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1. Name

historic Billerica Mills Historic District (preferred) *9*

and/or common North Billerica

2. Location *Roughly bounded by Concord River, Treble Cove*

street & number Multiple--see continuation sheet *Teir, Kohlrausch Ave, Indian Rd, Holt, Ruggles, and*
N/A not for publication Rogers

city, town Billerica *N/A vicinity of*

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple--see continuation sheet

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

street & number Gorham Street

city, town Lowell state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1973 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description Billerica Mills Historic District, Billerica, Massachusetts

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located in the northwest corner of the town of Billerica and approximately 20 miles north of Boston, Billerica Mills Historic District is a rural industrial community lying on either side of the Concord River and a mill pond dammed since 1708. The district comprises approximately 75 acres and is roughly bounded by Colson Street (west), Rogers Street (east), Cove Terrace (south) and Indian Road (north). Topography is defined by the Concord River; the west bank slopes gently away from the river and pond, while the east bank rises more sharply. Streets roughly parallel the river and are lined with single and multi-family residences dating from the early 19th through early 20th century (Federalist, Greek Revival, Italianate and Colonial Revival), interspersed with several institutional buildings; two brick mill complexes face each other on opposite river banks at the head (west) of the mill pond. Included within the district bounds are 123 structures, of which 15 are intrusions due to a construction dated after 1933 or extreme modification. The sense of spaciousness created by the river and pond is echoed in two additional major open areas, the Kohlrausch playground (ball field) and the Talbot Oval, both of which have historically served the community. In addition, the district is further distinguished by Middlesex Canal associations (1793-1852; NR 1972); some of the trench is visible.

None of the several industries that have been drawn to the district over time because of its power source and proximity to transportation has been so large in scale or so intense as to obliterate all traces of the past agricultural, canal-related and industrial land use. Although the streetscapes suffer from the recent loss of elms, a pleasing balance remains between buildings and surroundings; a satisfying contrast between the large brick mills and the repeated units of small frame dwellings. The district is, in spite of the deterioration of some of the housing stock, still very pleasant and coherent. The river, road, and bridge pattern define the district clearly. Much of the credit for the enhancement of the physical environment of the district is due to the planning and design of the nationally known landscape architect, Warren Manning (see Manning Manse; NR 1982).

The most prominent structures within the district, both historically and visually, are the two mill complexes. On the southwest bank of the river stands the C. P. Talbot Mill Complex (No. 601; Photo 1), built in 1857 (et seq.). The main (and earliest) building of brick construction rises five stories, capped by a shallow pitch roof. It is distinguished by its rows of 12/12 windows set in rectangular and segmentally arched openings trimmed with granite lintels and sills; by single moulded brackets at the cornice line; and by its central entry tower which rises a full story above the roof surmounted with a balustrade and octagonal open arcaded belfry with paired brackets, conical roof and weathervane. Other period structures in the complex are equally well preserved as is the iron fence along Faulkner Street.

The Faulkner Mill Complex (No. 701; Photo 2), located across the river and dating from 1865 (et seq.) is a more modest three-story design, also of brick, which repeats many elements of the Talbot mill: 12/12 windows set in segmentally arched openings with granite sills, cornice brackets, as well as rectangular plan and entry tower. The latter features decorative brick work of inset panels, corbelling and dog tothing.

Both complexes are on the whole excellently preserved, although their continuing industrial and commercial use has resulted in more recent additions. The old Talbot buildings house

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several small manufacturing and other industrially related concerns. The Faulkner buildings, now owned by the North Billerica Company, are still used for the manufacture of woolen cloth. Parking lots associated with these businesses occupy land along the river on either side of the Elm Street Bridge and along Elm Street west of the old mill buildings.

Apart from the mill buildings, the district is very much as it was when developed as an industrial community--primarily residential. One building is a combined store/residence that served the community in the late 19th century and continues in business today. Public buildings include two churches; the Talbot elementary school building currently unused; and an endowed kindergarten housed in a remodeled Faulkner residence.

While the earliest remaining buildings in the district reflect the Middlesex Canal period, and some are associated with the Faulkner textile enterprise, by far the greatest number are associated with the Talbot Company. These are usually referred to as mill buildings, or mill housing, because textile manufacturing was the dominant part of the Talbot enterprise. The company originally manufactured dyes. A chemical works and the mill were later additions. Employees of all of these lived in Talbot-owned housing. Strictly speaking, the earlier housing should also therefore, be regarded as company housing.

Buildings with Talbot associations fall into four categories: buildings connected with the textile manufacturing process; buildings built by or at one time owned by the company and rented to employees; non-company owned residences, many, however, with company associations; and public buildings, again, most with strong Talbot associations.

Buildings in the district will be discussed street by street rather than chronologically to emphasize the streetscape that, seen as a whole, has a charm and identity that is more powerful than any of its contributing houses seen alone. The regular repetition of similar structures with similar setbacks is an outstanding element in the district's distinction. Especially important is the life and vigor given this unity of form by the variation in color, massing, siding type, and additions, that has developed over time.

Wilson Street (nearest the river on the west bank) is almost entirely Talbot-related housing. The street itself, originally a land that did not penetrate through to the Fordway, was improved and extended for the housing. Only six buildings standing today were not, at any time, Talbot property. The west side of the street is, with one exception at the Elm Street corner (No. 635), entirely lined with the small duplex that forms the bulk of Talbot Company employee housing.

The basic type--the most numerous and earliest built as mill housing--dates from the early 1860s. It is a 1½-story gable-ended structure with a four-bay facade facing the street. Two small windows lighting the attic are placed directly above the center paired doors. Eight of these duplexes (Nos. 627-634) stand together on the west side of the street; two more (Nos. 614 and 615) are opposite on the east bank (Photo 6).

One variant appears four times (Nos. 625 and 617 through 619): three in a row on the east side, one opposite on the west. They were built between 1875 and 1881 and are 2½ stories with a deep center gable. A second variant, filling out the street, is also

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2½ stories. A simple, gable-ended structure, it is similar to the basic type, but has four windows lighting the full second story. Four of these stand on the west side of the street (Nos. 626 and 622 through 624); one is on the east side. The two to the north appear on the 1875 map; two others were built in 1885, and one in 1892. A seventh (1892, No. 641) is on Elm Street.

