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| Area | Form no. |
| 56-A | 56-199 |

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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 Photo number _____

Roll 7 frames 9A-15A

Town Uxbridge

Address 60 Rivulet Street

Historic Name Rivulet Mill Complex
 (U, M, R, A)

Use: Original Textile Mill

Present Nelmor Co.

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

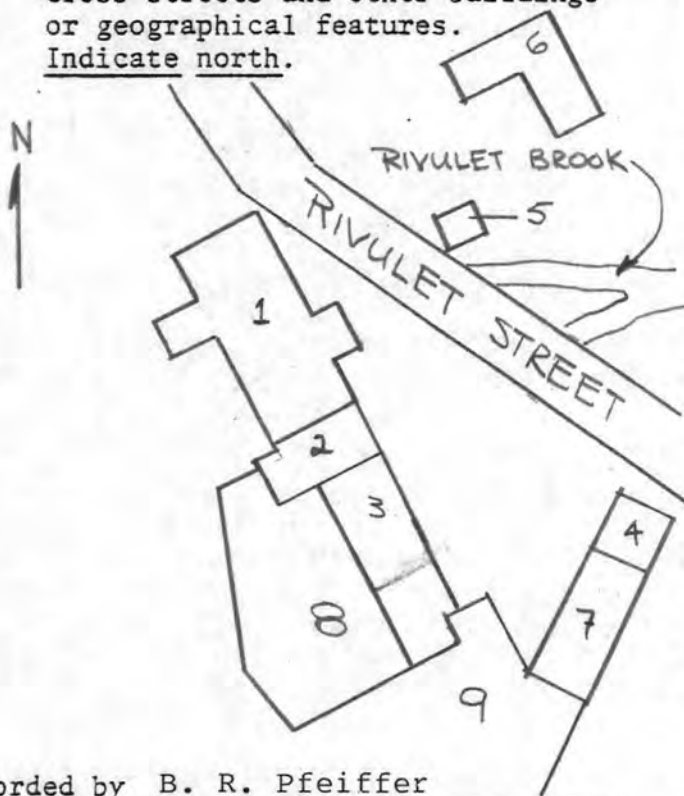
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Public _____

Original owner Southwick & Sayles

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1866 - mid 20th century

Source Insurance Atlases

Style varied utilitarian styles

Architect Unknown

mostly brick, clapboard
 Exterior wall fabric and concrete block

Outbuildings Former office and barn on east side of Rivulet Street

Major alterations (with dates) _____

See reverse for description of addition

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 9.56 (Office stands on lot 146A)

Setting residential area except for former pond and modern aluminum sheds west of mill.

Recorded by B. R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

Quadrangle: Uxbridge

UTM: A 19 281381 4662720

(Staple additional sheets here)

B 19 281250 4662540

C 19 281120 4662640

D 19 281250 4662750

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The Rivulet Mill consists of nine structures located on both sides of Rivulet Street. The major manufacturing buildings stand on the west side of the street and are dominated by the Main Building (#1 on map). Built in 1872, the Main Building (46' x 80') is of wood-frame construction set on a high foundation of brick and enclosed by a pitched roof. On the Main Building's east elevation is a square-plan stairtower which originally had an open tower, now removed; sash is mostly 12/12 although many windows are currently covered over with wooden screens (ca 1970-1980).

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Although first developed for textile manufacturing in 1814, the original Rivulet Mill went out of textile production after 1823 and was used for other purposes until converted to a shoddy mill by its new owners Richard Sayles and D. A. McBride in 1864. In 1866, Sayles & McBride enlarged the mill and added steam power to supplement the site's small water power. Between 1866 and 1868 Israel Southwick replaced McBride, and the partnership of Southwick & Sayles converted the mill to the manufacture of knitting yarn. In 1871 or 1873 the original mill burned to the ground and was replaced by the present Main Building which was equipped to manufacture cotton warps, although the mill was soon re-equipped and satinets were manufactured here. By 1879 Moses Taft had replaced Southwick and the newly formed firm of Sayles Taft & Co. was producing 30,000 yards of satinets monthly, employing 45 operatives.

After 1910, the property was sold by the Richard Sayles Woolen Co., to the Bridgeton Worsted Co. and subsequently to the Uxbridge Worsted Company in 1919. Re-incorporated in 1923 as the Uxbridge Worsted Company, Inc., this firm continued to own the mill at least as late as the mid 1950's.

