: Large, small

Large stones were used in the vertical wall. Small stones presumably fill, are seen on top





**#4 Square vertical walled on the ground**

Cairn: 4' W x 4' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Large stones were used to construct vertical wall. Medium and small stones were used in the interior.



**#5 Three stones, non-mound on the ground**

Cairn: 2' H

Stone sizes: Large  
Two stones were set on top of a third wider stone on the ground.



**#6 Low vertical walled on top of low exposed bedrock**

Cairn: 6' W

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Large and medium stones were used to construct vertical wall. Small stones were used in the interior.



**#7 Semi-circular vertical walled on top of a boulder**

Cairn conforms to top surface of base stone

Base stone: 10" H

Cairn: 2½' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Large and medium stones were used to construct vertical wall. Small stones were used in the interior fill.



**#8 Vertical walled on the ground**

Cairn: 3½' H

Large stones were used to construct vertical wall. Small and medium stones were used in the interior fill.





### **#9 Vertical walled on top of a boulder**

Cairn: 3½' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Cairn conforms to top surface of base stone

Large stones were used to construct vertical wall. Small and medium stones were used in the interior fill.



### **#10 Vertical walled on the ground cairn**

Size: 4½' H

Large stones were used to construct vertical wall. Small and medium stones were used in the interior fill.



### **#11 Open-End / Closed-End on top of a boulder**

Base stone: 2' H (narrow edge top with steep sloping sides)

Cairn: 2' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Large stones were used to construct vertical wall on top edge of base stone. Small and medium stones were used on backside.





**#12 Vertical walled with fill on top of a boulder**

This cairn appears to have collapsed on one side or is a possible combination design of Open / Closed and Vertical Wall. The end is a thick wide vertical wall much thicker than normal Open / Closed designs.

Base stone: 1' H

Cairn: 2' H

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Large stones in vertical wall and medium & small stones inside



**#13 Circular vertical walled with fill on the ground**

Cairn: 2 ½' H

Stone sizes: Large, small

Large stones were used to construct vertical wall. Small stones were used in the interior fill.



**#14 Three stones, non-mound on the ground**

This cairn is very similar to cairn #5. Two elongated stones were placed on top of a square flat slab.

Cairn: 1½' H x 2½' Long





**#15 Open-End / Closed-End - square-end vertical walled with sloping fill partially on exposed bedrock showing at ground level**

Cairn: 6' L x 2 ½' to 3' H  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Vertical wall has large stones  
Mound inside has medium and small stones  
Large stone block on highest top section on top of mound  
Feature: Milk white quartz (small) on top of mound



**#16 Open-End / Closed-End vertical walled with sloping mound**

Cairn: 7' Long  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Large stones in vertical wall  
Medium & small stones in mound  
Feature: Milk white quartz (medium) on extreme sloping end of vertical wall



**#17 Mound on top of a boulder**

Base stone: 18" H  
Cairn: 18" H x 4' L  
Stones sizes: Ex-large (1), Large, medium, small  
Stones are mixed in mound, one ex-large stone placed on end to hold smaller stones in place on top



## #18 Triangular vertical walled cairn with fill and an attached short stone wall segment

No measurements taken on Triangular cairn but it is much larger than the short stone wall segment that was 5' long.  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

A three sided cairn with vertical walls in the shape of a triangle was filled with medium and small stones to create a level top (platform like). A short five foot long segment of stone wall segment made up of large and extra large stones is attached to one point. It forms a tail like feature.

(Right) short stone wall attached to cairn forming a tail like feature



## Discussion

About half of the cairns at site 7 were full vertical walled. The full vertical walled design did not show up at site 6. This shows a difference in type of design at this site. It is unknown what it means just that there is a difference.



**NOTE:** Steve DiMarzo conducted additional documentation in December 2016: Structures #725-765, 816-835

**#725 Open-End/Closed-End on Ground**

Cairn: 18" H x 3 1/2' W x 4 1/2' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#726 Mound on Top of Boulder with Two Tails**

Cairn: 18" H x 3' W x 3' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Feature: Two Tails one on each side of base stone



**Tail #1**



**Tail #2**



**#727 Three Stones on Ground**

Cairn: 9" H x 2' W x 3' L

Stone sizes: Extra large, large, medium



**#728 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 18" H x 2' W x 3' L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#729 Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 14" H x 5' W x 5' L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small





