

FORM A - AREA

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

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
B-20-1	473

Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Town Fall River, Mass.

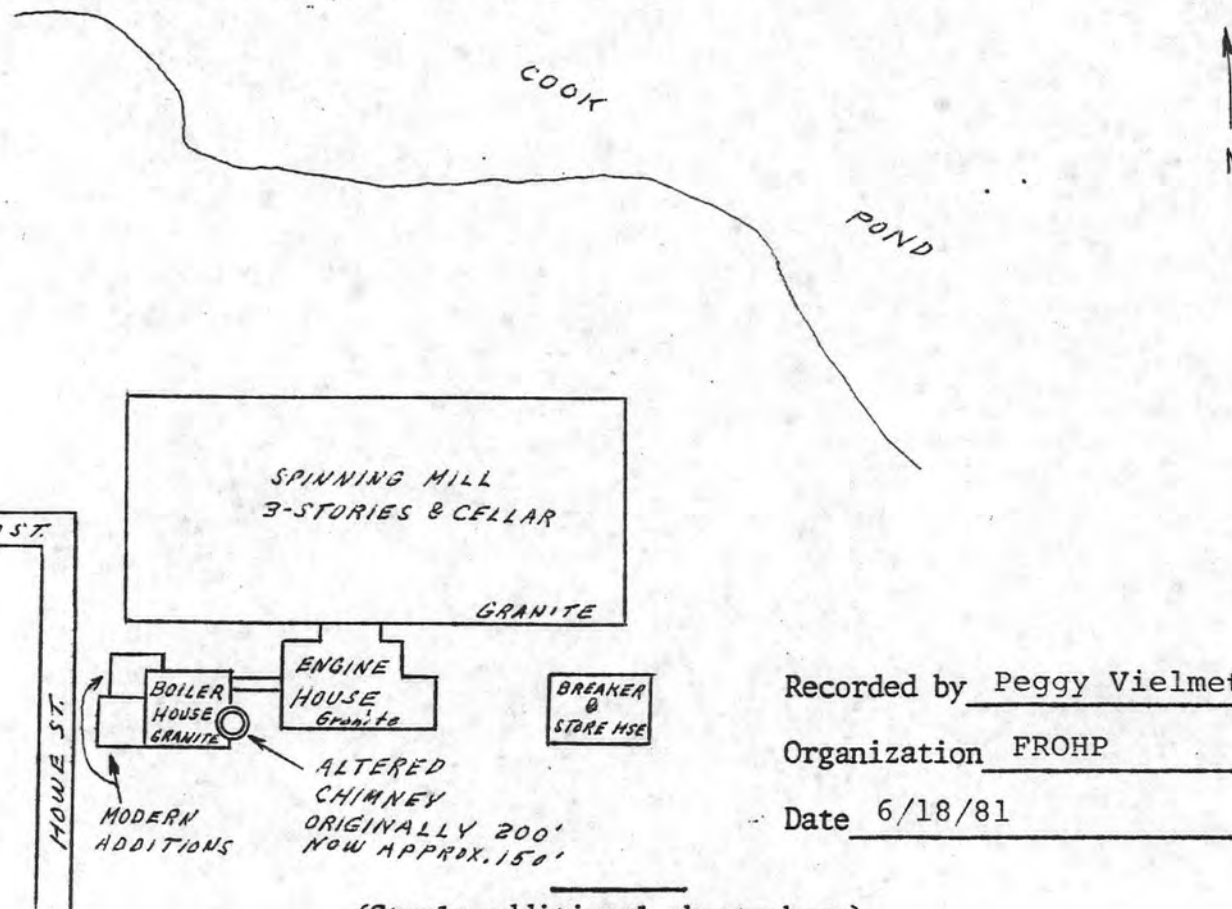
Name of area (if any) Globe Village;

Charlton Mill

109 Howe, at Crawford St.

General date or period 1911

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)



