

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name Lehoullier, Business

historic GREAT FALLS MANUFACTURING CO., ^{Company} TENEMENT; RUFUS JANVRIN BUILDING

and/or common LEHOULLIER BUILDING; REYS SANDWICH SHOP

2. Location

street & number 161 - 169 Main Street not for publication

city, town Somersworth vicinity of congressional district First

state New Hampshire code 33 county Strafford code 017

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Somersworth Housing Authority

street & number 42 Bartlett Avenue

city, town Somersworth vicinity of state New Hampshire 03878

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Strafford County Registry of Deeds
Strafford County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Dover state New Hampshire 03820

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Original Appearance: The Great Falls Manufacturing Tenement Building is a symmetrical, two-story, brick building that exhibits detailing characteristic of the Greek Revival period. Exterior detailing includes: splayed lintels, echinus moulding, projecting eaves and a classical pediment on the north end (not duplicated on the south end, which was originally concealed by an adjacent building.) Dimensions are approximately 85' x 45', nine bays long and three bays wide. The foundation is concealed by brick on the Main Street facade. Main Street entryways to the tenements were on the first floor, approximately 12' above street level. A single wooden porch provided access to the three tenements, but its actual appearance is not known. Rear access was obtained from street level. Each tenement was serviced by two large chimneys. The chimneys serving the middle tenement are located on the south partition; thus the spacing of the chimneys along the roof is not symmetrical. Although it is possible that the building may have originally been used for dormitory housing, records suggest that it was specifically designed and used as a three-family tenement. Commercial uses were probably introduced in the basement level sometime during the 1880's.

Present Condition and Appearance: The original exterior appearance and interior floor plan of the property survived basically in tact until the mid 1950's, when the tenements were converted into six apartments. Several alterations were made during the remodeling:

1. Access to the building was moved to the rear. A two-story wooden porch and stairway was erected to provide entry to upper floor apartments, where window openings have been enlarged and converted to doorways.
2. The front porch was removed and the original front doorways were bricked up (visible in photographs) eliminating access from Main Street.
3. A small wooden addition was constructed facing Main Street, to function as a foyer for a commercial establishment.
4. The brick exterior was covered with gray paint and the brick chimneys were sealed in casings made of cement-like material.
5. The existing 2-over-2 window sash are relatively new replacements. Original sash appeared to be 6-over-6.

The alterations described above have brought about a major visual transformation of the property. Fortunately, they represent relatively minor structural modifications which can, with the possible exception of paint removal, be undone. Although the building is abandoned and vandalized, it remains structurally sound, in fair to good condition.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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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 c. 1843-1850 **Builder/Architect** Thomas B. Parks & Job Harris, S. Berwick, ME.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Commerce/Industry: This building is a fine example of the vernacular style of architecture commonly associated with the developmental stages of the New England textile industry, designed as a solution to the problem of attracting and housing labor. Originally one of a row of several brick tenements lining the westerly side of Main Street, it is one of only two which remain today, having survived a history of disastrous fires and urban renewal. Other than the mills themselves, these brick tenements are among the few remaining obvious examples of the overwhelming influence of the Great Falls Manufacturing Company on the development of Somersworth. This property is also one of only a handful of surviving original buildings along Main Street, reflecting a period of rapid development during the 1840's and 1850's.

History: The site on which the property is located was granted by the Great Falls Manufacturing Company to the partnership of Thomas B. Parks and Job Harris of South Berwick, Maine, in February of 1843. The building was constructed soon afterward and was owned by Parks and Harris for nearly 20 years. The property was acquired by Rufus Janvrin, one of the city's wealthiest landowners at that time, in 1864. Changing hands many times afterward, commercial uses were introduced in the basement level of the property sometime prior to 1891.