Company housing includes six multi-family blocks. Two stand side-by-side at the south end of Wilson Street (No. 620 built in 1885; No. 621 built in 1889). An older one (1860s) known as "Cork City" (No. 612) is about half way down Wilson Street set back near the river. All are six-unit 2½-story clapboard buildings.

Other buildings on Wilson Street are late 19th century single and multi-family residences with one exception - the Salter House (ca.1846, No.613). It is a 2½-story dwelling whose center entrance three-bay facade faced south as late as 1887. It has since been turned to face the street.

Housing condition at the north end of Wilson Street is relatively poor; it improves greatly to the south. A number of the houses have had their original clapboards replaced with siding. Porches and porticos have been added in variety. Elm and Lowell Streets have similar housing: nine more of the early 60s basic type stand on these streets. Some have been modified with dormers, as well as porches or porticos (Photos 4 and 5).

Talbot Avenue, next west from Wilson Street, was laid out in 1894. A handsome row of large mill duplex housing stands on its east side. In 1899 six of the large duplexes were constructed and in 1901 and 1902, four more completed the row (Nos. 650-659; Photo 7). They were all designed by the Lowell firm of Stickney and Austin and it was a particular point of pride that they were not uniform. Although all have porches or piazzas, their placement and the roof shape varies. They remain, in general, in good condition. The west side of the Avenue contains mid-20th century, non-mill single-family residences similar in scale, massing and materials to the mill row on the east.

Three of the district's largest public buildings stand together on the west side of Talbot Avenue at the southern end of the district. The Talbot School (1902; No. 664) is a square brick Georgian Revival building currently unused. It may be recycled as housing for the elderly. The St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church rectory (1920; No. 663) is next door. Next to this Colonial Revival building is St. Andrew's Church itself (1920; No. 662), a Spanish-influenced stucco building that stands on a triangular lot and forms a welcoming and distinctive entrance to the district.

Talbot Avenue itself is wider than its flanking neighborhood streets. The Talbot Oval (1903; No. 697; Photo 7) lying in its center, was designed by Warren Manning, a landscape architect retained by the Talbots for many years at the beginning of the century. In its prime, the Oval was planted with a variety of labeled trees and shrubs. It was intended to be instructive as well as beautiful. It has not been maintained to Manning's high standards, although some of the planting, paths and the center flagpole remain.

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The Kohlrausch Playground (1913-1917; No. 696) on Colson Street is also Manning's design. Colson Street is the westernmost street in the district; it is also a segment of the 18th century road through this part of North Billerica. With one exception, however, its housing is much later--it is primarily late 19th and early 20th century single and two-family structures, none Talbot-owned, but many lived in by mill employees.

The notable exception to these predominating types is the handsome Oliver Farmer House (No. 681; Photo 9). One of three "brick-enders" surviving in Billerica, it is also one of the finest examples of the style. The symmetrical five-bay clapboard facade and paired end chimneys reflect a center hall plan. The center entry displays a graceful fanlight and sidelights. Its barn (approximately 1803; No. 682) has been converted into a residence.

Elm Street, at its eastern end, has several Middlesex Canal-related buildings that were later owned by the Talbots. A multi-family clapboard structure known as the Canal block (1830s; No. 649; Photo 3) is the oldest of the six multi-family blocks in the district. Its four recessed entrances have fluted trim and corner blocks. Dormers light the third floor. Its condition is poor; it is still used as a residence.

Across the street is the much modified Mears Tavern (ca.1812; No. 637) which at one time had a larger addition--Middlesex Hall. Only the original section remains. At one time a classic Georgian/Federal 2½-story five-bay center entrance type, its windows have been modified. The Captain Joel Dix House (1815; No. 636) is next door. It is a similar type and has also been modified. These two are thought to be the latest examples of center chimney plan dwellings remaining in Town.

The west end of Elm Street is dominated by the Baptist Church (1870; No. 643; Photo 8) and its parish house across the street. The church is a small wooden Victorian Gothic building designed by Alexander R. Esty of Boston. It has a small addition; some trim has been lost to new siding. It has, however, retained its essential character.

Its parish house--the Wilson House (1848; No. 642) was built by Forrest Coburn and originally owned by "Boss" Wilson, a legendary Canal employee. It is a handsome Greek Revival dwelling near the Farmer House. Although the broad corner boards are no longer visible under the vinyl siding, the Ionic portico with transom and sidelights is well preserved. It is a Greek Revival type common in Billerica. The organization is the familiar Georgian/Federal symmetrical arrangement with the entrance centered on the Broad facade flanked by two window bays. Greek Revival influence is seen in the heavier proportions of the trim, especially under the eaves, and in the emphasis on the classical elements of the entry porch.

The Faulkner Company dominated the east side of the river in the 19th century. Today, their buildings and the Canal-related buildings once owned by them are among the outstanding district structures.

Next to the mill is the Faulkner Kindergarten (1826; No. 702). Originally a Faulkner residence, it is a Georgian/Federal clapboard building with corner quoins and Ionic portico in good, original condition.

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Down Rogers Street there are two ex-Faulkner buildings side by side. One, the Calvin Rogers House (1807; No. 717) a brick-ender, its four square shape much modified, stands near the bridge crossing a water filled section of the Middlesex Canal. It is here that the spit of land, constructed to connect to the floating tow path bridge, still extends part way across the Mill Pond. A fine view of the two mill buildings can be had from the Historical Society-owned spit (No. 719).

Just on the other side of the bridge south of the spit are two more multi-family blocks, once Talbot housing known as "The Acre." One has four units, one six. They were built in 1875 and are in residential use today (nos. 720 and 721). Additional contemporary Faulkner Mill housing is located at the northern extremity of the district along Latchworth Street (Nos. 707-710). Nearby on Carleton Street stands the Boston and Lowell Railroad depot and two related structures, now in residential use, dating from the 1870s; all are in fair, original condition (Nos. 712, 713 and 714).

