

## **Map 46**

### **Brookfield's, Western, Sturbridge, Etc. 1827 Proposed Canal**

Map number 46 illustrates a survey of a canal to be built. Traveling from Western Massachusetts through the Greater Brookfield, then south to Sturbridge and lastly southeast to Woodstock Connecticut. Demonstrated are roads, rivers and ponds that were located in close proximity to the proposed canal. The map key (*bottom left*) displays the different colored lines used to show the proposed canal, roads, rivers as well as meeting houses. The proposed canal is labeled with a black line. The petition for the canal was proposed on March 2, 1827. The canal was supposed to serve as transportation for people as well as cargo using forty boats sailing along the canal. On June 14, 1827 the General Court passed plans for a railway that traveled from Boston to the New York line. This railway put a stop to the idea of constructing a canal.

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