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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Valley Falls Mill, office, + Bath House see nom. 11.1. 74
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1363 Broad Street
CITY, TOWN Central Falls VICINITY OF #1 Rep. Fernand St. Germain
STATE Rhode Island 02863 CODE 44 COUNTY Providence CODE 007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Irwin Manekofsky
STREET & NUMBER Box 163
CITY, TOWN Central Falls VICINITY OF STATE Rhode Island

Blackstone Falls Associates
40 Belvidere, Bruner & Cott Inc.
543 a Green St.
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Central Falls City Hall
STREET & NUMBER 580 Broad Street
CITY, TOWN Central Falls STATE Rhode Island 02863

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Historic Preservation Report, P-CF-1 Central Falls, Rhode Island
DATE 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission
CITY, TOWN 150 Benefit Street Providence, Rhode Island

7 DESCRIPTION

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Valley Falls Mill occupies a long, narrow site parallel to the Blackstone River and east of Broad Street, in the Central Falls section of the village of Valley Falls. The village, divided by the Blackstone River, now lies partly in Central Falls and partly in Cumberland. A major fall of the Blackstone occurs at this point and has been used for power since the early nineteenth century. Just north of the falls is a bridge carrying Broad Street -- a major north-south state highway. The river has been bridged here since the early nineteenth century. The mill site includes three structures dating from the mid-nineteenth century -- a large brick mill, a smaller stone mill, and a small boiler house. In addition, much of the water power system remains, including a hewn-stone dam (1853), which provided fourteen feet of head (the difference in elevation between the water in reserve and the river's surface below the dam), the gate and its house, and portions of a once-extensive canal system. (See sketch map)

The Valley Falls Mill (1849) is a long, narrow, rectangular building, four stories tall with a rubble foundation and a hip roof (whose east end is in serious disrepair). To meet the requirements of fire resistance, the mill was constructed with load-bearing brick walls and heavy timber columns, 12" by 12", spaced about 8' apart and arranged in two rows about 12' apart on the second and third floors; on the first floor the columns are arranged in a single central row and are supplemented by two rows of iron posts. The fourth floor of the mill is designed without posts -- the roof is supported by king post trusses with diagonal struts and vertical tie rods. The floors of the mill are constructed of several layers; the bottom layer consists of heavy wood planks, 12" wide. The flooring is said to be about 6" thick and to consist of several layers of planking sandwiched between thin layers of cement, which may have been added later for additional fire protection.

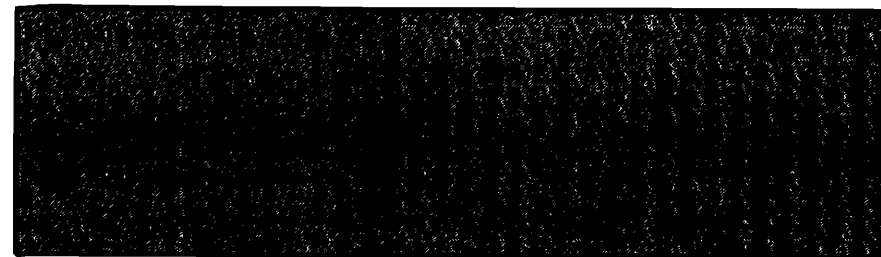
The mill is 156 feet by 44 feet, twenty bays long, with rectangular, double-hung, multi-paned windows (8/8 on the first and second stories, 12/8 on the third and fourth), and flush granite sills and lintels. The choice of brick for the mill's walls was an unusual one; in the 1840s and 50s, most Rhode Island textile mills were built of stone.

The mass of the building is interrupted at the center of its south elevation by a five-level, projecting, Italianate tower. The freight doors on the front of the tower are flanked by narrow, round-headed windows in the belfry (which once housed a bell cast in 1836 by George Howard of Boston), there is an oculus on each

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side and, above, a trio of roundheaded windows of graduated size. The tower is capped by a helm roof with wide eaves and a central finial. The original wind vane in the shape of a jagged arrow no longer exists.

Joined to the mill by a wooden passageway (now seriously deteriorated) is a smaller, three-story, gable-roofed rubble mill (1860s), with granite sills, lintels, and corner quoins, lying between the river and the east end of the main mill. Adjacent to this smaller mill (and connected to it and the main mill by wooden passageways) is a shed-roofed boiler house (1860s), also of rubble, with a brick stack on its west side. The boiler house at one time supplied steam for mills on the opposite side of the Blackstone, via a pipeline under the river.