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates Multiple **Builder/Architect** Warren E. Manning, landscape architect; Alexander E. Esty, architect; Stickney and Austin, architects

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Billerica Mills Historic District retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Forming a distinctive and carefully designed grouping characterized by architectural variety, orderly street and building arrangement, use of open spaces and attractive natural setting, the district remains one of the finer examples of rural industrial development in Massachusetts during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Within the district are several buildings of local importance, either as well preserved examples of their type and period in Billerica or as representing the work of notable area architectural firms. Furthermore, much of the district's design quality--streetscapes and open spaces--was created by the nationally known landscape architect, Warren Manning (1860-1935). The district is additionally distinguished for its historical associations with the textile industry and the Middlesex Canal (NR 1972), as well as persons of local and state prominence. The Billerica Mills Historic District thus meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Topography, particularly the Concord River, has played a constant and determining role in the historical development of land use in the Billerica Mills area. The river has provided fish and transportation, as well as adjacent rich meadow soils to both Native Americans and early colonists; it supplied water and water power to the developing settlement, to the Middlesex Canal and to industries. A further attraction for settlement was the Fordway, located just south of the district, one of the few places where the Concord/Merrimack Rivers complex could be crossed without bridge or boat. That this was known and taken advantage of by Native Americans is indicated by the discovery of stone tools (period unknown) here in the 19th century.

Initial English settlement in Billerica concentrated in the southern reaches of town; however, common land in the north was allocated as early as 1658. The first mill dam was built above the falls by Christopher Osgood in 1708. The mill pond thus formed supplied water power to a number of mills and to an iron works. The same Mill Pond was subsequently the primary source of water for the Middlesex Canal, constructed in 1794. As the highest point on the Canal route between Boston and Lowell (then Chelmsford), the pond furnished water to the Canal in both directions. The fabrication and supply center for the Canal was located here. A bridge carried the animals across the Mill Pond consisting of a detachable floating tow path which connected to a man-made spit of land (extant) on the east bank with the west bank. A segment of Canal trench, still water filled, remains nearby.

Construction of the Middlesex Canal linked Billerica to the port of Charlestown and had a tremendous impact on the development of the area. The mill pond was enlarged with a higher dam; stores, taverns, boarding houses and Canal-related industrial structures clustered near the Canal and mill pond. Although the Canal Proprietors made no particular

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 75

Quadrangle name Billerica, Mass.

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Virginia A. Fitch, Preservation Planner (MHC) with Mary E. Myer, Northern Middlesex Area Commission and Dr. Charles E. Stearns, Billerica Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July, 1983

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 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 Peter H. Westlake 9/30/83

title State Historic Preservation Officer date
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

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effort to provide housing for their workers, they did divide the land along Elm Street into 4x10 rod lots. Several structures remain in the district as reminders of this early growth: the Oliver Farmer House, 1803 (No. 681; Photo 9) and Rogers House, 1807 (No. 717)---two of the three Federal period "brickenders" extant in Billerica-- the Mears Tavern, 1812 (No. 637), and the Captain Joel Dix House, 1815 (No. 636). Among the notable Greek Revival houses are the Wilson House, 1848 (No. 642) built for "Boss Wilson" of canal fame and the Canal Block, ca.1830 (No.).

The most far-reaching event affecting the district, however, was the introduction of textile manufacturing. This occurred in 1811 when Francis Faulkner of Watertown established a woolen mill on the east bank of the Concord River, joined in 1839 by the C. P. Talbot Comapny on the west bank. Together these two enterprises, attracted by waterpower and good transportation, largely determined the growth and appearance of the Billerica Mills area to the present day.

The Faulkner mill was one of the earliest textile manufacturies in New England. Initially, Faulkner leased an existing fulling mill from the Canal Proprietors for the manufacture of woolen products. By 1825 he was able to purchase this as well as 21 acres on the east side of the river (under mortgage from Harvard College). At the same time, in 1826, James Faulkner, brother of Francis, erected his house on Faulkner Street (No. 702), later (1927) given by Anne Faulkner to the children of Billerica and still a thriving kindergarten.

A persistently and remarkably stable family business, the firm of J. R. Faulkner & Company grew steadily throughout the 19th century, with a major expansion in 1865, until 1914 when it was sold and became the North Billerica Company which continues to operate the mill.

With the construction of the Boston and Lowell Railroad in 1834 along the eastern edge of the district (roughly parallel to the canal), additional transportation was possible and industry further encouraged. The ca.1870 railroad depot and a building associated with it, now a residence, still stand (Nos. 712, 713 and 714). These favorable conditions attracted Charles Talbot to the area in 1839 where he engaged in dyewood manufacturing, operated a chemical works (1849) and woolen mill (1857). The latter (No. 601; Photo 1) was possible through the purchase of the lower water power rights of the fading Canal Company. Operations began with eight sets of cards; six were added in 1870 and as many in 1880. By the last quarter of the 19th century C. P. Talbot and Comapny had expanded to employ 200 hands with a monthly payroll of \$7,000. The smaller, more conservative Faulkner Company, on the other hand, used eight sets of cards and employed 72 hands with a monthly payroll of \$2,500. According to one contemporary historian, in 1882 the Talbot manufacturing complex was the largest in Billerica.

One of the most significant aspects of the historical development of the district lies in the contrast between the Faulkner Company and C. P. Talbot and Company. While both were paternalistic, family-owned and family-run enterprises, differences in resources, policies and visions are clearly evident in areas of physical impact on the character of the district and personal prominence, both in the community and statewide.

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The major period of development for both companies began about 1860 and continued until the beginning of the 20th century, aided by improved technology, greater market demand and a growing immigrant (English and Irish) labor force. Expansion of the Faulkner mill operations followed traditional patterns in a somewhat haphazard manner. Consequently, the east bank of the Concord River retains a landscape in which industrial features overlap earlier agricultural foundations. The first workers' accommodations were existing farmhouses, such as the Calvin Rogers House (No. 717), purchased about 1860. Later, some modest new housing was constructed in the area north of the mill known as "Kilbenny" (Nos. 707-710), and at the southeast extremity of the district at "The Acre" (Nos. 720 and 721); however, these efforts were relatively limited in scope, reflecting the size and needs of mill operations. Richard Faulkner, who died in 1914, was the last resident manager of the Faulkner family.

Similarly, the west bank of the Concord River reflects the hand of the Talbots. Following initial purchase in 1860 of a farmhouse, the Salter House, ca. 1846 (No. 613), construction of workers' housing proceeded rapidly along newly laid out streets. Housing dating from the 1860s, including those along Wilson Street and at adjacent "Cork City" (No. 612), served both the dyewood and chemical works as well as the mill. The area to the west remained in agricultural use until the 1890s. The individual most active in responding to the broad spectrum of community needs during the period was Thomas Talbot (brother of Charles); he was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1878. In 1870, the year the mill doubled in size, he gave land and money to build the Baptist Church (No. 643; Photo 8). Designed by Boston architect Alexander R. Esty, it is Billerica's only wooden Gothic Revival church. Coinciding with further mill expansion in 1880, a library was founded for employees. First housed in the mill offices, it later shared a building (no longer extant) with the village post office.

