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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED JUL 16 1976
DATE ENTERED OCT 22 1976SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

* Tremont Nail Factory District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 21 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN

Wareham

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Plymouth

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☒ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Tremont Nail Company, James S. Kenyon, Jr., President

STREET & NUMBER

21 Elm Street, P.O. 111

CITY, TOWN

Wareham

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02571

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Russell Street

CITY, TOWN

Plymouth

STATE

Massachusetts 02360

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic American Engineering Record
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1974, 1967

☒ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSLibrary of Congress
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Washington, Boston

STATE

District of Columbia, Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tremont Nail Factory is composed of a group of nine buildings, seven used directly in the nail making process, and two workers' houses. The factory is located where the Parker Mills Pond feeds into the Wareham River. A dam under Elm Street forms the Parker Mills Pond and provided the original source of power for the nail factory.

The main factory building, built in 1848, is a large shingled structure located on the south side of Elm Street. At this location, the land slopes away from Elm Street so that the facade is one story, while the rear of the building consists of two stories. The basic shape of the building is rectangular, with several small, protruding additions at the east, west and south sides of the building. The dimensions of the original building are 240 feet long and 90 feet wide; a small extension at the rear measures 50 feet by 50 feet. The main factory is spanned by a medium pitched ridge roof, covered with green composition shingle. A wooden cupola, topped with a weather vane, graces the ridge of the roof. The cupola contains a large cast iron bell, dated 1851, which was used to call employees to work. Six-over-six sash windows line the facade of the building and are supplemented in the two-story rear addition by smaller paned windows.

The interior of the main factory building is a large open area, filled with machinery. The walls and ceiling are of unfinished lumber and reveal various structural aspects of the building. The original brick tempering forge, situated in the center of the room, heats the factory with the help of a few potbellied stoves.

Southwest of the main factory building is the office, a Federal style clapboard residence which has been altered for its present use. It is a symmetrical two-story structure, with a hipped roof. Original twelve-over-twelve sash windows line the second story of the facade of the house. The first story windows, which are six-over-six sash, and the portal are not original.

East of the main factory building are two workers' houses, one a double, and the other a single, dwelling. The double house is a two-story symmetrical, shingled dwelling, with a central doorway. The single house is a shingle covered, one and one-half story structure. Both houses were built in the early 1900's.

South and southeast of the main factory building stand three simple, shingled buildings: the pickling shed, store house and a storage shed. Part of the store house was erected at the same time as the main factory building and retains the original thick beam framing structure. The other buildings, like the workers' houses were constructed in the early 1900's.

On the north side of Elm Street stand two nineteenth century shingle covered buildings - the carpenter's shop and the store. The store was originally built as a cooper's shop and has been altered slightly to accommodate its new use. The trim on these buildings is painted white and brick red, the color used on the trim of all the factory buildings, giving the area a visual unity.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tremont Nail Factory, founded in the mid-nineteenth century, is the oldest cut nail factory still operating in Massachusetts and one of the oldest in the country. Architecturally, the original factory building, erected in 1848, and the other nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings comprise a significant industrial complex. Industrially, the nineteenth century processes which are still used to produce cut nails at the Tremont Nail Factory illustrate well the human skill oriented processes of manufacture which characterize nineteenth century production.

Iron ore was discovered in Wareham in the mid-eighteenth century. Crude smelters were set up to extract the iron from the ore and small utensils and hand/wrought nails were produced on a local scale. The history of the Tremont Nail Company can be traced back to 1819, when a cooperative group of nail makers was formed in Wareham. This group, which created an enterprise of combined labor and capital, strove to improve nail making processes. In the 1820's, the cooperative abandoned handcutting techniques and began stamping out nails with nail cutting machines. To house their factory, they purchased a fulling mill owned by Issac and Jared Pratt, which stood on the site of the present Tremont Nail Factory. This mill and several other mill buildings became known as the Parker Mills Corporation. During their early years, the Parker Mills suffered damage from several fires and in 1848 the present nail factory building was erected. The new factory increased the size of the corporation markedly, reflecting the large demand for nails in the pre-Civil War period.

In 1882, the Parker Mills were sold to the Bridgewater Iron Company for \$50,000. Bridgewater Iron continued to run the nail factory until its failure in 1886. Following the failure of the Bridgewater Iron Company, the records for the nail factory, indicating the exact date when the property was acquired by the Tremont Nail Company, are unclear. However, it seems that the property was acquired as a family transaction, and members of the Stetson family were connected with both corporations. The Tremont Nail Company has continued to run the factory since the 1880's, adding several small buildings as the operation expanded.

