

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
T-4-2	518

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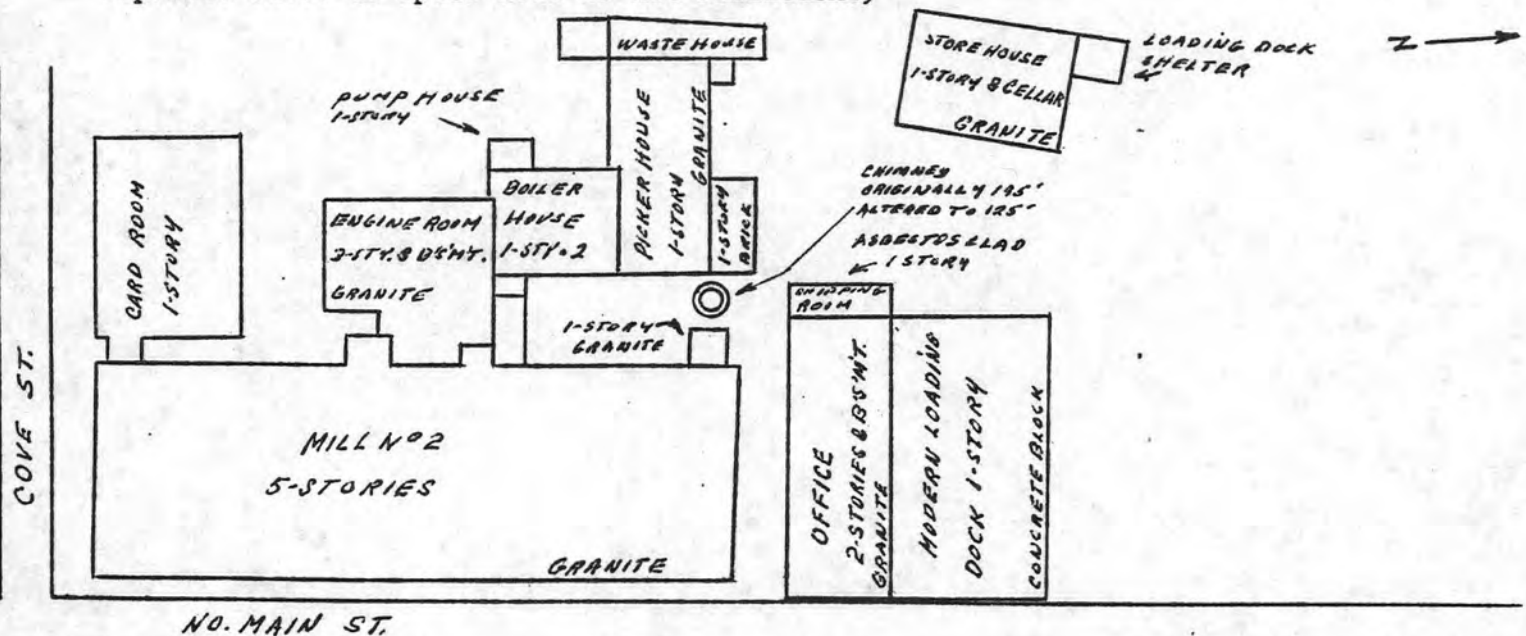
Town Fall River, Mass.

Name of area (if any) Sagamore No. 2

1822 North Main Street

General date or period 1881

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)



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Organization FROHP

Date 7/10/81

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

The Sagamore Mills are located in the northern section of the city on a 35-acre site near the Taunton River. The complex includes two granite and one brick mill and over a dozen auxiliary structures of varying styles and materials placed randomly over this large area, which has an industrial character. The original mill on the site was designed by D. H. Dyer in 1872 and burned in 1884. Water was supplied by a well and goods were transported either by river or via the Old Colony railroad which ran near the complex. In 1881 a 5-story, nearly flat-roofed mill (#2) measuring 300' X 90" was erected on North Main Street. The style is typical of utilitarian granite mills of this expansion period but is unusual for the northern area in its use of granite, which was brought in on a spur track from a new ledge in Assonet opened especially for this purpose. In 1888 Mill #1 was rebuilt in brick in the Romanesque style, with the typical arched windows (16 over 16) set within recessed bays. The 4-story mill, originally 315' X 90', has a front central flat-roofed stair tower. (Continued)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

The Sagamore Mill Company was one of the largest Fall River textile enterprises during the early 20th century period and one of the few to survive the Great Depression. The company was incorporated in 1872 during a two-year growth boom which saw the formation of 15 new corporations and the construction of 20 new mills. Like two other companies formed in those years, Border City and Narragansett, as well as the 1868 Mechanics Mill Co., the organizers chose to locate in the previously non-industrial northern section of the city where large flat tracts of land were still available. The 35-acre site eventually accommodated three mills and 48 tenements, and the company took its name from one of the area streets. Capital of \$500,000 was raised from 107 subscribers. The first president, Louis Barnard, also served as president of the Barnard Manufacturing Co. established the same year. The original treasurer was Francis B. Hood. The original 1872 mill had 37,672 spindles. The company failed in 1879 but was reorganized by creditors as the Sagamore Manufacturing Co. Erection of a second mill in 1881 increased capacity to 84,692 spindles. The original mill was destroyed by fire in 1884 and rebuilt in 1888. The company continued expanding into the early 20th century, when a third mill of 1907 increased the number of spindles to over 140,000, a number which grew to 150,200 by 1920. The company was its own selling agent and had an office on the site. They produced 64" X 64" print cloth and later carried odd goods. Surviving the collapse of 1929, they continued in existence through the 1960's and in 1961 purchased the three Border City Mills and Foster Spinning Co. plant. The properties were all sold in 1965 to different owners, some of whom are textile or cloth manufacturers, and they remain in industrial use.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Phillips' History of Fall River, Fascicle II, p. 129
Fall River and Its Industries, p. 144-145
History of Bristol County, p. 322
History of the Fall River Fire Department, p. 120-121, p. 125
1920 Corporate Millyard Plans
Mill Architecture in Fall River, p. 197-198

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Fall River, Mass.

Form No:

T-4-2

Property Name: Sagamore Mill #2

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continuation)

The third mill, constructed in 1907 across from Mill #1, is granite and originally measured 405' X 150'. The large ratio of window to wall surface reflects the late date. All three mills retain their simple bracketed wooden cornices and most of their original sash, as well as most auxiliary structures.

Sagamore Mill #2 is significant (1) as an intact and representative example of utilitarian granite mills of the late 19th century and (2) as part of one of the city's largest textile operations of the 20th century; it meets criteria A and C of the National Register.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Read, Nathan, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce M. Doyle

Attest

72. Ruggles Park

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

73. Sagamore Mill No. 2

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

74. Sagamore Mills #1 and #3

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

75. Sanford Spinning Co.

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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76. Santo Christo Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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77. Seaconnet Mills

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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78. Smith, John Mace, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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79. St. Anne's Church and Parish
Complex

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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80. St. Joseph's Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Sagamore Mill No. 2 (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/10/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Entered in the _____
National Register _____
Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Fall River MRA, Ma

MP-6-32a
Sagamore Mills
3/4 view of mill #2

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279