**#730 Low Mound on Top of Boulder**

Cairn: 18" H x 3' W x 5' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#731 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Top of Boulder**

Cairn: 2' H x 2' W x 5' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#732 Low Mound Attached to Boulder**

Base Stone: 10" H x 2' W x 3' L  
Cairn: 3' W x 3' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium





**#733 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 2' H x 2' W x 5' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Feature: Small stones standout



**#734 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound Attached to Boulder**

Cairn: 1' H x 3' W x 3' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Feature: Small stones standout



**Small stones →**





**#735 One Stone on Top of Boulder**

Stone size: 1' H x 18" W x 2' L



**#736 Pyramid Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 3'H x 4'W x 4'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Feature: Small stones stand out

Rectangular indentation at base,  
enclosure like, 2' W x 1'Deep



Small stones



Indentation at base



**#737 Mound on Ground & on Bedrock**

Mound appears to have been built partly on a stone base and partly on the ground  
Cairn: 2'H x 6'W x 9'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#738 Seven Stones on Top of Boulder**

Seven stones show through humus, there may be more stones  
Base stone: 1'H x 3'W x 6'L  
Stone sizes: Extra large (2), medium (5)



**#739 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Top of Boulder**

Cairn: 18" H x 3' W x 3' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium





### #740 Four Stones Attached to Boulder

Cairn: 14''H x 2'W x 5'L  
Stone sizes: Large



### #741 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Top of Boulder

Cairn: 8'' H  
Base stone: 2'H x 3'W x 5'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium  
Feature: Small stones exposed and stand out



### #742 Mound on Ground

Cairn: 1'H x 3'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
A few large stones on perimeter, mound made up of small and medium size stones  
3''-6'' long, compare with cairns with small stones at Center in site 6





### #743 Split Stone Cairn

Base stone: 1'H x 3'W x 3'L

Split- several stones inside

On Top- Small mound 1'W x 1½'L

Stone sizes: Medium, small

Feature: small stones standout



### #744 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Ground

Cairn: Rectangular configuration with four large stones in corners

Cairn size: 1'H x 3'W x 7'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium



### #745 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder

Base stone: 1'H x 3'W x 5'L

Cairn: 6"H x 2'W x 4'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Feature: Majority are small stones





**#746 Three Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 2½'W x 3½'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**#747 Seven Stones on Top of Boulder**

Cairn: 3'W x 5'L  
Stone sizes: Extra large, medium, small



**#748 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder**

Cairn: 1'H x 3½'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small





**#749 Stones on Top Trail to Ground**

Base stone: 6" to 1½'H x 3'W x 3'L  
Stone sizes: Medium, small



**#750 Eight Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 1'H x 2'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large (3), extra small (5)



**Small stones →**





### #751 Mound on Ground

Cairn: 1½'H x 3'W x 5'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



### #752 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder (With exception of three stones piled up on end)

Base stone: 6"H x 3'W x 4'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

Big-Little – Large stones juxtaposed against small stones



### #753 Mound on Ground

Cairn: 1'H x 3'W x 4'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small





**#754 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Top of Boulder**

Cairn size: 1'H x 3'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**#755 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 8"H x 4'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**#756 Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 20"H x 4'W x 6'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small





**#757 Rectangular Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 1'H x 3'W x 5'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**#758 Five Stones in a Line on Ground**

Similar to #740  
Cairn: 6" H x 2'W x 5'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**#759 Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 2'H x 3'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small





**#760 Two Stones on Top of Boulder**

Feature: Big/Little

Stone sizes: Extra large, small (4" L)



**#761 One Stone on Top of Boulder**

Stone size: 6"H x 8"W x 18"L



**#762 Two Stones on Top of Boulder**

Stone sizes: 1- Thin slab 6"L x 2"W  
2- Large 6"H x 6"W x 14"L





**#763 Low Mound on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 16''H x 3'W x 4'L  
Cairn: Large stones on perimeter hold in  
small stones, similar to Vertical Walled  
with fill



**#764 Mound Attached to Boulder**

Base stone: 1½'H x 2'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#765 Two Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: ½'H x 3'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large  
Feature: narrow open space between  
stones





*Numbers starts with 816.*

**#816 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound Attached to Boulder**

Base stone: 2'W x 3'L  
Cairn size: 2'W x 3'L  
Stone sizes: Large, small (large outer stones around edge, smaller stones inside)  
Heavy humus buildup



