

FORM A - AREA

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

Form numbers in this area

Area letter

J-27-2/4/7/9/10

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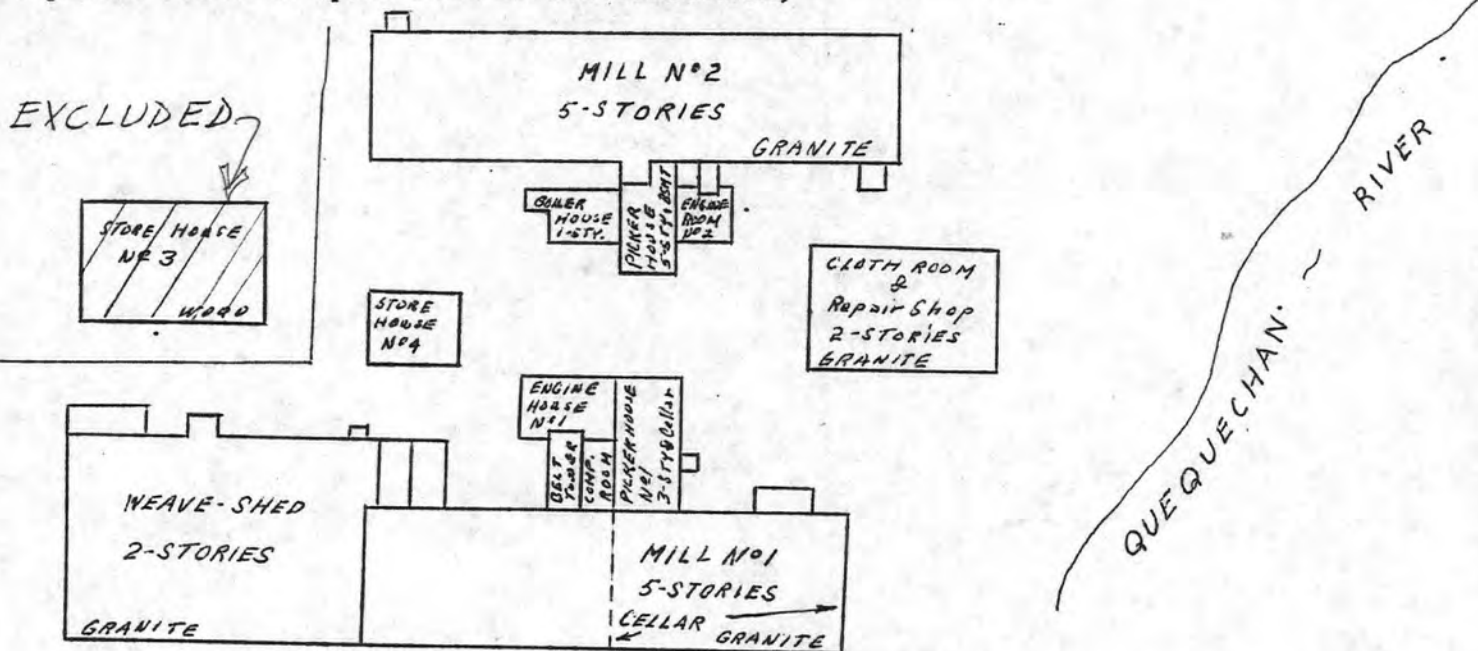
Town Fall River, Mass.

Name of area (if any) Wampanoag Mills

Quequechan Street

General date or period 1872, 1879

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 3/10/81



Non-Contributing
Structure
(excluded)

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Wampanoag Mill is a largely intact complex of monumental granite industrial structures prominently sited overlooking the Quequechan River and Interstate 195. Its architectural distinction derives from the harmony of scale and proportion of the two large mill buildings, their orderly placement on the property, the high quality of workmanship and general uniformity of style and materials throughout the complex, and the fact that most of the auxiliary structures have survived. The first mill dates from 1872 and is 5 stories with rough granite block walls, 12/12 sash, a slightly pitched roof and wide bracketed wooden cornice. The 1872 picker house and engine house are attached to the east and a later granite 2-story weave shed, 210' X 95', is attached at the north end. The second mill was constructed in 1879 parallel to the first and nearly identical except for an extra 30 feet in length. The attached picker house, boiler house and engine house have survived here as well. The complex also includes an 1888 wood storehouse and a granite cloth room. The original 15-acre site (later 18 acres)

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

The Wampanoag Mill Company was organized in 1871 during a two-year period of tremendous expansion of the city's textile manufacturing enterprises. Named for the powerful local Indian tribe, the company had among its original organizers R. T. Davis, who became the first president, and Walter C. Durfee, first treasurer. The company was capitalized at \$400,000 and within ten months had erected a mill housing 28,000 spindles and 704 looms capable of weaving 8 million yards of print cloth and wide goods annually. The company also constructed ten large, "admirably planned" tenement houses and a superintendent's dwelling. The erection of a second mill in 1879 increased capacity to 64,872 spindles and 1,605 looms. The company expanded to more than 90,000 spindles in 1901 but was declining in capacity by 1913 and closed in 1929. Presently it is used by the Fall River Knitting Mills as a factory outlet store and houses other retail and manufacturing uses as well.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- History of Bristol County, p. 319
- Fall River and Its Industries, p. 135
- American Wool & Cotton Reporter Handbook, 1920
- The Yarn Trade Index, 1901
- Bennett's Handbook of Textile Corporations, 1913

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Fall River, Mass	Form No: J-27-2/4/ 7/9/10
Property Name: Wampanoag Mills	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continuation)

on the Quequechan was purchased from R.T. Davis and J.D. Flint, two of the original organizers of the corporation. The buildings were erected by the construction firm of Cornell and Beattie, prominent local masons and builders, but the name of the architect, if any, is unknown.

The Wampanoag Mills is a largely intact, monumental granite complex which represents a significant period of mill expansion in the 1870s; 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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115/83

date entered

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

81. St. Joseph's Orphanage **Substantive Review** Keeper 2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

82. St. Louis Church **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

83. St. Mary's Cathedral and Rectory **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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84. St. Patrick's Church **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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85. Stafford Mills **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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86. Union Mills **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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87. Valentine-French House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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88. Wampanoag Mills **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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89. Winslow, Luther Jr., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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90. Woman's Club of Fall River **Entered in the National Register** Keeper 2/16/83 Delores Byers

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Wampanoag Mills (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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated		

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



Coronet Print

Fall River MRA, Ma

MP-3-29

Wampanoag Mills

n/view Weave Shed



Fall River MRA, Ma

MP-3-31

Wampanoag Mills

w/ view of Mills #1 & #2

Quequechan River in
foreground



Fall River MRA, Ma

MP-3-33

Wamparog Mills

SW view of Mill # 2

w/ Notre Dame in
background

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279

*Object
Wampanoag Mills*

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September 3, 1982

I, John Johnston, Jr., Trustee of the Johnston Realty Trust, the owner of real estate at 418 Quequechan Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, being first duly sworn, certify that I object to the listing of the aforesaid real estate in the National Register as an Historic Place.

John Johnston, Jr.

John Johnston, Jr., Trustee
as aforesaid

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL, SS.

FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Before me, then personally appeared the above named John Johnston, Jr., Trustee as aforesaid, and made oath as to the truth of the statements contained above.

Thomas F. McGuire

Thomas F. McGuire
Notary Public

My commission expires:
March 30, 1984

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Dic: 9/2/82
Typ: 9/3/82