

FORM A - AREA

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

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
K-4-6/7	516

Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number Mills 1-2/3/4/5/6/9

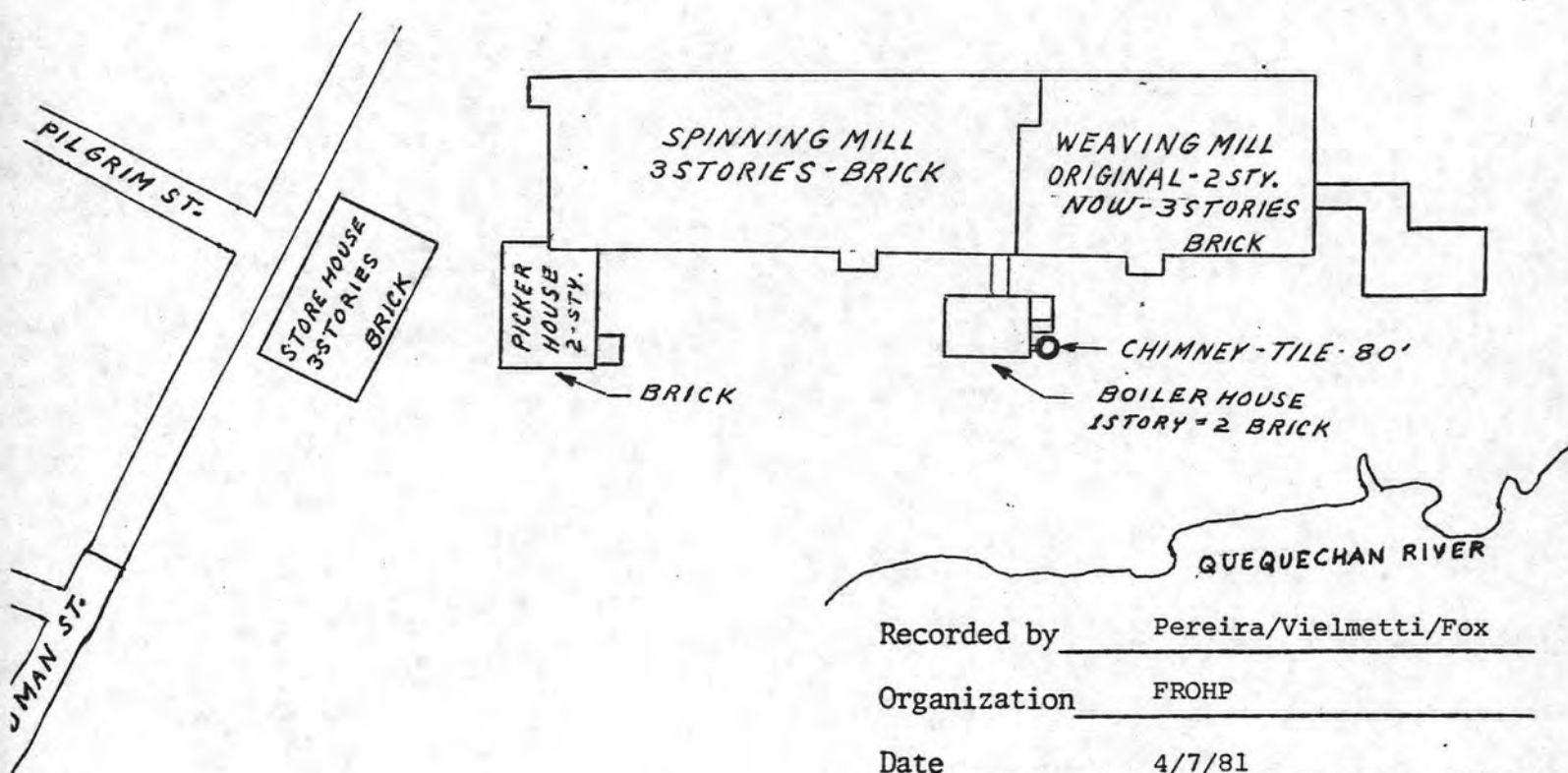
Town Fall River, Mass.