The process for making nails at the Tremont Nail Factory remains virtually the same as it was during the nineteenth century. First, the rust and scale is removed from sheets of steel in the "pickling" shed. After that, the steel is brought to the main building where it is cut into strips. The width of the strips is determined by the size of the nail. The steel strips are then put through a nail cutting machine, which cuts the steel and heads the nail. (Several of these machines are original to the factory.) The nail cutting machines are run by massive old overhead shafts with large wooden pulleys and wide canvas belts. Originally the power source for these machines was a large waterwheel; today they are run by electricity.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of the Tremont Nail Factory, 1845-
on file at the Archives of Baker Library, Harvard
Business School, Harvard University

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14

UTM REFERENCES

A | 19 | 356880 | 4625220 |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C | 19 | 3568100 | 4624860 |

B | 19 | 357050 | 4624980 |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D | 19 | 356880 | 4625140 |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at the eastern corner of the district, the boundary runs northwest along the south bank of the Wareham River. It crosses the Wareham River approximately 200 feet from where the river intersects Elm Street and proceeds in a northerly direction until it intersects Mayflower Ridge Road. It runs northwest along Mayflower Ridge Road until it intersects Elm Street, then south along the southeast side of Elm Street for 500 feet. Just beyond the Parker Mills Pond,

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Andrea M. Gilmore, Christine Boulding, Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

July 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amason

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

7/12/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/22/96

ATTEST:

DATE

10-20-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The significance of the Tremont Nail Company is ^{? LEONICA} thus derived from its nineteenth century process for producing high quality hand cut nails. It is also architecturally significant as a complete and functioning industrial complex focused around a fine nineteenth century factory building.

The Tremont Nail Factory is currently awaiting inspection by the OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The present owner is concerned that OSHA will require major changes in the physical layout of the factory and thus destroy much of its historic character and process. It is hoped that OSHA will recognize the historical significance of this factory, as well as its excellent safety record, and waive some of the safety requirements.

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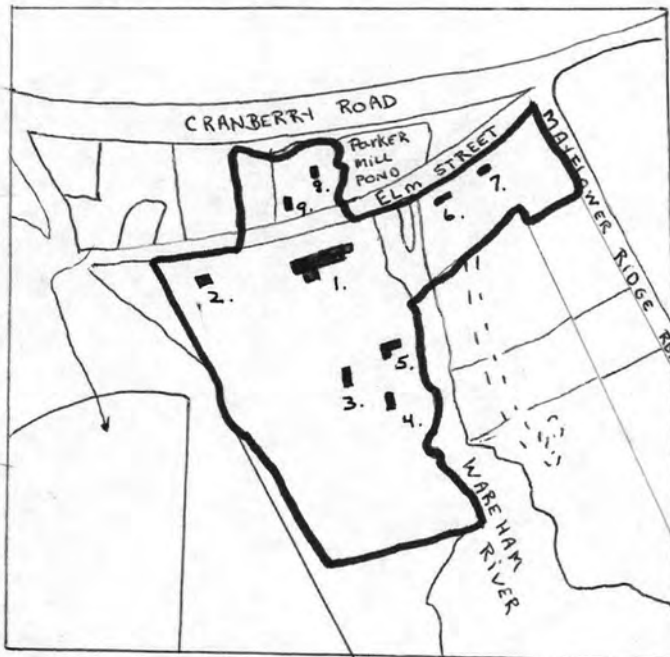
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MAP KEY



North



Boundaries of the District

Scale: 1"=400'

1. Main Nail Factory Building
2. Office Building
3. Pickling Shed
4. Store House
5. Storage Shed
6. Double Workers' House
7. Single Workers' House
8. Carpenter's Shop
9. Store

#10

the boundary turns north and extends to Cranberry Road. It then runs west for 300 feet, turns southeast and proceeds along the Penn Central Railroad tracks for 800 feet, then northeasterly until it adjoins the eastern corner of the district.

Property Weymouth Nail Factory District

State Mass.

Working Number 7.16.76.3764

Plymouth

TECHNICAL

Photos 9
Maps 1

acquired
HTM engineer
(B & E photo)

called 10.20.76
Joe Orfan

CONTROL

OK-7.20.76

HISTORIAN

call for acreage, then accept
P. Grosvenor
7/23/76

Sketch map + USGS vary on shape of northern boundary
Verbal boundary descriptions follow map, but is improperly oriented (by calling
North what is at best west or east).

Any other structures? changes? 14A

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Lebovich
10.8.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Cole
10.18.76

KEEPER

Wm
10/20/76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 12-7-76

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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MILL POND, MAIN MILL, STORE AND OFFICE

Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976

21 Elm St. Wareham, MA 02571

Mill Pond, Main Factory Building, Office
Building and Store, grouped along Elm St.
Photo #1

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Photo By
Doris Ward

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Tremont Nail Factory
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976

21 Elm St. Wareham, MA 02571

View of the southeast side of the main
Factory Building
Photo #2

JUL 16 1976

OCT 22 1976

Photo by
Doris Ware

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Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976

