

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. E. Camb,	Form no. EC II 82
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 155 Second Street (rear)

Name American Net and Twine Co.
Factory

Present use industrial

Present owner William M. Ginsberg
73 Arlington Road, Brookline, MA.

3. Description:

Date 1875

Source deed records

Style Mill Construction

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features jerkinhead roof with
broad gabled dormer, punctuated by
series of arches.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre XX

Approximate frontage 140 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
60 feet

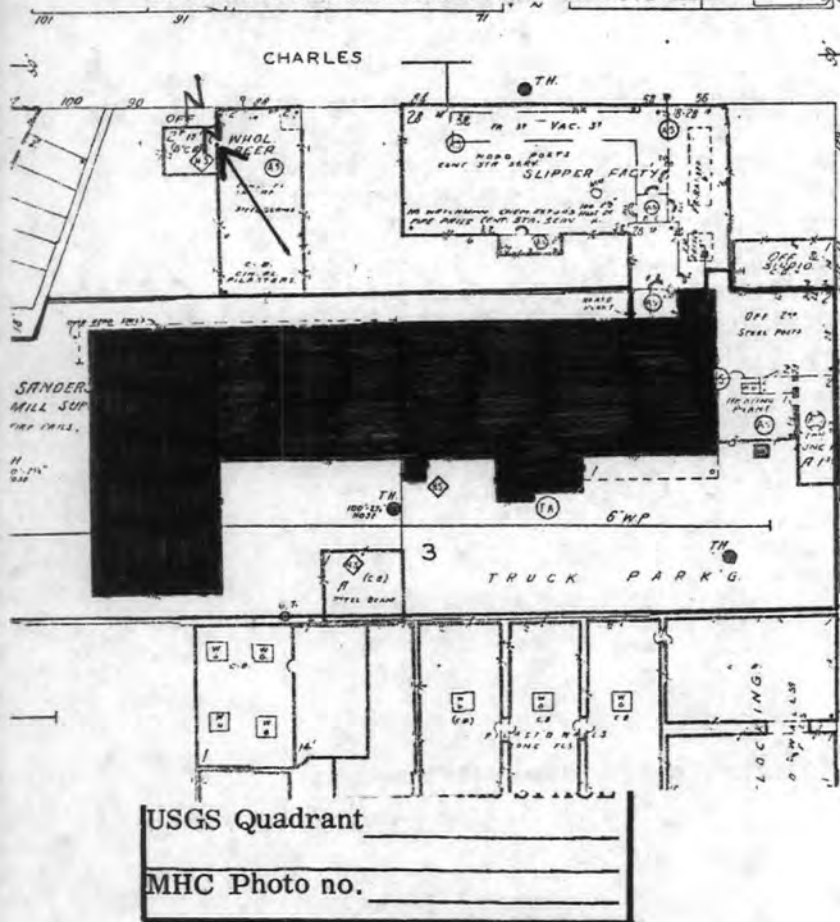
6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting/Harriet
White
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1964/1980

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1107-24

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and



USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

Assessors #17-75
17-72

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) American Net and Twine Company

Original use industrial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>XX</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>XX</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

In 1844, while most fish nets were handmade hemp imports from England, the American Net & Twine Company became the first American firm to manufacture cotton twine and netting. This three story brick factory was built in 1875 expressly for the rapidly expanding firm's needs. The building features wide segmental arched windows set within segmental arched arcades and a jerkinhead gable roof pierced by broad gabled dormers. A central projecting pedimented tower on the southern facade rises four stories in height and has segmental arched openings set within flat arched arcades.

Between 1886 and 1916, two additions were made to the west and south forming in an "L" shape. They continue the fenestration and detailing of the first building, with rough cut granite sills and a flat roof.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- ✓ 21. Harvard Houses Historic District
owner objection withdrawn **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Patricia Andrews 9/12/86
Attest John L. Savage 9/12/86
- ✓ 22. Harvard Square Historic District
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William H. Brannan
Attest 4.13.82
- ✓ 23. Old Harvard Yard Historic District (Boundary increase)
see #193 **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Harvard *Ret 6/10/82*
Attest _____
- ✓ 24. Old Cambridge Historic District
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Romer Van Dyke 4.13.82
Attest Harvard
- ✓ 25. Winthrop Square Historic District
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Ret 6/10/82
Attest Harvard
- ✓ 26. Hubbard Park Historic District
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William H. Brannan 4.13.82
Attest _____
- ✓ 27. Fresh Pond Historic District
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Reject 4.13.82
Attest _____
- ✓ 28. American Net and Twine Company Factory
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper Delores Byers 4/1/82
Attest _____
- ✓ 29. Athenaeum Press
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William H. Brannan 4.13.82
Attest _____
- ✓ 30. Barnes, James B., House
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William A. Brannan 4.13.82
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: American Net and Twine Co. Factory
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4-17-82

Entered in the National Register
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/1/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

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

photos 1
maps _____

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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS 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

Site _____ 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



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Cambridge, MA, MA

American Net & Twine Co. Factory

0660

155 Second St.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 1, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Melrose Town Center Historic District	Melrose Middlesex County
American Net and Twine Company Factory <u>(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)</u>	Cambridge Middlesex County
Townsend House	Needham Norfolk County
Lewis, Joshua, House	Needham Norfolk County

Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Paul E. Tsongas
Honorable Edward J. Markey
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Honorable John Joseph Moakley

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, NPS
North Atlantic Regional Office, NPS

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