The main power trench, whose walls are built of rubble, enters the mill site just below the Broad Street bridge and, as it passed the present mill, was originally divided into two branches, one flowing under the 1849 mill, the other under a later mill (which no longer stands) before rejoining the Blackstone. The second branch has been filled in. A gable-roofed, wood frame gatehouse is built over the trench adjacent to the bridge; it rests on a series of round stone arches and still contains the gate which regulated the flow of water into the trench.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1849, 1860s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Valley Falls Mill is a major industrial building, located on a key site in the tiny but heavily industrialized city of Central Falls. Its significance lies in its architectural quality, its history as an early and continuing element in the industrial life of Central Falls, its location on a major fall of the Blackstone River, and its presence as the most important remaining element of a large industrial complex built by the Chace family of Rhode Island.

Though not incorporated until 1895, the city of Central Falls is largely the product of mid-nineteenth century development. The most important factor in this development was the presence of the Blackstone River which makes up over one half of the city's boundary. As the river flows southward through Valley Falls Pond toward Narragansett Bay, it passes between steep banks and over two falls -- the Valley Falls and the middle (or central) falls, the source of the city's name. These waterfalls provided power for industry, and it was industrialization which sparked the development of two manufacturing villages -- Valley Falls and Central Falls -- in the first half of the nineteenth century, and which fired their rapid growth into a densely developed urban center later in the century.

The Wilkinson family, known in the late eighteenth century for their mechanical and inventive enterprise, were the first known to have used the water power of the Valley Falls. Oziel Wilkinson had operated a furnace in Smithfield, R. I., but in the 1780s he moved his family and business to Pawtucket where, with his five sons, he became the principal ironworker of the regions. Oziel was succeeded by his son David who, with his brothers Abraham and Isaac, acquired land on both sides of the Blackstone at Valley Falls in 1812. In the same year, the Valley Falls Turnpike (now Broad Street), built by Isaac Wilkinson, was opened, allowing for an easier flow of goods and materials from the area to its major markets. Their mill, built in 1823, was later dismantled.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.8 acres ^{mm-2} 2-14-78

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Plat 3, lots 37, 178A, 181, and that portion of lot 178-B formed by a line from High Street (68.80' from lot 37) running 108.5' at N 45° -37' -31" W to lot 181.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Pamela Kennedy, Historical Survey Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

DATE

July, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

150 Benefit Street

TELEPHONE

401-277-2678

CITY OR TOWN

Providence

STATE

Rhode Island

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Frederick C. Williamson

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE September 27, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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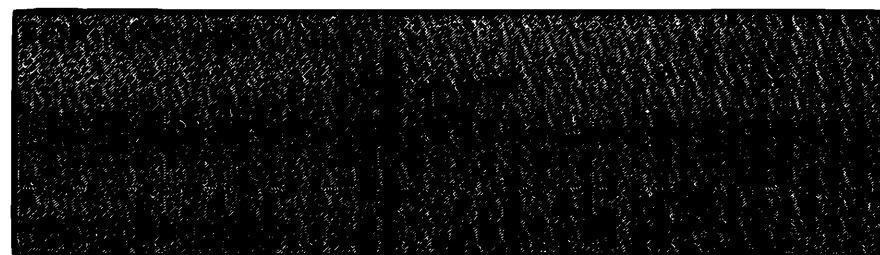
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Extensive development of the Valley Falls area, however, dates from the arrival of the Chace family, leading industrialists in the Blackstone Valley. Samuel B. and Harvey Chace, sons of Fall River mill owner Oliver Chace, built the present mill in 1849; in their choice of site, they were no doubt influenced not only by the availability of water power, but also by the completion the same year of the Providence & Worcester Railroad, which passes by the mill on its east side. The mill was designed for the manufacture of a variety of cotton products and was the site of the first use of the American-made, Sharp & Roberts, self-actor, mule spinning frames. The long-mules, installed on the top floor of the mill, were designed by James Brown of Pawtucket, a noted machinist. In 1853, the Chaces built a new stone dam and gatehouse at the Valley Falls. This new dam replaced two earlier wooden dams upstream.

In 1853, the Chaces incorporated as the Valley Falls Company; they later owned and operated mills on both sides of the Blackstone here and at Albion. Over the next five decades, several additional buildings were constructed near the mill, expanding it into a major mill complex. These included a stone picker house and two additional brick mills, each almost equal in size to the 1849 mill. Later owners added other small buildings and a complex similar in size grew up on the opposite side of the river as well.