21 Elm St. Wareham, MA 02571
View of the southwest side of the Main
Nail Factory Building

Photo #3

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OCT 22 1976

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TREMONT NAIL COMPANY
OFFICE

NAIL MANUFACTURERS  WORKS ESTABLISHED 1819

NAIL MILL TOURS
Reservations Guaranteed
For full information see sign

MR.
CLAYSON

MR.
KENYON

Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976

21 Elm Street, Wareham, MA 02571
Facade of the Office Building
Photo #4

JUL 16 1976

OCT 22 1976

Photo By
Moris Ward

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Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976
21 Elm St., Wareham, MA 02571
Storehouse along the Wareham River
Photo #5

JUL 16 1976

OCT 22 1976

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Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976
21 Elm St., Wareham, MA 02571
Facade of the Double Workers' house
Photo #6

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Photo By
Doug Ward

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Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*

James Kenyon, Photographer

1976

21 Elm St., Wareham, MA 02571

Facade and west side of Single

workers' House

Photo #7

JUL 16 1976

OCT 22 1976

Photo by
Doris Ward

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Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976
21 Elm St., Wareham, MA 02571
Facade of Company Store
Photo # 8

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OCT 22 1976

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Tremont Nail Factory District
Wareham, MA *Plymouth Co.*
James Kenyon, Photographer
1976

21 Elm St., Wareham, MA 02571
Facades of the Shed and Carpenter's Shed
Photo #9

JUL 16 1976

OCT 22 1976

Photo by
Doris Ward

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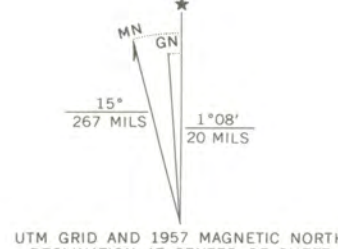
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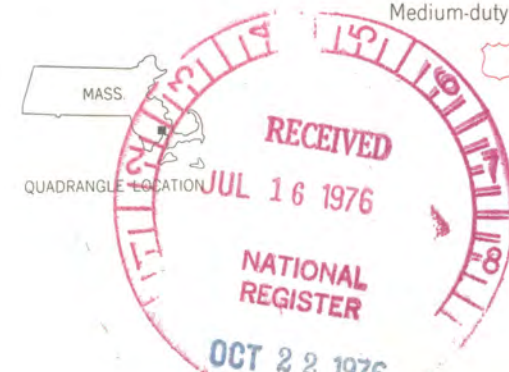
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1934-1935. Revised 1957
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 251 (1951)
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



SCALE 1:24,000
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———



WAREHAM, MASS.
N4145-W7037.5/7.5
1957
AMS 6867 I SW-SERIES V814

159

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE

10.18.76

TIME OF CALL

1:30



1. CALL ☐ TO: ☒ FROM (Name)

Joe ORFANT

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MASS.

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Tremont Nail Factory District Nomination

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

- 1) 14 Acres
- 2) USGS map accurate, sketch map is off on northwest boundary
- 3) no other structures or changes

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Wm LEBOWITZ

TITLE

Area Hist.

OFFICE

NR

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **OCT 22 1976**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tremont Nail Factory District	Wareham Plymouth County
South Lancaster Engine House	South Lancaster Worcester County
Town Hall	Lakeville Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Hon. Robert F. Drinan, Jr.
Hon. Margaret M. Heckler
Regional Director, North
Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 7/23/76
 Reviewer: INITIALS: BG
 NR DOE
 OCT 22 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Tremont Nail Factory District

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 21 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN Wareham

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF 025

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12th

COUNTY Plymouth code 023

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
 not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9

-Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- metal products (nails) manufacturing complex: factory, office, workers' house, store, sheds, warehouse, carpenter's shop
 now- metal products manufacturing (nails)

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	entertainment
ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC	ECONOMICS	LAW/Gov't/politics	SCIENCE	health
AGRICULTURE	EDUCATION	LITERATURE	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	recreation
ARCHITECTURE	ENGINEERING	MILITARY	TRANSPORTATION	settlement
ART	EXPLORATION	MUSIC	OTHER (SPECIFY)	socio/cultural
COMMERCE	INDUSTRY	PHILOSOPHY		urban & commun
COMMUNICATIONS	INVENTION	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

oldest cut nail factory still operating in Massachusetts

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

1848 - ^{Nearly 20th C.}
1st quarter of 20th C.

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1848 - present

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

HAER, 1994
Complete and functioning factory complex including 1848 (main factory building, an office (converted from a residence), some workers' housing, and a variety of out buildings including a carpenter's shop and storehouse. (early 1900's), a stone house (c. 1848), a carpenter's shop, and a store. Except for the office which is a rectangular gabled clapboarded frame building, all the buildings are shingled frame structures - rectangular, 1-2 1/2 stories, gabled, interior chimneys. Main factory building: 50' x 9' with extensions, wooden cupola w/ 1851 cast iron bell, much original machinery.

with cupola with 1851 cast-iron bell and original machinery

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The oldest cut nail factory still operating in Massachusetts, and one of the oldest in the country. The Tremont Nail Factory still uses its 19th C. processes to produce cut nails. It is a complete and functioning industrial complex focused around a fine factory building. State: still uses