Recorded by Peggy Vielmetti

Organization FROHP

Date 6/18/81

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Charlton Mill (1911) is located on the West of Cook Pond near Globe Villiage on 12 acres of land purchased from the William Connell estate. It was the last granite mill constructed in Fall River, the granite used in the construction was quarried on the site. The Spinning Mill is a 3 story structure (154'x374') w/a shallow roof, great width (6 aisle plan) and windows of considerable size; the complex includes an engine /picker house, attached boiler house and chimney. The large Weave Shed has been demolished. Designed by William T. Henry, the most prolific mill engineer in Fall River and Chauncey Sears as mason & contractor, the Charlton Mill signifies the ultimate refinement of cotton textile mill design in its extreme width & large window area, and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and setting and meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

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

The Charlton Mill, located near Globe Village in the southern part of the city is located on the stream which flows from Cook Pond; it was the site of Fall River's first mill- the Globe Mill (1811). However the area became most important after 1870 when steam could compensate for the absence of a concentrated falls at this location and 10 mills are still located here. The last profitable years before the collapse of cotton textile production in Fall River were from 1907 to 1911 when eight new fine goods mills were built; the Charlton Mill was the last of these. The building of this modern mill was promoted by James Sinclair, a man who had worked inside mills since boyhood and had been book-keeper at the Wampanoag Mills. After incorporation in 1910 he was elected to the position of Treasurer/Clerk and Selling Agent and handled direct selling at their office at 22 Bedford Street. E.P. Charlton, one of the larger financial backers of the project was elected President and it is for him that the mills were named. Charlton was Fall River's most prominent self-made man; he was a pioneer in the 5&10 cent store movement and at one time the E.P. Charlton stores numbered 54, with Fall River as their headquarters before they merged with the Woolworth Stores. With original capital of \$800,000 the company was one of the first to have a dual power system of steam and electrical power. The machinery was the latest in mill equipment, especially the compound engine, as well as carding and spinning frames from Howard & Bullough American Machine Co., combers and spindles for the spinning frames from Whitin Machine Works, looms from Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, spoolers from T.C. Entwhistle and mules from Asa Lee & Co. of Oldham, England. In 1913 they operated 1300 broad looms, and mule, ring and twisting spindles totaling over 52,000, for the production of fine and fancy cotton goods and novelties. Production rates increased until the mid 1920s after which they leveled and then tapered off. In 1938 the company was sold to the General Cotton Supply Co. and has stayed in production of related textile items to the present day, having in the 1940s gone through the hands of the Lorrane Yarn Mills, Inc. & Maplewood Yarn Mill, Inc. In 1968 the complex was sold to Harold Katzman; it is still in textile production.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1912 City Directory
- Kennett's Handbook of Textile Corporations, 1913 p.171
- American Wool & Cotton Reporter, 1920, p. 293
- Fall River Evening News, November 8, 1912
- ABS No. Mass.-986, New England Textile Survey, 1970-71
- Building Permit #123, 4/17/1911, \$300,000 (including spinning mill, weaving mill, engine house & store-house)
- 1920 Corporate Mill Plans

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Chace Mills

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

22. Chace, A. B., Rowhouses

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

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23. Chace's, Oliver, Thread Mill

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National Register

Keeper

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24. Charlton Mill

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25. Chase-Hyde Farm

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26. Children's Home

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27. Church of the Ascension

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National Register

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28. Collins, William, House

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National Register

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29. Connell, William M., School

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30. Cornell Mills

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Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Charlton Mill (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 2/16/83

☐ 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
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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 _____

UMT 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



NAME: Charlton Mills

LOCATION: 109 Howe St., at Crawford Street
Fall River^{MA}, Mass.

PHOTO CREDIT: Pamela Shields (1981)

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic
Preservation
One Government Center
Fall River, Mass. 02722

IDENTIFICATION: Charlton Mills
General view, looking east

Photo # 1 of 2



Fall River MRA, Ma

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Charlton Mills

Spinning Mill

s/view



Fall River MRA, Ma

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Charlton Mills

Boiler House + Complex
w/view

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279