**#817 Split Stone Cairn**

Base stone: ½'H x 4'W x 5'L  
Three stones inside split  
Mound Attached?  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#818 Mound on Top of Boulder**

Some collapse by fallen tree  
Cairn: 3'H x 4'W x 4'L  
Base stone has wide crack – split feature?  
Stone sizes: Large, medium





### #819 Mound Attached to Boulder

Cairn: 14''H x 2'W x 6½'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium. Small  
Feature: a lot of small stones



### #820 Mound on Ground

Cairn: 1'H x 4'W x 5'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



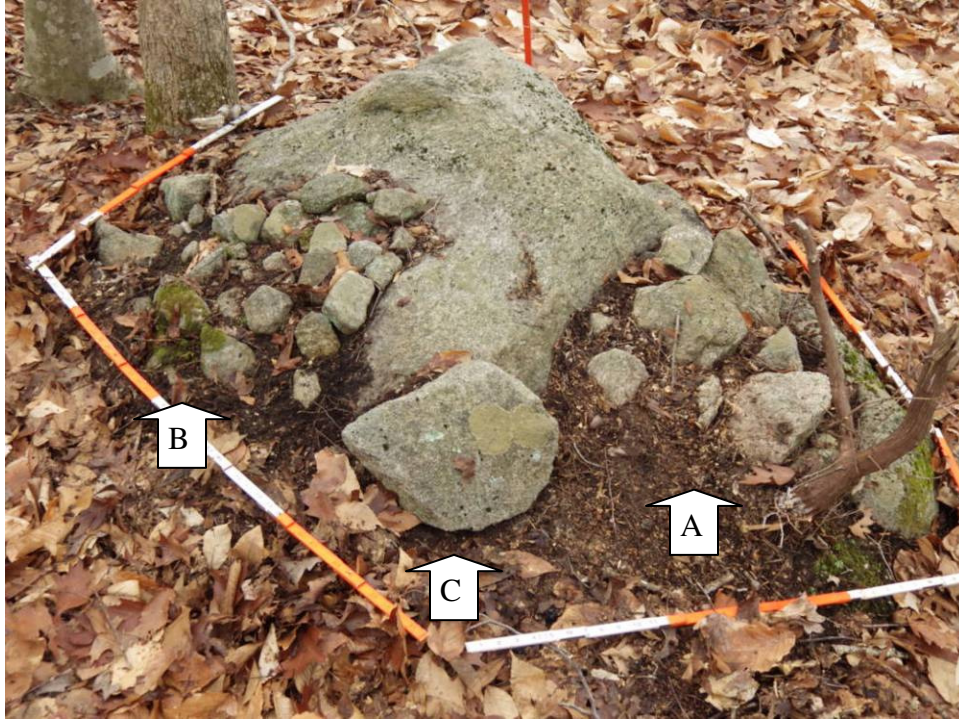
### #821 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder

Base stone: 8''H x 2½'W x 2½'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small  
Humus buildup