The Rivulet Mill possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and is characteristic of the scale and design of local textile mills during the nineteenth century. In addition, the Mill and its site possess historical associations with numerous manufacturing ventures, beginning with the formation of the Rivulet Manufacturing Company in 1814. The Rivulet Mill meets criteria A, B and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Barlow & Bancroft Insurance Survey: No. 4175 Sayles & Taft Satinet Mill (June 16, 1876); supplements to July 1886.
- Worcester County Registry of Deeds: Plan Book 19, plan 11, Property of Richard Sayles Woolen Co., (Rivulet Village), Oct. 1910.
- Chapin 1881: 85 & 152
- Hurd 1888 I: 169 & 171
- Jewett 1879 II: 432-433
- Stone 1930 II: 1966

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Uxbridge

Form No:

56-199

Property Name: Rivulet Mill

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

South of the Main Building is the Boiler & Engine House (#2), a three-storey brick building built in 1866 when steam power was added to the original mill. The Boiler & Engine House was connected to the Main Building between 1910 and 1925. The former Dye House & Repair Shop (#3) is a 1-storey brick building with a low, sloping roof, built in 1866; it was originally connected to the Boiler & Engine House by a smoke stack, although a full connector was added ca 1910-1925. Standing near Rivulet Street is a former store house (#4), a 1½-storey brick structure built in 1886, and enlarged by a major 2-storey addition (#7) in the early twentieth century. Later additions to the mill include a 2-storey wood-frame storage building (#8), ca 1900-1910 and a concrete-block storage shed (#9), post-1950

On the east side of Rivulet Street is the former company office building (#5), a 1-storey frame structure of simple Italianate design, built in 1881. East of the office is an Italianate style barn and carriage shed, both of wood-frame construction, perhaps built in 1881 or moved here from some other part of the property in the 1880's.

Water-power for the mill was provided by Rivulet Pond, west of the mill which was dammed at a point behind the Boiler & Engine House. Water flowed to water wheels beneath the mill's north end and subsequently through a tailrace beneath Rivulet Street.

In its present condition, the Rivulet Mill retains good local examples of nineteenth-century industrial design in its simple Main Building (altered only cosmetically), Engine & Boiler House, Dye House & Repair Shop, 1886 Storehouse, Office and Barn.

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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| Community: UXBRIDGE | Form No: 56-199 |
| Property Name: Rivulet Mill | |

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

RIVULET MILL OWNERS LIST

OWNER

PROPERTY

Nelmor Co., Inc.
Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

60 Rivulet St.

John L. and Jeannette S. Stanovich
Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

Rivulet St.

Donna M. A. Linthicum
79 Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

79 Rivulet St.

Ernest P. and Doris E. Temple
48 North Main St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

99 Rivulet St.

George D. and Violet Stuart
94 Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

93 Rivulet St.

Leo and Marg Fitzpatrick
81 Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

81 Rivulet St.

Roland E. McClure
38 Hartford Ave.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

75-73 Rivulet St.

Howard M. and Madeleine R. Sears
94 Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

94 Rivulet St.

Michael S. Witek
74 Rivulet St.
North Uxbridge, MA 01538

74 Rivulet St.

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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 8/26/83
date entered _____

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 21. | Hayward, William, House | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 22. | Holbrook, Sylvanus, House | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 23. | Ironstone Mill Housing and Cellar Hole | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| ²²¹ 24. | Judson-Taft House | Substantive Review | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>accept Patrick Andrews 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 25. | Kensley, J., House | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
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| 26. | North Uxbridge School | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
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| 27. | Richardson, Dexter, House | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
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| 28. | Richardson, Joseph, House | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 29. | Rivulet Mill Complex | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 30. | Sayles, Richard, House | Entered in the National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melores Byers 10/7/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rivulet Mill Complex (Uxbridge MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

AUG 26 1983

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83

Action: ACCEPT 10/7/83

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

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| <p>Condition</p> <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <p><input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed</p> | <p>Check one</p> <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <p>Check one</p> <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
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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 _____

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: _____



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*
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Rivulet Mill
Section #5



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*
Form #56-199
Rivulet Mill
Sections #4, 7 & 9
(left to right)



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Mo*
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Section #1



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*
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Section #2



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Section #3



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

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Rivulet Mill

Section #6

Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Rivulet Mill
60 Rivulet Street
Map #56 Lots #146 & #199

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983

NORTH



PLAT 48

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299

CJ ✓

Dear Sir,

Please feel free to nominate our
house for the National Register of Historic Places.

It is George D. & Violet Stuart

93 Rivulet St.

No Upbridge, Ma. 01558

Re, 93 Rivulet St.

Rivulet Mill H. D.

RECEIVED

APR 29 1983

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Please send me a copy of the nomination
you have on file.

Thank you
Mrs. George Stuart

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