Upon the death of Charles Talbot (1884) and Thomas Talbot (1885), the Talbot Mills became a public corporation which continued to prosper under the guidance of Frederick S. Clark, son-in-law of Thomas, and Treasurer of the Talbot Mills Co. He initiated an era of high quality planned development and one of extraordinary flowering of community pride. In addition, a new element entered the landscape pattern around the turn of the century--space specifically dedicated as park or recreation land. Land had always been used for these purposes informally; as open land diminished, it was seen as desirable to secure some of it for permanent open space.

Talbot Avenue, with its carefully designed Oval, was laid out in 1894. In 1899, six of the large duplexes on the east side of the Avenue were constructed and in 1901 and 1902, four more completed the row. They were all designed by the prominent Lowell firm of Stickney and Austin. At this time, (1902) the Town also built the new larger Georgian Revival Talbot School (No. 664) on the west side of the Avenue. The Company sewered the village concurrently and sidewalks were laid throughout the village.

To serve the social needs of the community, Talbot Memorial Hall (no longer extant) was erected near the railroad station in 1891 and the Faulkner Kindergarten (No. 702) opened in 1897. An electric streetcar line provided convenient transportation to neighboring communities and to Lowell.

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Through the efforts and enthusiasm of Talbot Co. owners, management, and employees in conjunction with the skills of the nationally known landscape architect and descendant of an early Billerica family, Warren Manning, Billerica Village became a model living and working environment at the turn of the 20th century. These local developments were related to the widespread interest in town improvement that developed together with the growth of mechnaized industry and capitalism.

The Billerica Village Improvement Association was formed around 1880 and incorporated in 1902 as the Billerica Improvement Association in order "to acquire parcels of land as public pleasure grounds and to preserve the banks of the Concord, the beautiful river slipping lazily along through field and meadow, its banks bordered by meadow grasses or by trees and shrubs."

Among the members was Frederick S. Clark, Treasurer of the Talbot Mills Co. and a member of the Committee on Local Improvement in the American Park and Outdoor Art Association. Mill workers had always been encouraged to keep their grounds tidy and were permitted to borrow the lawnmower owned by the mill. It is interesting to note that stereopticon slides were shown at an Improvement Society meeting in North Billerica in order to rouse enthusiasm for beautification.

Improvement efforts were many; bulbs and seeds were distributed for use in the schools, and prizes were offered for window boxes, vegetable and flower gardens, as well as for well kept grounds. The Talbot employees, encouraged by Mr. Clark, participated with enthusiasm.

This emphasis on horticulture and park planning was given direction and professional polish by the involvement of Warren Manning, descendant of Samuel Manning, one of Billerica's first 17th century settlers (see Manning Manse; Nr 1982). An early advocate of regional and town planning, Manning was associated with the Olmsted firm from 1887-1896, after which he worked as an independent practitioner. His projects included public park systems and private gardens across the country, many for notable clients. At the time of his work in Billerica Village, Manning had acquired a national reputation for excellent and innovative landscape design. His contributions to Billerica Mills included design of the Talbot Oval, the Fordway Park and the Kohlrausch Playground (named after a prominent Talbot employee), as well as a gardening booklet (1907) for distribution in the community. No opportunity for combining aesthetic enjoyment with education was overlooked; even the electric car poles around the Oval were each planted with a different vine. A series of Community Days, sponsored by the Talbot Co., between 1913 and 1917 drew as many as 400 people to help implement these projects.

By 1915, the west bank of the Concord River had achieved essentially the appearance which it retains today. Colson Street was being built up with houses executed in popular styles of the period; for the most part they were privately, rather than mill, owned. The last major institutional building to be erected in the district was St. Andrew's Church and rectory (Nos. 662 and 663) in 1920. Although the Middlesex Canal had ceased operations by the last quarter of the 19th century, good roads, electric car and train service now provided easy access to both Billerica Center (south) and Lowell. It was, in fact, a

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transportation related scheme which brought the last major development to the area: relocation of the railroad repair shops and planning of the first Garden Suburb in the country, which abuts the northern boundary of the Billerica Mills Historic District.

The characteristics which the Faulkner and Talbot families manifested in their commercial endeavors--the former conservative and cautious, the latter aggressive, expansive and daring--and which defined much of the district's development also influenced the companys' fates in the 20th century. While the North Billerica Company (Faulkner Company) eventually survived through the 1930s and post-war period to the present to become one of the oldest textile manufactories in New England still operating in its original location, the Talbot Company, after a modest recovery during World War II, eventually went under. It currently houses a number of light manufacturing industries.

Archaeology

The Billerica Mills Historic District should be expected to contain cultural materials and subsurface structural remains associated with the area's development from an agricultural community in the early 17th century to its early 20th century industrial prime. Scientific investigation of these resources can potentially provide information valuable to our understanding of past land use, lifeways and industrial techniques. Located on the banks of a major drainage, the Concord River, the area is also highly sensitive for the presence of prehistoric sites as supported by a reported find of unidentified stone tools in the vicinity during the 19th century.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA: VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The proposed Billerica Mills Historic District includes land associated with the industrial use of the site from the first documented grist mill (1708) to the 19th century mill community. It includes approximately seventy-five acres. An 18th century road now known as Rogers' Street, Faulkner Street, Elm Street, and Colson Street generally define the district. The Rogers' Street section--about 1,500 feet--runs from the Canal Bridge north along the Mill Pond, bends west over the mill bridge, continues west for about 1,500 feet and returns south to the Fordway Bridge. The Fordway was a potentially significant Native American location.

The exact boundaries run along property lines of significant properties abutting these roads and abutting the section of Lowell Street along the triangle of land once known as the Common; and along the banks of the Concord River.

The district contains very few non-contributing properties, as there has not been extensive replacement of demolished buildings.

Please refer to the attached assessor's map.