Name of area (if any) Pilgrim Mills

847 Pleasant Street

General date or period 1911

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 4/7/81

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

The Pilgrim Mill of 1911 is architecturally significant as one of the last mill complexes to be built in Fall River and as the city's best example of 20th century brick mill architecture. Located on the northern bank of the Quequechan, the plant includes a 3-story spinning mill with a low-pitched roof and wide proportions (315' X 132') following the "English Plan." The adjacent weave shed adds about 285 feet to the length for a total of nearly 600 feet, making the Pilgrim one of the longest mills in Fall River. The weave shed was raised from 2 to 3 stories in 1955 and is the only part of the complex which does not have its original wooden bracketed cornice. Having the weave shed directly attached and connecting to the spinning mill facilitated the flow of material and was a relatively unique arrangement among the city's mills. The other major buildings also date from 1911 and include the 2-story picker house (now an office), 3-story detached storehouse, a boiler house and pump house. The contractor for the complex was Beattie and Cornell. Because the Pilgrim complex was largely built within the same year and (CONTINUE

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

Incorporated in 1910, the Pilgrim Mills was among the six last major textile companies to be formed in Fall River. Capitalized at \$1,050,000, the company produced fine goods and the plant had a capacity of 53,568 spindles. A unique feature concerning the formation of the Pilgrim Mills was that it was financed and organized by the Draper Corporation (Hopedale, Mass.), manufacturers of the Northrop loom. The Pilgrim Mills was the first fine goods mill in Fall River to use a significant number of Northrop automatic looms (1,178), considered to be the latest technological advancement in textile machinery, whose use lowered production costs considerably. Officers in 1913 included Wm. C. Hayes, president, and Arthur C. Homer, secretary and treasurer. The Pilgrim closed in 1941 and in the 1950's became the Louis Hand curtain manufactory, a use which continues today.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Fall River, Mass.

Form No:

K-4-6/7

Property Name:

Pilgrim Mills

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continuation)

is all brick except for a rear storage shed, it has a cohesiveness which is reinforced by the use of segmental brick relieving arches and arched sash for all windows throughout the complex regardless of their overall size. Among the notable details are the slightly curved corners of the brick piers and the decorative iron brackets supported metal door hoods over several entrances. The complex also has what is probably the only tile mill chimney in the city. It remains virtually intact and is enhanced by some landscaping of the front parking lot.

As one of the last mill complexes to be built and as the city's best example of 20th century brick mill architecture, the Pilgrim Mills complex meets Criteria A and C of the National Register individually.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 1/5/83

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

61. Notre Dame School

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

62. Oak Grove Cemetery

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

63. Osborn Street School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

64. Picard, Israel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

65. Pilgrim Mills

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

66. Pine Street School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

67. Pocasset Firehouse #7

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

68. Prince Henry The Navigator
(statue)

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers* RS

Attest

69. Quequechan Club

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

70. Quequechan Valley Mills
Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 *Samuel Byers*

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Pilgrim 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
Entered 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. 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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ 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

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

HAND INC.



Fall River MRA. Me

Mills 1-2

Pilgrim Mills
Spinning Mill
&
Store House



Fall River MRA, Mo

Mills 1-3

Pilgrimage Mills.

Spinning Mill



Fall River MRA, Mo

Mills 1-4
Pilgrim Mills
Spinning Mill &
Boulder Howst
(Westside)



Fall River MRA, Ma

Mills 1-5

Pilgrim Mills

Spinning Mill &

Boiler House

(west side)



Fall River MRA, Ms

Mills 1-6
Pilgrim Mills
Spinning Mill
& Picker House



Fall River MRA, Ma

Mills 1-9
Pilgrim Mills
s/e corner of
Spinning Mill

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279