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Amoskeag Mfg. Co. Housing

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DESCRIPTION

District E occupies 1-1/4 acres on the west side of the Merrimack River. Its five buildings (#52-56) are single family residences built in 1882 on the west side of McGregor Street. Until the Coolidge Mill was built in 1909, the houses overlooked the river.

Two different house designs varying primarily in roof line were employed, alternating along the street. Each exhibits Stick Style influence evidenced in assymmetrical plans, clapboard and shingle wall surfaces, steep intersecting roofs with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters, and varied dormers and gables. Buildings #53 and 54 retain original clapboard and shingle cladding. Like other Amoskeag-built structures, the roofs were originally slate. One-story kitchen ells project from the rear with the typical Amoskeag curved iron bracket remaining above at least one of the entries. One-and-a-half story detached horse barns stand in the back corner of each lot. Interiors are simple, yet nicely finished with reeded door and window trim, angular wall openings, built-in cupboards and hardwood floors.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

District E possesses integrity of location, design, setting, feeling 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 gains significance as a unique example of single-family housing for overseers to be erected by the corporation.¹

The McGregor Street houses were the first residences to be built for overseers since the initial construction campaign of the late 1830-1840s. Unlike these earlier blocks, these houses were intended for single family occupancy and were not associated with a particular mill. In fact, at the time of their construction, there were no mills in operation on the west bank; Mill No. 11, the first mill to be built on this side since Amoskeag shifted operations to the east bank in the 1830s, was not completed until 1889. Yet, since neither it nor the Coolidge Mill, constructed a few yards farther north in 1909, had affiliated company housing; the McGregor Street residences remained the last company-initiated housing effort on the west bank.

The distinct suburban character of these houses reflects their distance from the industrial core; it is expressed in the use of wood for exterior walls and the linear siting along the street. Stylistically, they set the tone for later houses built by employees under the Amoskeag corporate welfare program which offered land and basic house plans to long-term workers at low cost.

¹A sixth house which stood at the northern end of the district was moved a short distance to Adelaine Street.

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OWNERS OF PROPERTY

<u>SKETCH MAP #</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER & ADDRESS</u>	<u>ASSESSORS' MAP #</u>	<u>LOT #</u>
52	322 McGregor Street	Celia A. Frost 322 McGregor Street Manchester, NH 03102	177	16
53	306 McGregor Street	Jean G. & Mastine Goulet 306 McGregor Street Manchester, NH 03102	177	17
54	290 McGregor Street	Raymond M. & Theresa Manseau, 146 Myrtle Street, Manchester, NH 03104	177	18
55	274 McGregor Street	George H. & Doris C. Lawrence, 395 Lowell Street, Manchester, NH 03104	177	19
56	258 McGregor Street	Lydia F., Yvonne M., Arnold L. Bellows, 258 McGregor Street, Manchester, NH 03102	177	20

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage: 1-1/4 acres

Quadrangle name: Manchester South, New Hampshire

Scale: 1:24000

UTM:	ZONE	NORTHING	EASTING	ZONE	NORTHING	EASTING
	A 19	47-62-910	2-98-360	C 19	47-63-015	2-98-260
	B 19	47-62-890	2-98-330	D 19	47-63-040	2-98-290

Verbal boundary description and justification:

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

Beginning at the northeast corner of the district at the southwest intersection of McGregor Street and the northeast corner of the lob of Building #52, the boundary proceeds southeast along the west side of

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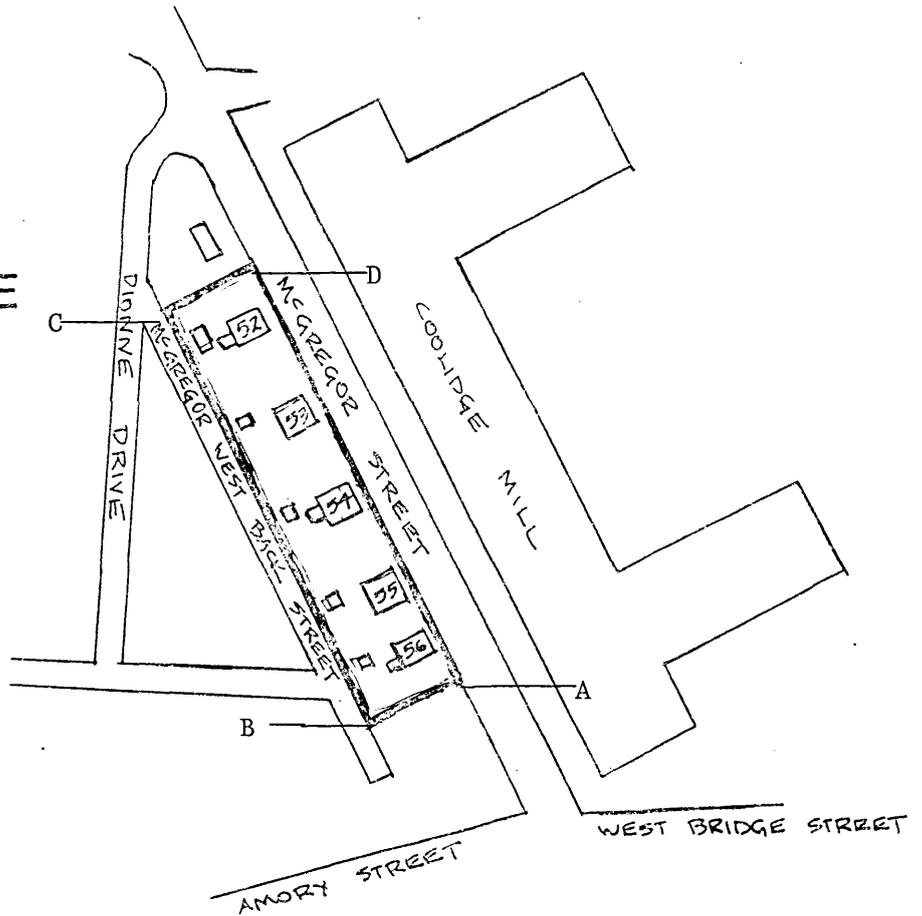
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McGregor Street to the southeast corner of the lot of Building #56, continues southwest along the south lot line of #56 to McGregor West Back Street, continues northwest following rear lot lines of Buildings #56,55,54, 53 and 52 to the northwest corner of the lot of #52, turns northeast along the north lot line of #52 to the starting point.

Boundaries were selected to include the entire lots of the five remaining overseers' houses on McGregor Street.

DISTRICT E



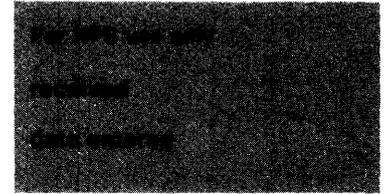
Adapted from Planning Dept. map
1975, revised 1982
1" = 200'



Points A-D identify UTM reference points.

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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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| 1. | District A | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Francis [Signature] 11/14/84</u> |
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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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