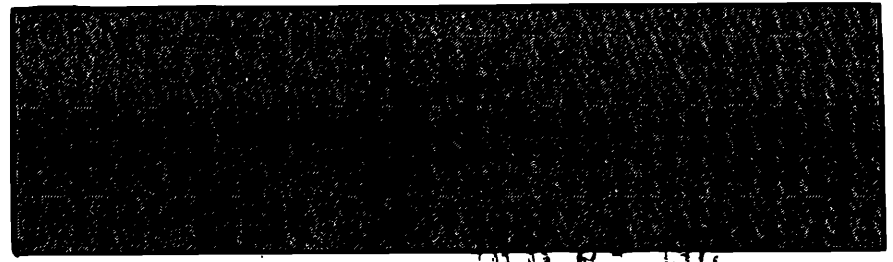
The expansion of the Chaces' mill was instrumental in the development of the village of Valley Falls which in the mid-nineteenth century grew up around their enterprise on both sides of the river. The company was the major employer in the village and one of the largest in Central Falls. In 1860, for example, when the average textile mill in Central Falls employed 106 workers, 280 were employed at the Valley Falls Mill (150 men and 130 women) and 800,000 pounds of raw cotton were consumed in the production of yarns and fabric. The presence of so large a mill led to a concentration of population (largely Irish in the 1850s and 1860s, later French Canadians), trade, and building activity in the vicinity.

The original village is today divided by a city boundary (so that half of it is in the city of Central Falls and half in the town of Cumberland) and it is now virtually indistinguishable from the rest of Central Falls, and little evidence of its origins as a

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Valley Falls Mill Complex ~~Amendment: Office and Bath House~~

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1359 & 1361-63 Broad St.
1359 and 1361 Broad Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Central Falls

VICINITY OF

#1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hon. Fernand O. St. Germain

STATE

Rhode Island

CODE

44

COUNTY

Providence

CODE

007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Irwin Manekofsky

STREET & NUMBER

Box 163

CITY, TOWN

Central Falls

VICINITY OF

STATE

Rhode Island

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Central Falls City Hall

STREET & NUMBER

580 Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Central Falls

STATE

Rhode Island 02863

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Central Falls Statewide Historical Preservation Report P-CF-1

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

CITY, TOWN

Providence

STATE

Rhode Island 02903

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Valley Falls Mill Complex Amendment includes two buildings which were formerly part of the mill complex: the office and the bath house. Both buildings are located on Broad Street on the opposite side of the head race from the main mill building. Due to their precipitous hillside location, both buildings are one story high on the street side and two stories on the mill side.

The Valley Falls Company office, built c. 1855, is a one-story Italianate structure of rubble construction with a stucco cover. The generously overhanging low gable roof, with exposed purlin ends, and the floors are original. The interior partitions, however, were removed in 1938 when the building ceased to function as the mill office. It is presently used to house the Imperial Textile Company.

The bath house, which housed steam baths used by both mill workers and the public, stands north of the office building. Steam for the baths was brought in by pipe under the power trench from the boiler house. The small brick and wood building, which dates from about 1870, has a steep hipped roof of polychrome slate and a small cupola containing the steam exhaust vent. According to the present owner of the building, Mr. Irwin Manekofsky, the baths were open for female mill workers two days a week, for male workers two days a week, and for the general public two days a week. The building is now occupied by Beau Monte Press.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

c. 1855, c. 1870

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The main office building and the bath house add new dimensions to the complex of Valley Falls Company buildings already entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

The buildings already nominated are the power system and the actual mills where the manufacturing processes took place. The mill office was the managerial center of the complex, from which all operations of the company were overseen. At the other end of the scale, the bath house provided a more humble, but still useful, service. Because of the adhesive nature of textile fibers, many textile mills provided bathing facilities for their workers.

Until 1977, when the property was divided and the mills were sold to Blackstone Falls Associates, the office and bath house had always been an integral part of the Valley Falls complex. In 1977, Blackstone Falls Associates requested an expedited nomination for their property alone. Blackstone Falls Associates are presently planning to acquire the office and bath house buildings, to repair and use them as part of their housing project conversion of the entire mill complex.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Interview with Mr. Irwin Manekofsky, September, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10,800 square feet

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C				D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on Plat 2, Lot 192, formerly part of Lot 178-B. Located on the corner of Broad and High Streets, backed by Lot 178-B, which has already been nominated to the Register.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sandy Norman

ORGANIZATION

Blackstone Falls Associates

c/o Gelardin/Bruner/Cott, Inc.

DATE

September, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

543a Green Street

TELEPHONE

617-661-0235

CITY OR TOWN

Cambridge, Massachusetts

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE x (as part of

LOCAL

complex)

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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October 23, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