601	Talbot Mill buildings Faulkner Street	1857 and later	608	Talbot Mill housing 28-28 ¹ / ₂ Wilson Street (15-23)	after 1889
	Cambridge Tool and Mfg. Co. Faulkner Street, North Billerica, 01862			John and James Hughes Watch Street, Rochdale, Mass.	
602	Talbot Mill housing 4-6 Wilson Street (9-128)	betw. 1875/1887	609	Talbot Mill (?) housing 30-32 Wilson Street (15-23)	after 1889
	Peter J. and Sherri L. Baudanza 4 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862 Richard, Jr. and Barbara Smith 6 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862			Anna M. McNulty 30 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862	
603	Talbot Mill housing 8-10 Wilson Street (9-130)	betw. 1875/1887	610	Lawrence E. Gannon house 34 Wilson Street (15-24)	betw. 1875/1889
	George K. Malden, Tr., Advance Realty Trust 95 Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, MA 02180			Grace F. Sliger 34 Wilson Street, North Billerica, MA 01862	
604	Talbot Mill housing 12-14 Wilson Street (9-131)	betw. 1885/1887	611	Lawrence B. Gannon store 38-40 Wilson Street (15-28)	before 1875 and later
	Judith K. Sullivan Coventry, Rhode Island			Eva M. Fultz 40 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862	
605	Mrs. Auty Store 16 Wilson Street (9-132)	betw. 1875/1887	612	Cork City Wilson Street (15-25)	circa 1865
	Gary E. and Ellen F. Trudelle 16 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862			Daniel D. and Irene G. Hughes 21 Robbins Street, Waltham, Mass.	
606	Talbot Mill housing (?) 20-22 Wilson Street (9-133)	after 1889	613	Joseph Salter house 42 Wilson Street (15-224)	1846
	Theodore W. and Marion V. Wyman 22 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862			John V. and Susan P. Greska 42 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862	
607	Elizabeth Mahoney house 24-26 Wilson Street	before 1875	614	Talbot Mill housing 44-46 Wilson Street (15-225)	circa 1865
	Anthony A. and Anthony D. Marek 26 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862			Thomas E. and Elia Gordon 44 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862	
608	Talbot Mill housing (?) 28-28 ¹ / ₂ Wilson Street (15-23)	after 1889	615	Talbot Mill housing 48-50 Wilson Street (15-226)	circa 1865
				Frank and Blanche Gagnon 48 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862	

- 616 Talbot Mill housing circa 1870
52-54 Wilson Street (15-227)
Katherine M. Kerwin
52 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 617 Talbot Mill housing betw. 1875/1881
56-58 Wilson Street (15-228)
Richard E. MacDonald, Tr., Alston Realty Trust
90 Montvale Avenue, Stonham, MA 02180
- 618 Talbot Mill housing betw. 1875/1881
60-62 Wilson Street (15-229)
George and Deborah Smith
60 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 619 Talbot Mill housing betw. 1875/1881
64-66 Wilson Street (115-230)
John and Ruth Terris
66 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 620 Talbot Mill housing 1885/6
68-78 Wilson Street (15-231)
John and James Hughes
234 Heard St. Worcester, MA 01601
- 621 Talbot Mill housing after 1889
80-90 Wilson Street (15-232)
R. Bruce Baldwin, Tr., Baldwin Family Trust
14 Dignon Road, Billerica, 01821
- 622 Talbot Mill housing 1892
53-55 Wilson Street (15-213)
Marion Mahoney
P. O. Box 263, North Billerica, 01862
- 623 Talbot Mill housing 1885
49-51 Wilson Street (15-214)
Richard S. and Deborah A. Hutchinson
51 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 624 Talbot Mill housing 1885
45-47 Wilson Street (15-215)
Ralph M. Krau and Deborah L. Parent
45 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 625 Fairbrother-Brown house circa 1875
41-43 Wilson Street (15-216)
Charles E., Jr. and Mary Fairbrother
43 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 626 Talbot Mill housing circa 1870
37-39 Wilson Street (15-217)
Ethel and Mark M. Themis
660 Bridge Street, Lowell, Mass.
- 627 Talbot Mill housing circa 1865
33-35 Wilson Street (15-218)
Eugene and Rose E. Ryan
35 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 628 Talbot Mill housing circa 1865
29-31 Wilson Street (15-219)
Thomas J. and Lana Holland
31 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 629 Talbot Mill housing circa 1860
25-27 Wilson Street (15-220)
Fred S. and Mary A. Whittington
25 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 630 Talbot Mill housing circa 1860
21-23 Wilson Street (15-221,222)
Michael J. Miller
23 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862

- 631 Talbot Mill housing circa 1860
17-19 Wilson Street (15-223)
Scott A. and Gail A. Stevens
19 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 632 Talbot Mill housing circa 1860
13-15 Wilson Street (15-224)
John V. and Susan P. Greska
42 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 633 Talbot Mill housing circa 1860
9-11 Wilson Street (9-126)
Roland and Lona K. Demers
11 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 634 Talbot Mill housing circa 1860
5-7 Wilson Street (9-125)
Herbert J. and Patsy Vacca
5 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 635 Talbot Mill housing circa 1880
1-3 Wilson Street (9-123)
Robert and Beatrice Feverill
3 Wilson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 636 Capt. Joel Dix house 1815
2 Elm Street (9-129)
William A. and Deborah V. Souza
19 Wyman Road, Billerica, MA 01821
- 637 Mears Tavern 1815
12 Elm Street (9-127)
Michael H. and Ruth E. Tafalo
12 Elm Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 638 Talbot Mill (?) housing ?
18-20 Elm Street (9-121)
Stephen J. Gillis
31 Marston Street, Medford, Mass.
- 639 Isaiah Bussey house circa 1830
22 Elm Street (9-120)
Robert J. and Jane L. Dufault
22 Elm Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 640 not yet named circa 1860
24 Elm Street (9-119)
Carl L. and Ruth Ann Whitala
24 Elm Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 641 Hannon house 1892
34-36 Elm Street (9-113)
Alice E. Hannon
36 Elm Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 642 Daniel Wilson house 1848
38 Elm Street (9-112)
North Billerica Baptist Church
North Billerica, MA 01862
- 643 North Billerica Baptist Church 1869
Elm and Colson Streets (9-111)
North Billerica Baptist Church
North Billerica, MA 01862
- 644 Alma Wilson house circa 1885
37 Elm Street (9-110)
O. Edward and Mary Dutille
37 Elm Street, North Billerica, 01862

