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Amoskeag Mfg. Co. Housing

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DESCRIPTION

District D includes two tenement blocks (#49 and 50), one overseers' block (#51) and one intrusion (F). The three acre district is bounded by West Brook Street, the east lot line of Block #51, Langdon and Canal Streets.

The blocks were erected ca. 1864 and represent the last group of Amoskeag housing arranged in the traditional manner. The tenement blocks are sited longitudinally east-west on the slope of the hill; above them is the overseers' block sited north-south. At the crest of the hill, farthest from the millyard, was the agent's house.¹

Block #49 is a three-story brick structure with a mansard roof. The block consists of three four-bay stepped units with deeply recessed arched entries. Sidelights and six-light transoms surround the paneled doors. Like other Amoskeag buildings of the period, windows have segmentally arched brick headers and granite sills. Sash is six-over-six. Beneath the overhanging roof is a dentiled cornice. The roof slate has been replaced with asphalt. Block #50 was originally identical to #49. However, removal of the mansard roof and recent entry alterations make it no longer a contributing building to the district.

Block #51 is a two-story brick overseers' block consisting of two six-bay units surmounted by a hip roof. Paired entrances share a shallow-pitched frame door hood that rests on simple stick brackets. Entrances have been altered. Six-over-six sash is set within segmental arches and granite sills. One-and-a-half story rear brick ells terminate in jerkin-head gables.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

District D possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant historically for its association with one of the nation's earliest major cotton manufacturers, the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, which later became the largest textile manufacturer in the world. Architecturally, the district derives its importance as a complex of corporation housing which preserves the hierarchical relationship between the individual blocks and the mills and as a rare example of Civil War era company housing.

The three blocks constitute the sole company housing erected for employees of the two Langdon Mills, located on the opposite side of Canal Street. Though the company was organized as early as 1846, it was not incorporated until 1860. That same year, it purchased land and three mill powers from Amoskeag and built Langdon Mill No. 1. Eight years later a second mill was constructed to the south and which is still extant. Both

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The agent's house, which fronted on Elm Street, has been demolished. The site has been disturbed by redevelopment and is not part of this nomination.

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manufactured cotton textiles and operated under the corporate umbrella of Amoskeag.

In 1864 a small parcel of land on the east side of Canal Street was bought from Amoskeag for company housing and on which Blocks #49,50 and 51 were built. Like other blocks erected for mills in the millyard, the buildings were designed and constructed by Amoskeag. The following year additional land which abutted the west side of Elm Street was acquired for an agent's residence.

Intrusions

F. One-story yellow brick garage/warehouse with flat roof. Mid-20th century.

OWNERS OF PROPERTY

<u>SKETCH MAP #</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER & ADDRESS</u>	<u>ASSESSORS' MAP #</u>	<u>LOT #</u>
I	62 W. Brook Street	Angelo C. Maffeo, Tee. John Capobianco Trust 280 Washington Street, Suite 202, Brighton, MA	160	6
49	82-98 West Brook Street	Eugene & Yvonne Bouchard 574 Weston Road Manchester, NH 03103	160	4
50	83-97 Langdon Street	Duncan & Rose Macisaac 97 Langdon Street Manchester, NH 03103	160	5
51	38-44 West Brook Street	Warren Realty, Inc. 40 West Brook Street Manchester, NH 03103	160	3
VL-9	Langdon Street	Da-Brook Realty, Inc. 1306A Elm Street Manchester, NH 03101	160	7

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage: 3 acres

Quadrangle name: Manchester South, New Hampshire

Scale: 1:24000

UTM:	ZONE	NORTHING	EASTING	ZONE	NORTHING	EASTING
A	19	47-63-500	2-99-035	C	19	47-63-420
B	19	47-63-435	2-99-040	D	19	47-63-485

Verbal boundary description and justification:

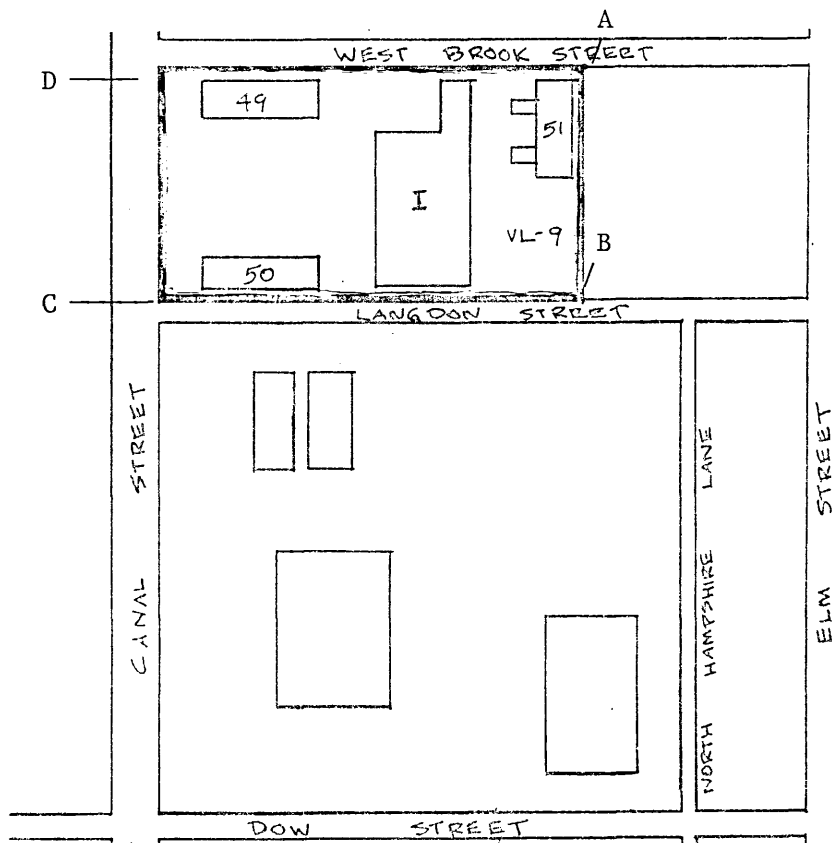
District boundaries are marked in red on the accompanying sketch map and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the district at the southeast intersection of West Brook and Canal Streets, the boundary proceeds east along the south side of West Brook Street to the northeast corner of the lot of Block #51, then turns south along the east lot line of Block #51 and Vacant Lot #9 to Langdon Street, continues west along the north side of Langdon Street to Canal Street, then turns north along the east side of Canal Street to the starting point.

Boundaries were selected to include all extant company housing built for the Langdon Mills. Vacant lot #9 was included as historic open space.

DISTRICT D

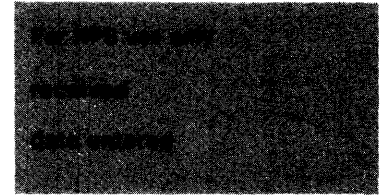
Points A-D identify UTM reference points.



Adapted from
Planning Dept. map
1975, revised 1982
1" = 200'

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Amoskeag Manufacturing Company Housing Districts Thematic Resources
State New Hampshire

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 2. | District B | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Francis [Signature] 11/12/84</u> |
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| 3. | District C | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Francis [Signature] 11/12/84</u> |
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| 4. | District D | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Francis [Signature] 11/12/84</u> |
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