

FORM A - AREA

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

Form numbers in this area

J-26-1/22

Area letter

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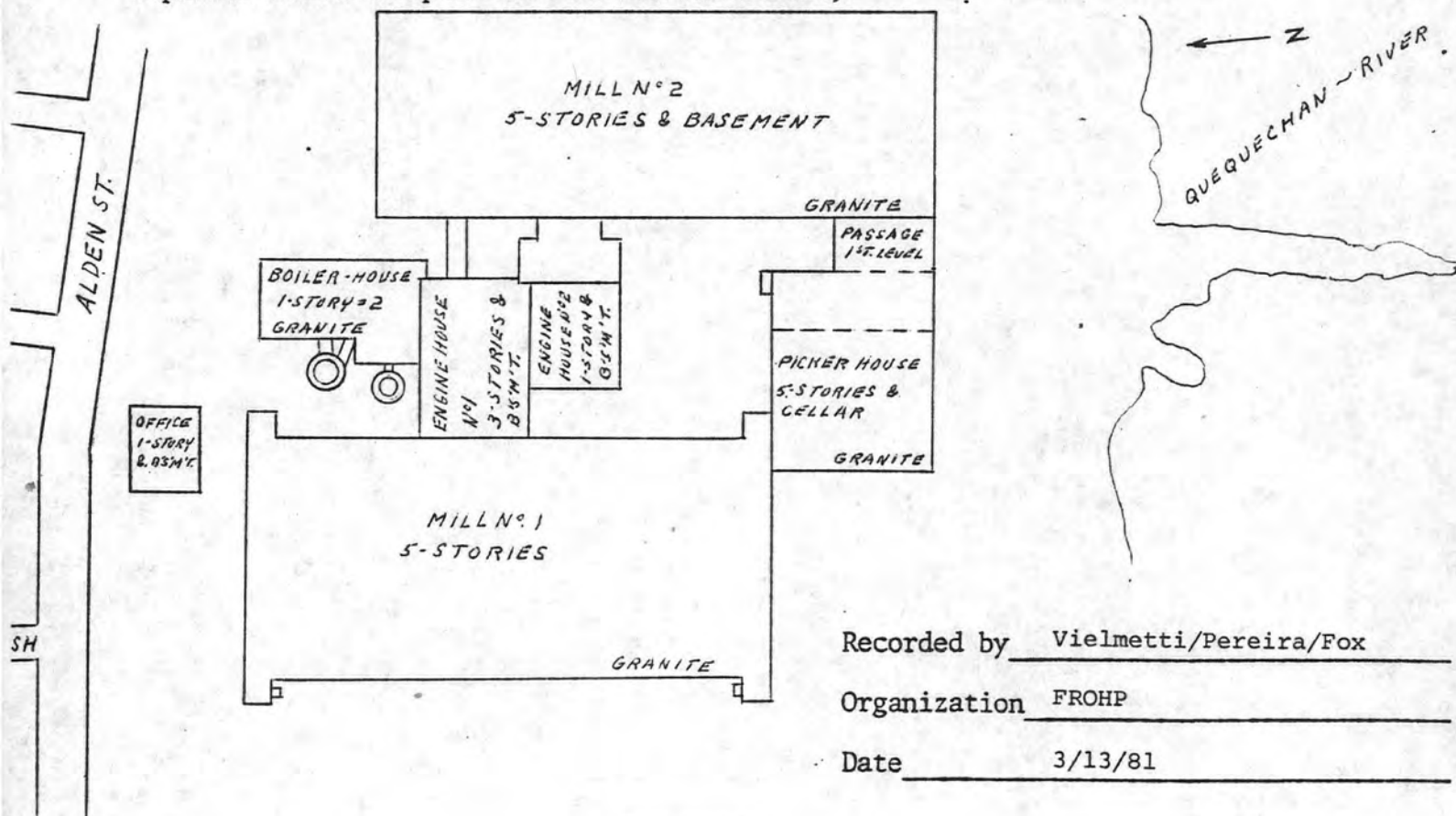
Town Fall River, Mass.

Name of area (if any) Flint Mills

Alden Street

General date or period 1883-1909

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)



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

The Flint Mills complex, which includes 1883 and 1909 granite mills and five granite auxiliary buildings, is notable for its monumentality, uniformity of materials, and intact quality, as well as its siting on the Quequechan River adjacent to the Wampanoag Mill and prominently visible from Interstate 195. The original 1872 Flint Mill, designed by D. H. Dyer, was a wide structure in the "English style," measuring 300' X 94' rather than the usual 72'-75'. It was described as being 5 stories high with a flat roof and finely proportioned tower. When the mill was rebuilt after a major fire of 1882, the tower was omitted but the wide plan was retained. The larger proportion of window to wall surface and the T-cross sash arrangement is characteristic of this later date. The principal architectural embellishment is a central wall gable with wood trim and an inset brownstone panel and the wood block letters "FLINT MILLS 1872, 1883." The building also has simple 5-story, flat-roofed stair towers at each corner which reflect advances in fire code regulations. The second mill, 300' X 105', is also 5 stories and its even larger

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

Flint Mills was established in 1872 during a two-year period of extraordinarily rapid expansion of the city's manufacturing enterprises. Named for its first president, John D. Flint, the company was located in the eastern section of the city near South Pond and spurred development of the area still known as Flint Village. Originally capitalized at \$500,000, the new firm constructed a handsome granite mill with a capacity of 42,192 spindles and 992 looms, used for the manufacture of 64" X 64" print cloth. The machinery was driven by a double Corliss engine of 650 horse power, with water supplied from a stream via a canal. The company also built 42 tenements for operatives. The 1872 mill was completely destroyed by fire in 1882 but was rebuilt the following year. A second granite mill was erected in 1909, bringing the peak capacity to some 107,300 spindles during the second decade of the 20th century. The firm was liquidated in 1930 and the buildings are presently used for garment and light industrial manufacturing.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Fall River, Mass.

Form No:

J-26-1/22

Property Name:

Flint Mills

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continuation)

windows reflect 20th century stylistic evolution. The complex also includes the 1883 engine house and picker house, 1872 boiler house, a 1909 engine house and a 1909 detached 1-story office of cut and finished granite blocks.

The Flint Mills survives as a major example of monumental granite mill construction; it was built as part of an extraordinary period of industrial expansion in the 1870s and sparked development of a major residential neighborhood which was named after the mill. The property meets criteria A and C of the National Register.

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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

Item number

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Coughlin School

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

2/16/83 *Delores Byers*

Attest

32. Crescent Mill

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Delores Byers*

Attest

33. Davol School

Entered in the
National Register

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34. Davol, William C., Jr., House

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35. Downtown Fall River Historic District

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36. Durfee Mills

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National Register

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37. Earle, John M., House

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38. Fall River Bleachery

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National Register

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39. First Baptist Church

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40. Flint Mills

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Flint Mills (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/6/83Entered in the ☐ RETURN ☐National Register ☐ REJECT ☐

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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexcavated		

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 _____

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: Flint Mills

LOCATION: Alden Street
Fall River, ^{MA} Mass.

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NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic
Preservation
One Government Center
Fall River, Mass. 02722
(PSNR-13-5)

IDENTIFICATION: Flint Mills
Looking east

Photo # 1 of 2



Fall River MRA, Mo

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Flint Mills #1

n/view



Fall River MA, Ma

MP-3-14

Flint Mills

Mill #1. West view

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279