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|-----|---|--------------|-------|--|------------|
| 645 | Talbot Mill housing
31-33 Elm Street (9-109) | "early 60's" | 653 | Talbot Mill housing
14-16 Talbot Avenue (15-21) | 1899 |
| | William J. and Nancy A. Smith
7 1/2 Maple Avenue, Billerica, MA 01821 | | | David G. and Doris Grady
16 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, MA 01862 | |
| 646 | Talbot Mill housing
27-29 Elm Street (9-108) | "early 60's" | 654 | Talbot Mill housing
18-20 Talbot Avenue (15-203) | 1902 |
| | David and Doris Grady
16 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | | | Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paskiewicz
Mr. and Mrs. William Paskiewicz
98 Boston Road, North Billerica, MA 01862 | |
| 647 | Talbot Mill housing
23-25 Elm Street (9-100) | "early 60's" | 655 | Talbot Mill housing
22-24 Talbot Avenue (15-204) | 1899 |
| | Frank, Jr., and Margaret St. John
25 Elm Street, North Billerica, 01862 | | | Nelson J. and Josephine McDermott
24 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | |
| 648 | Talbot Mill housing
19-21 Elm Street (9-101) | "early 60's" | 656 | Talbot Mill housing
26-28 Talbot Avenue (15-205) | 1902 |
| | C. R. T. Development Company
Faulkner Street | | | Patrick and Donna McNulty
28 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | |
| 649 | The Canal Block
1, 3, 5, 7 Elm Street (9-207) | circa 1835 | 657 | Talbot Mill housing
30-32 Talbot Avenue | 1902 |
| | Judith A. Sullivan
Covenry, Rhode Island | | | Ida M. and Robert W. Tobey
25 Mason Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | |
| 650 | Talbot Mill housing
2-4 Talbot Avenue (9-116) | 1899 | 658 | Talbot Mill housing
34-36 Talbot Avenue (15-207) | 1899 |
| | Richard Hajjar
14 Judith Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824 | | | Paul and Doreen Curmiff
34 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | |
| 651 | Talbot Mill housing
6-8 Talbot Avenue (9-117) | 1899 | 659 | Talbot Mill housing
38-40 Talbot Avenue (15-208) | 1899 |
| | Robert and Mary Faria
6 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | | | John and Vicki McNulty
40 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | |
| 652 | Talbot Mill housing
10-12 Talbot Avenue (9-118) | 1899 | I-660 | residence
42 Talbot Avenue (15-209) | after 1937 |
| | Brian and Cheryl LaFrance, Brian W. Bourque
12 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | | | Charles and Theresa Gibbons
42 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862 | |

- I-661 residence after 1937
44 Talbot Avenue (15-210)
Catherine Burke
44 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862
- 662 St. Andrews R. C. Church circa 1915
Talbot Avenue (15-192)
- 663 St. Andrews Rectory circa 1915
Talbot Avenue (15-192)
(both) R. C. Archbishop of Boston
- 664 Talbot School 1902, 191x
Talbot Avenue (15-193)
Town of Billerica
- I-665 residence after 1937
29 Talbot Avenue
Andrew A. and Phyllis J. Jennings
29 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862
- I-666 residence after 1937
25 Talbot Avenue (15-199)
Margaret T. and Hazel C. Nugent, et al.
25 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862
- I-667 residence after 1937
23 Talbot Avenue (15-198)
Roland J. and Eleanor L. Poirier
23 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862
- I-668 residence after 1937
21 Talbot Avenue (15-197)
Edgar W. and Hazel Santamour
21 Talbot Avenue, North Billerica, 01862
- I-xxx residence 1983
Talbot Avenue (15-20)
house under construction, ownership uncertain
- I-669 office building circa 1970
7 Talbot Avenue (9-115)
Atty. John J. Lynch
115 Westview Road, Lowell, Mass.
- I-670 residence circa 1954
29 Colson Street (15-19)
Anna Baxter
29 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 671 Kohlrausch house 1886
25-27 Colson Street (15-196)
Michael J. and Theresa M. Sopranovicz
25-27 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 672 Talbot Mill housing 1888
21-23 Colson Street (15-195)
David P. and Barbara L. Melvin
21 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
William H. and Mary J. Rouine
23 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- I-673 residence 1950's
19 Colson Street (15-265)
Martin Marderosian
19 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 674 Baptist Parsonage circa 1925
17 Colson Street (15-194)
North Billerica Baptist Church
North Billerica, Mass. 01862

- 675 residence
12 Colson Street (15-188)

Thomas and Velma L. Montgomery
12 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 676 residence
16 Colson Street (15-189)

Fred and Agnes Wain
16 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 677 residence
18 and 20 Colson Street (15-190)

Eddie and Ida Morel
20 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 678 residence
22-24 Colson Street (15-191)

Frederic M. and Susan J. Gilligan
24 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 679 M. Kohlrausch house 1901
30 Colson Street (15-267)

George A. and Janet Lyna
30 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 680 residence
32 Colson Street (15-18)

Ralph S. and Frances L. Brigham
32 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 681 Oliver Farmer II house 1803
34 Colson Street (9-192)

Peter W. and Shirley M. Woodbury
34 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862

copy 579 addresses of dated, the address of 1920
 between 1900 and 1920

- 682 remodeled Farmer house barn 18xx and later
36 Colson Street (9-181)

Robert L. and Elizabeth Bradford
36 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 683 residence
40-42 Colson Street (9-180)

Richard and Virginia C. Garvey
40 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 684 residence circa 1915
44 Colson Street (15-179)

Robert C. and Margaret E. Newell
44 Colson Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 685 Lyons house circa 1894
10-12 Lowell Street (9-178)

John J. and Mary Clare Lyons
16 Corthell Road, North Billerica, 01862
- 686 Talbot Mill housing circa 1865
8 Lowell Street (9-104)

Gail J. Logsdon and Wayne R. Taylor
8 Driftwood Lane, North Billerica, 01862
- 687 Father Matthew Hall 1886
6 Lowell Street (9-105)

Billerica Disabled Veterans Bldg. Corp.
6 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862
- 688 Talbot Mill housing circa 1865
2-4 Lowell Street (9-107)

Domenic and Dorothy DiSalvo
4 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862