## #822 Three Cairns on Top of Boulder



### *A - Double Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder*

Base stone: 20"H

Cairn: 2'W

Stone sizes: Medium, small

### *B - Single/ Double Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder*

Cairn: 2'W x 2'L

Stone sizes: Medium, small

Feature: One white quartz, small 2" L

### *C - Single Stone on Top of Boulder*

In between A and B

Stone size: Large





**#823 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder & Six Stones in Tight Group on Far Corner**

***A - Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder***

Across top edge

Base stone: 2½'H x 5'W x 5'L

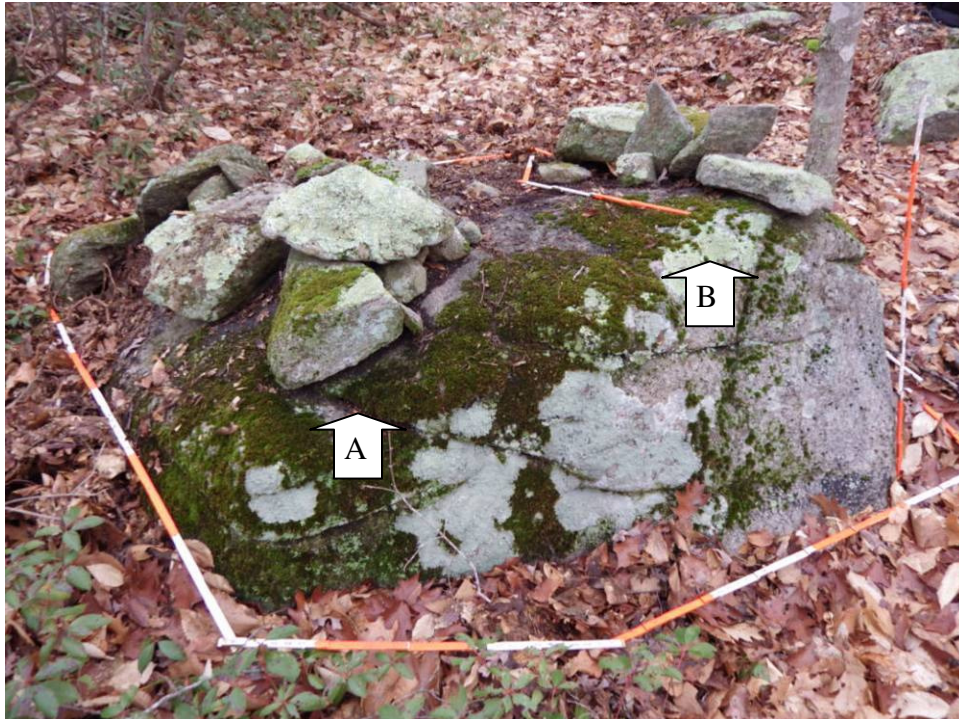
Stone sizes: Large, medium, small

***B - Six Stones in Tight Group on Far Corner***

Stone sizes: Two flat in upright positions

Two large

Two small





**#824 Two Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 1'H x 2'W x 4'L  
Stone sizes: Large



**#825 One Stone on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 8"H x 2'W x 4'L  
Boulder  
May have more small stones attached or on top  
Stone sizes: Large



**#826 One Stone on Top of Boulder**

May have more small stones attached or on top  
Stone sizes: Large





**#827 Slab Leaning Against Boulder & Five Stones on Top of Boulder**

***A - Slab Leaning Against Boulder***

Size: 9"W x 10"H

Base stone: 20"H x 2½'W x 6'L

#827A



#827A



***B - Five Stones on Top of Boulder***

On low level of boulder

Stone size: Medium



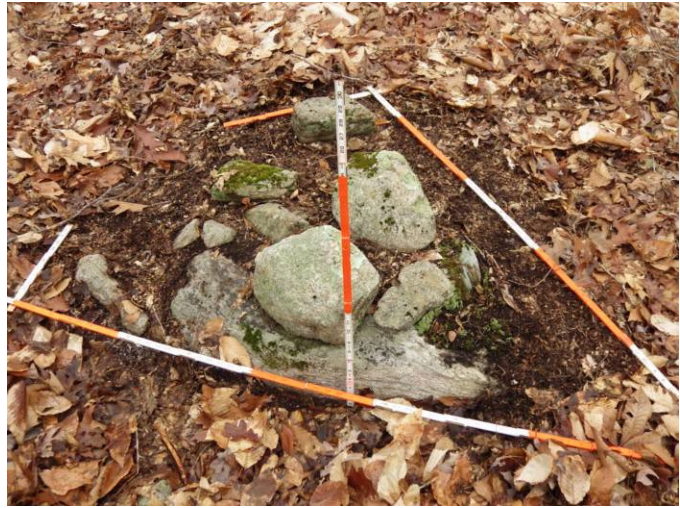


**#828 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 6''H x 2'W

Cairn: 2'W x 3'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small



**#829 Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 20''H x 3'W x 6'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium, small, extra small

Feature: white quartz, 5'' L





**#830 Mound on Ground**

Cairn: 1'H x 3'W x 3'L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**#831 Double Boulder Split Stone Cairn**

**A - Single Layer of Stones on Top of Boulder**

Covers top  
Base stone: 18" H x 3' W x 5' L  
Stone sizes: Large, medium



**B - Two stones in split**  
Slabs, large





**#832 One Stone on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 1'H x 1½'W x 3'L

Stone sizes: extra large – 6'H x 1'W x 2'L



**#833 Four Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 1'H x 2'W x 3'L

Top slab possibly natural with corner broken off and in place

Stone sizes: Slab – extra large, medium



**#834 Three Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 1'H x 2½'W x 2½'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium





**#835 Five Stones on Top of Boulder**

Base stone: 1'H x 2'W x 3'L

Stone sizes: Large, medium

Feature: Rectangular block set in upright position leaning against base stone

