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NATIONAL REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

62

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham

Address 380-410 River Street

Historic Name Boston Manufacturing Company

Housing

Use: Present residential

Original same

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date c1881-1886

Source maps/atlasses

Style late Italianate vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric permastone/vinyl

Outbuildings none

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

artificial siding c1970s

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 28,280 sq.ft. ^{0.7A.} 60-32-7,8,9

Setting set amidst poorly preserved 19th

century workers' housing on River

Street--faces Charles River to rear

UTM REFERENCE 19/316240/4693470

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Ed Gordon

Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date June, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The rowhousing at 380-410 River Street possesses integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a clearly recognizable and uncommon form of workers' housing developed by the Boston Manufacturing Company during the 19th century. Despite its artificial siding it reinforces River Street's 19th century character as the corridor between the main BMC mills and the bleachery that was lined with a variety of workers' housing. It is an outstanding component of Waltham's remarkable collection of workers' housing which has been identified by MHC as one of the most comprehensive in the Boston area. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The rowhousing at 380-410 River Street is composed of two contiguous sections, distinguished by a slight change in roofline and different artificial siding. The western end is clad with permastone and the eastern end is clad with vinyl clapboards. Otherwise, most details remain intact. The block rises two stories from a full basement to a gable roof. The block is divided into four bay segments with paired entries and paired stove chimneys. At the western end the entries are surmounted by bracketed hoods, while the eastern end displays open porches with turned posts. Windows contain 2/2 wood sash.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The rowhousing at 380-410 River Street was erected by the Boston Manufacturing Company for workers during the expansion period of the 1880s. The BMC began developing workers' housing in the River Street area, which connected the main mills with the bleachery, in the 1820s. Much of this housing remains, but little in recognizable form. The uncommon rowhouse form of this block and its reasonably good state of preservation (except for artificial siding) make it particularly important. It is a direct descendant of the Long Block which stood on the south side of the Waltham Common from 1816 until its demolition in the late 1880s. Another similar block dating from 1889 stands at 2-24 Lawton Place (Area L). All of these blocks were of wood-frame construction; unlike Lowell, masonry BMC workers' housing was non-existent until the early 1870s (see form #55). Both of the surviving blocks are conservative in plan and detail, displaying Federal derived lunette windows in the gable ends, and bracketed Italianate entries.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases- 1874, 1881, 1886, 1898, 1900
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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>151</u> <u>9/28/89</u>
1. American Waltham Watch Company Entered in the Historic District National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
2. American Watch Tool Company Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
3. Andrews, Joseph, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
4. Baker, Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
5. Baker, Charles, Property Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
6. Banks, E. Sybill, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
7. Barnes, Thomas, House <u>Substantive Review</u> <u>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</u>	Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Sarge</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
8. Beard, Josiah, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
9. Beth Eden Baptist Church <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Beth Sarge</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
10. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing (380--410 River St.) Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Alvius Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Boston Manufacturing Company Housing
NAME: 380 - 410 RIVER ST.

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001534

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/28/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



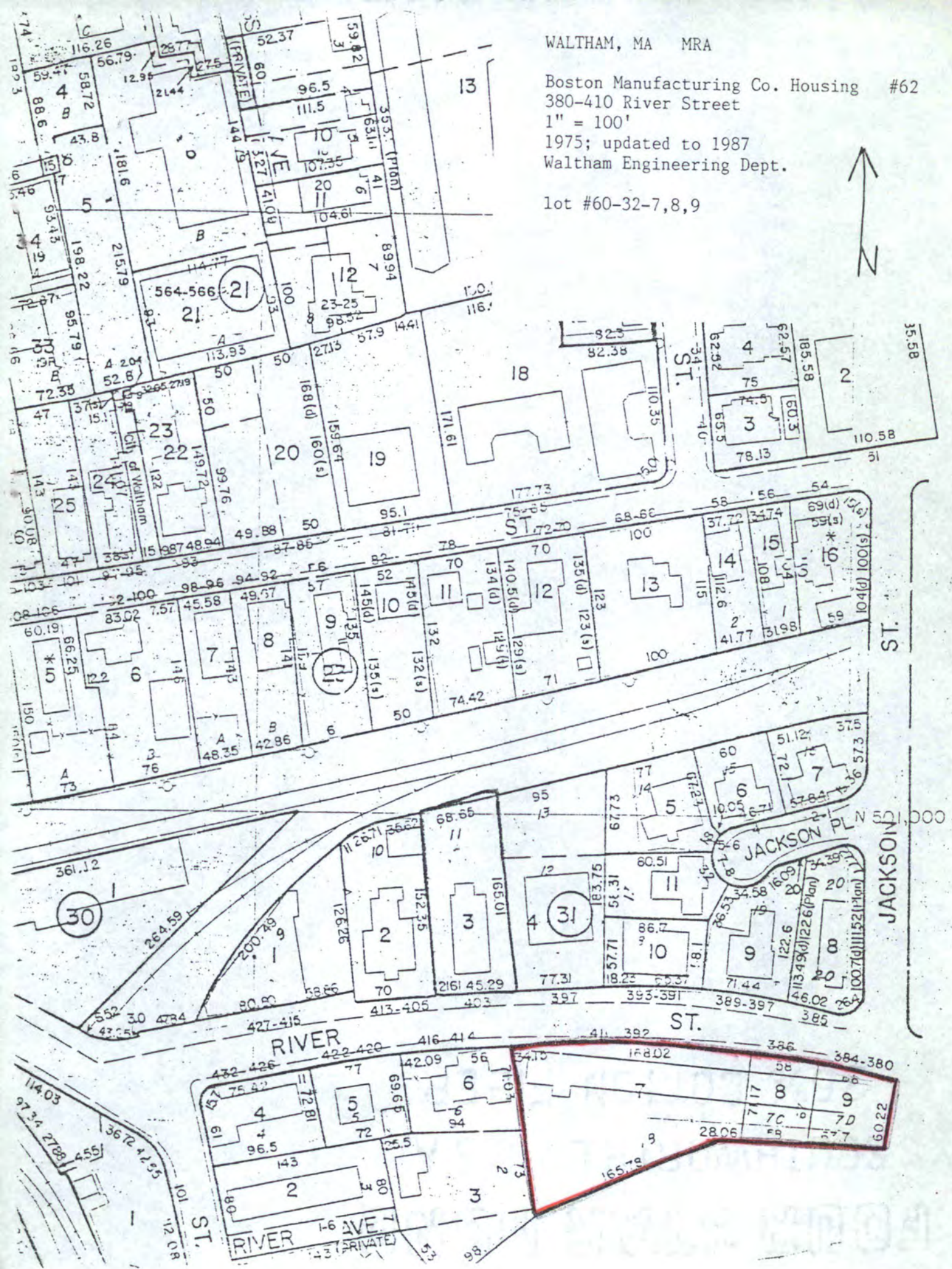
BMC Housing
380-410 River Street
Waltham, MA MRA

Boston Manufacturing Company Housing
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WALTHAM, MA MRA

Boston Manufacturing Co. Housing #62
380-410 River Street
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #60-32-7,8,9



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301