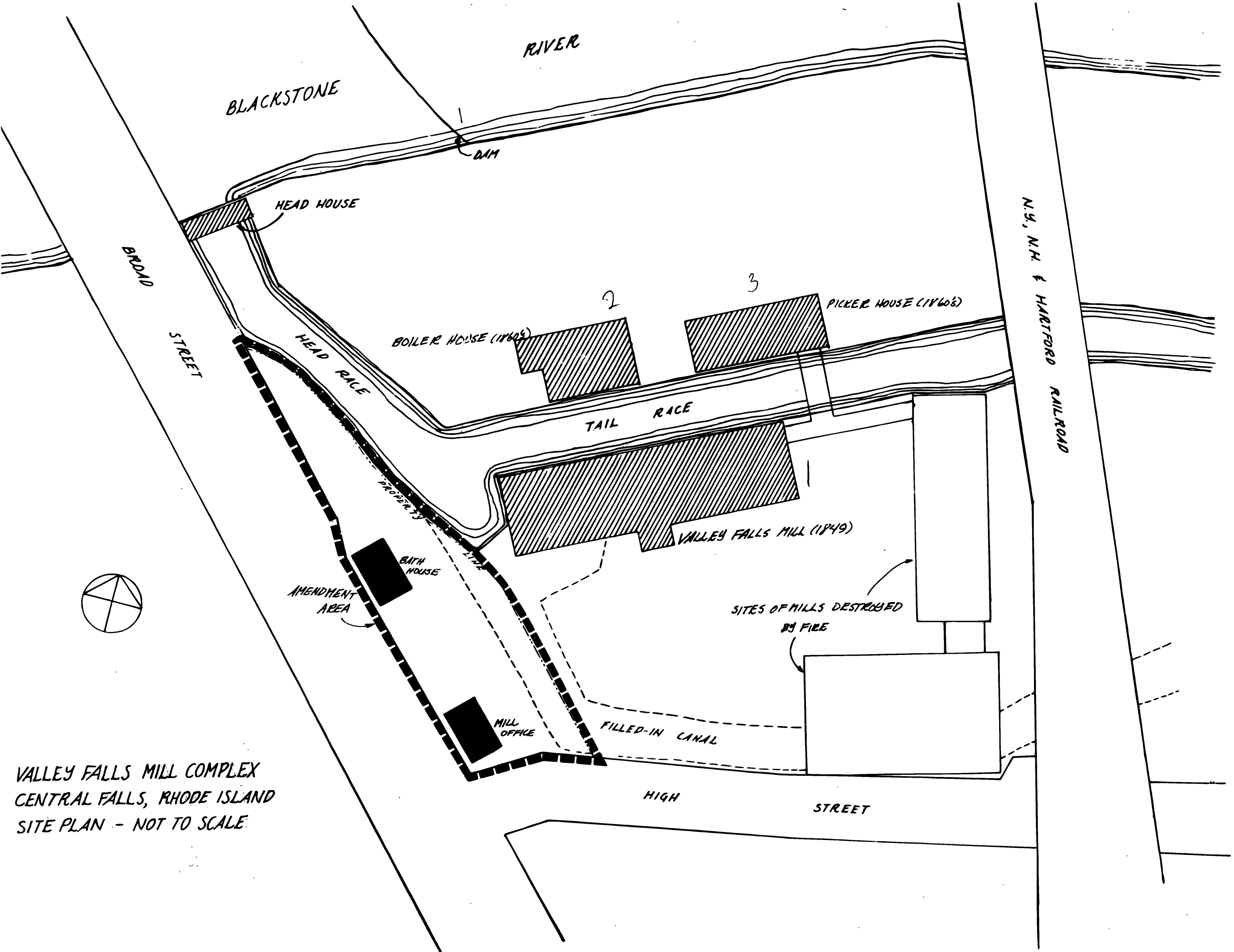
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



VALLEY FALLS MILL COMPLEX
 CENTRAL FALLS, RHODE ISLAND
 SITE PLAN - NOT TO SCALE

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virtually indistinguishable from the rest of Central Falls. Apart from its historic interest, the mill is an architectural landmark, its distinctive tower visible in much of the city.

7. Acreage: 2.8 acres
8. Plat 3, lots 37, 178a, 181, and that portion of lot 178B formed by a line from High Street (68.80' from lot 37) running 108.5' at 45 -37'3"W to lot 81.
9. UTM Reference: 19. 301830 4641080
10. Entered on the National Register, September 27, 1977.
1. Valley Falls Mill Complex Amendment: Office and Bath House
2. Location: 1359 and 1361 Broad Street, Central Falls, RI
3. Owner: Blackstone Falls Associates, 534a Green Street, Cambridge, MA
4. Description: This amendment includes two buildings constructed as part of the mill complex. The company office is a 1-story Italianate structure, of stone rubble with a stucco cover, low overhanging roof and exposed purlin ends. The bath house is a 1-story brick and wood building, with a steep hip roof and cupola.
5. Dates: c. 1855, c. 1870.
6. Significance: The company office, which served as the administrative center of the mill complex, and the bath house, which served both mill workers and the community, have been added to the nomination; together, they enhance the visual quality of the mills and historically they add a new dimension to the complex.
7. Acreage: less than one acre
8. Plat 2, lot 192, formerly part of lot 178B.
9. UTM Reference: 19. 301790 4641030