689	Talbot Mill housing 1-3 Lowell Street (9-99)	circa 1865	701	Faulkner Mill buildings Faulkner Street (9-93)	1865 and after
	Elmer F. and Catherine E. Beard 1 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862			North Billerica Manufacturing Company Faulkner Street, North Billerica, 01862	
690	Talbot Mill housing 5-7 Lowell Street (9-98)	circa 1865	702	Faulkner Kindergarten Faulkner Street (10-29)	1826
	Forrest R. and Violet Stickney 7 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862			J.R. and C.R. Faulkner Kindergarten for North Billerica Fred Preston, P. O. Box 644, Ashland, Ohio	
691	Talbot Mill housing 9-11 Lowell Street (9-97)	circa 1865	703	James Faulkner house 1 Faulkner Street (10-32)	1859
	Robert A., Sr., and Jean L. Stickney 9 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862			Madelyn M. Odekowski and Robert A. Nurmi 1 Faulkner Street, North Billerica, 01862	
692	Talbot Mill housing 13-15 Lowell Street (9-96)	circa 1865	I-704	Williams cottage Faulkner Street? (10-33)	circa 1930
	Robert M. Tegen 12 Prospect Street, Milford, N.H. 03055			George and Josephine Tarella 94 Marshall Street, Tawksbury	
	Martha C. McFadden 15 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862		I-705	two-family house 4 Letchworth Avenue (10-31)	circa 1915?
I-693	residence 17 Lowell Street (9-95)	after 1962		Edward T. and Violet H. Sullivan 4 Letchworth Avenue, North Billerica, 01862	
	John J., Jr., and Eileen M. Faria 17 Lowell Street, North Billerica, 01862		706	remodelled Faulkner barn 6-8 Mason Avenue (10-30)	1859 and later
696	Kohlrausch playground Colson Street (15-18?)	1913		Mychelyne F. Charbonneau 8 Mason Avenue, North Billerica, 01862	
	Town of Billerica		707	unidentified house 3 Mason Avenue (10-20)	circa 1825?
697	Talbot Oval Talbot Avenue (15-202)	1903		George W. and Eileen Halley 3 Mason Avenue, North Billerica, 01862	
	Town of Billerica				

708	Faulkner Mill housing 2-4 Letchworth Avenue (10-19)	after 1887	I-715	sewer pumping station Rogers Street	recent (10-232)
	Leonard C. and Alice A. Haines 2 Letchworth Avenue, North Billerica, 01862			Town of Billerica	
709	Faulkner Mill housing 6-8 Letchworth Avenue (10-18)	betw. 1875/1887	I-716	residence 10 Rogers Street	recent (10-54)
	Phillip E. and Bernadette L. Quinlin 6 Letchworth Avenue, North Billerica, 01862		deleted	Edward I. and Loretta A. Cibulski 10 Rogers Street, North Billerica, 01862	
710	Faulkner Mill housing 10-12 Letchworth Avenue (10-17)	betw. 1875/1887	716	Faulkner Mill housing 14-16 Rogers Street	betw. 1875/1887 (10-55)
	Clifford W. and Mary B. Terrell 10 Letchworth Avenue, North Billerica, 01862			Walter and Phyllis Cibulski 16 Rogers Street, North Billerica, 01862	
I-711	residence 6 Carleton Street (10-47)	1982	717	William Rogers house 18 Rogers Street	1807 (10-57)
	Karen McClellan 6 Carleton Street, North Billerica, 01862		718	Middlesex Canal	circa 1800
712	Railroad Depot Carleton Street (10-225)	1870 (older?)	719	towpath, Middlesex Canal	circa 1800
	John Wilson (building only) P. O. Box 366, Nuttings Lake, MA 01865 Hughes Lumber Company, Inc. (land) 15 Letchworth Avenue, North Billerica, 01862		720	Talbot Mill housing 3, 5, 7 Rogers Court	circa 1865 (10-38)
713	Railroad buildings Ruggles Street (10-51)	before 1853		Richard F. and Elaine A. Hajjar 14 Judith Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824	
	Ann and Paul O'Brien Ruggles Street, North Billerica, 01862		721	Salter Block 4-6 Rogers Court	circa 1865 (10-37)
714	Station agent's house (?) 11 Carleton Street (10-50)	betw. 1875/1887	722	Salter house no. 2 27-29 Rogers Street	circa 1850 (10-36)
	Dennis Georges 2000 Middlesex Street, Lowell, MA 01851		(both)	Harold D. and Patricia Hill 84 Meadowbrook Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824	
			723	residence 31 Rogers Street	rebuilt 1940 (10-35)
				Michael and Agnes Ceglanski 31 Rogers Street, North Billerica, 01862	

Timothy John, Jr. and Elizabeth McCarthy
18 Rogers Street, North Billerica, 01862

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Billerica Mills Historic District
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. OCT 13 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 11/10/83 - 11/27/83

Action: ACCEPT 11/10/83

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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

- 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

- 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

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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: _____



TALBOT MILL

Faulkner Street

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Billerica, MA

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Talbot Mill from the South



FAULKNER MILL

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Faulkner Street

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Faulkner Mill from the Southwest



ELM STREET , looking west

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Right foreground, Canal Block; left foreground
mill housing; middle ground, mill housing,
Type I; background, spire of Baptist Church.

middle ground, mill housing, Type I

background, spire of Baptist Church



LOWELL STREET

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Lowell Street, looking Northwest from Post

Office Square

Talbot Mill housing, type 1

Talbot Mill housing, type 1



LOWELL STREET

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Lowell Street, looking Northwest
Talbot Mill housing, Type 1

Talbot Mill housing, type 1



WILSON STREET [48-50, 52-54, 56-58]

North Billerica, MA (Billerica Mills)

WILSON STREET (48-50, 52-54, 56-58)

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Talbot Mill Housing: Foreground, Type I;
middle ground, intermediate;
right background, Type II (gable).

foreground, Type I

middle ground, intermediate
right background, Type II (gable)



Talbot Avenue
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Photo #7 of 9
Talbot Avenue, East of Talbot Avenue, Talbot
Mill housing, Talbot oval in right middle.

TALBOT MILL HOUSING (late), pt.