Architectural: The Great Falls Manufacturing Company Tenement Building is representative of multi-family housing in the Greek Revival period. The modest use of Greek Revival detailing visible on exterior features clearly suggest the use of classical models. Thus, the building survives as a significant example of mid-nineteenth century architectural style in New Hampshire mill housing.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Deed Research: Strafford County Registry of Deeds.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 6,500 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Somersworth Tax Records: Map 10, Lot 5.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Strafford Regional Planning Commission date December 12, 1978

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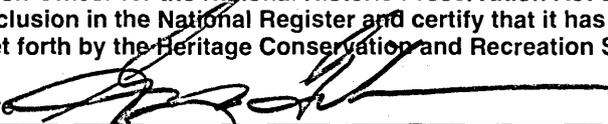
city or town Dover, state New Hampshire 03820

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

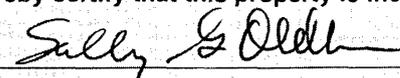
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

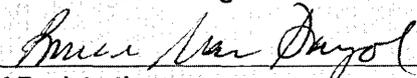
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Commissioner, Dept. Resources & Economic Development
 title NH State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-6-79

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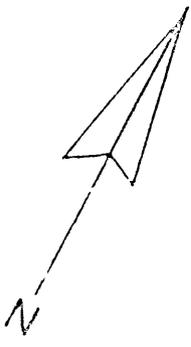
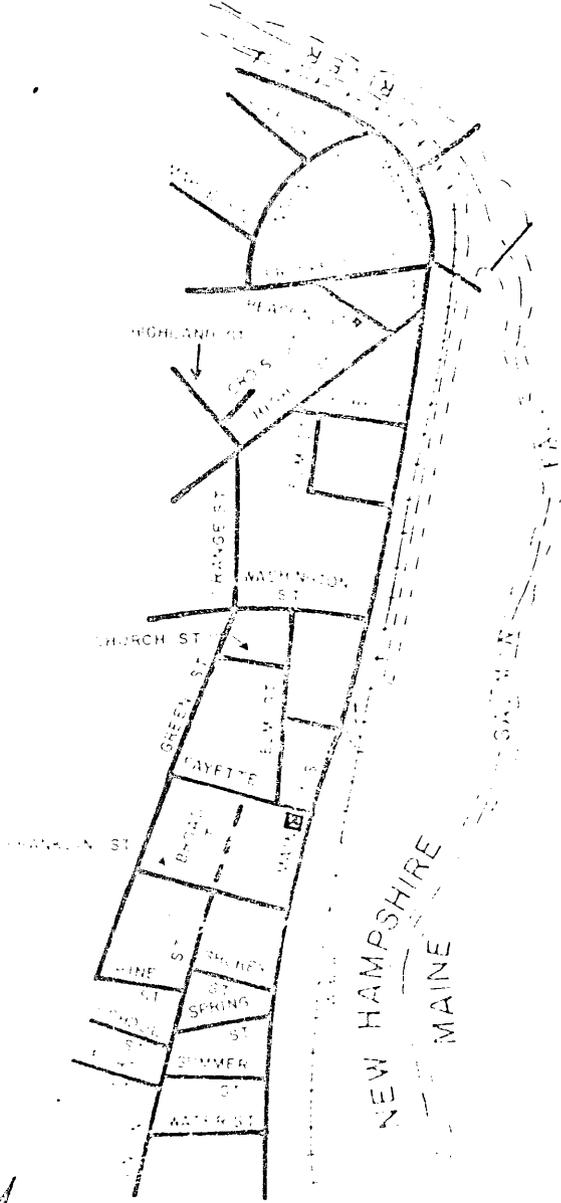
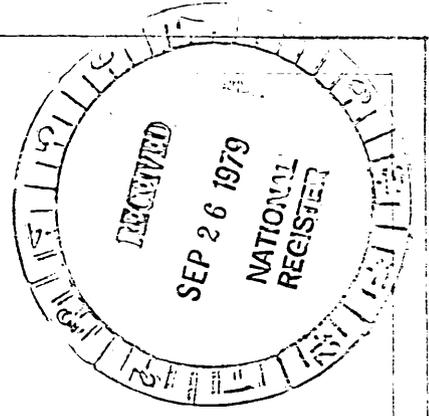
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 date 12/26/79
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest:  date 12/2/79

Chief of Registration

SOMERSWORTH, N.H.



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