Talbot Oval in right middle ground



NORTH BILLERICA BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Elm and Colson Streets
Talbot and Faulkner Historic District
Billerica, MA

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Oliver Farmer II House
34 Colson Street
Billerica MA (Talbot and Faulkner Mills)

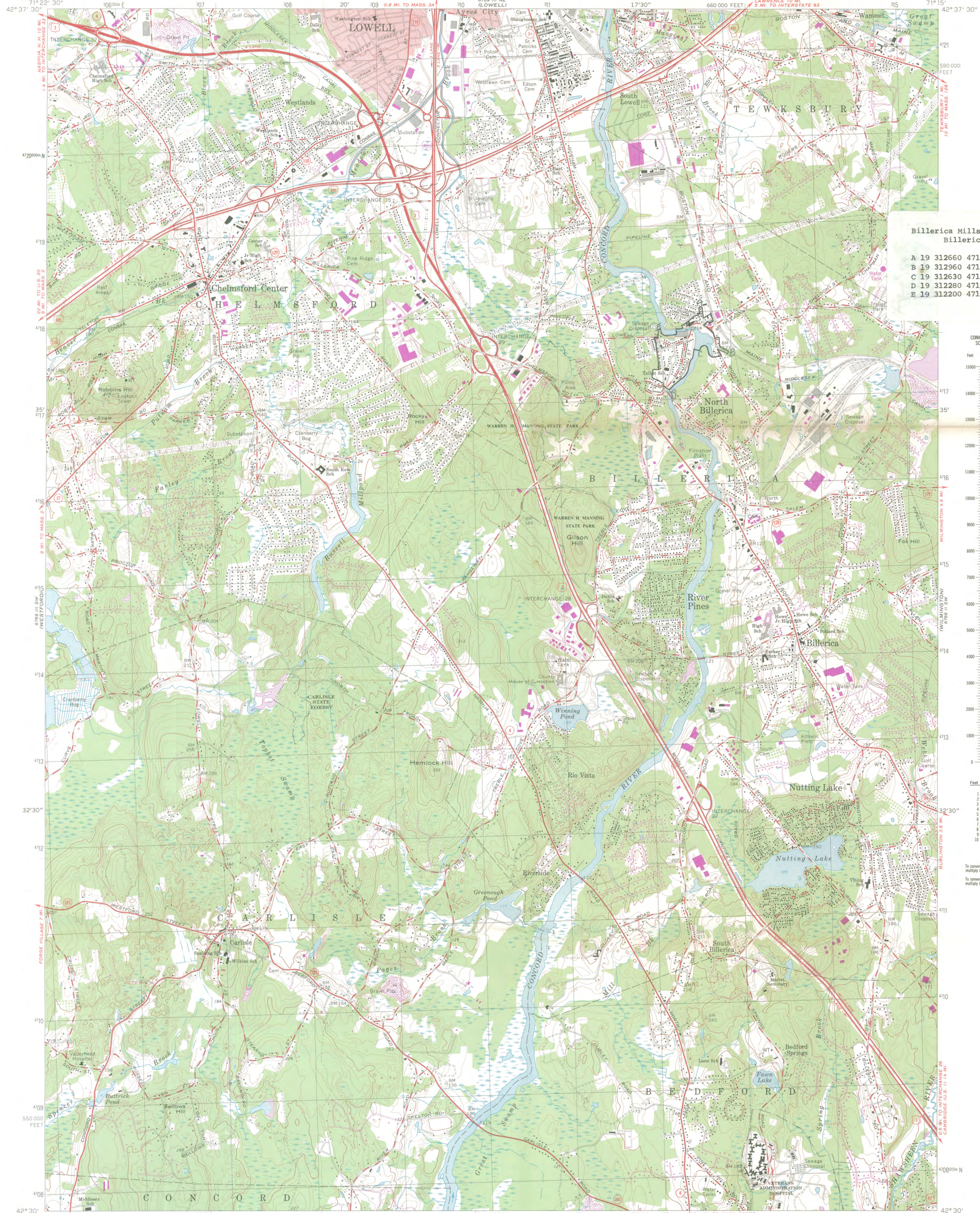
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OLIVER FARMER II HOUSE 1803

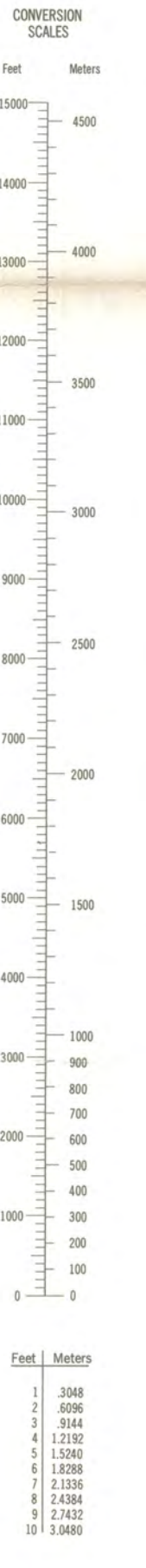


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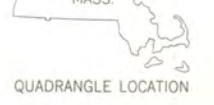
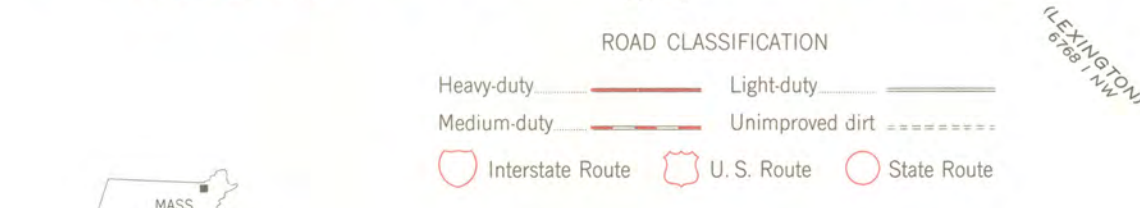
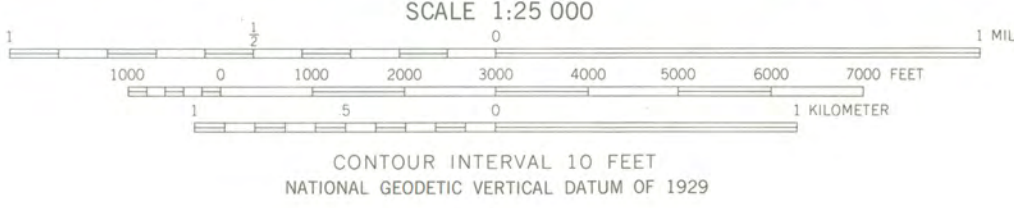
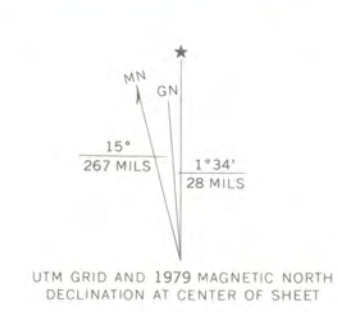
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Billerica, MA**

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