

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
J-23-1	520

Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form

Photo number Mills 2-24/26

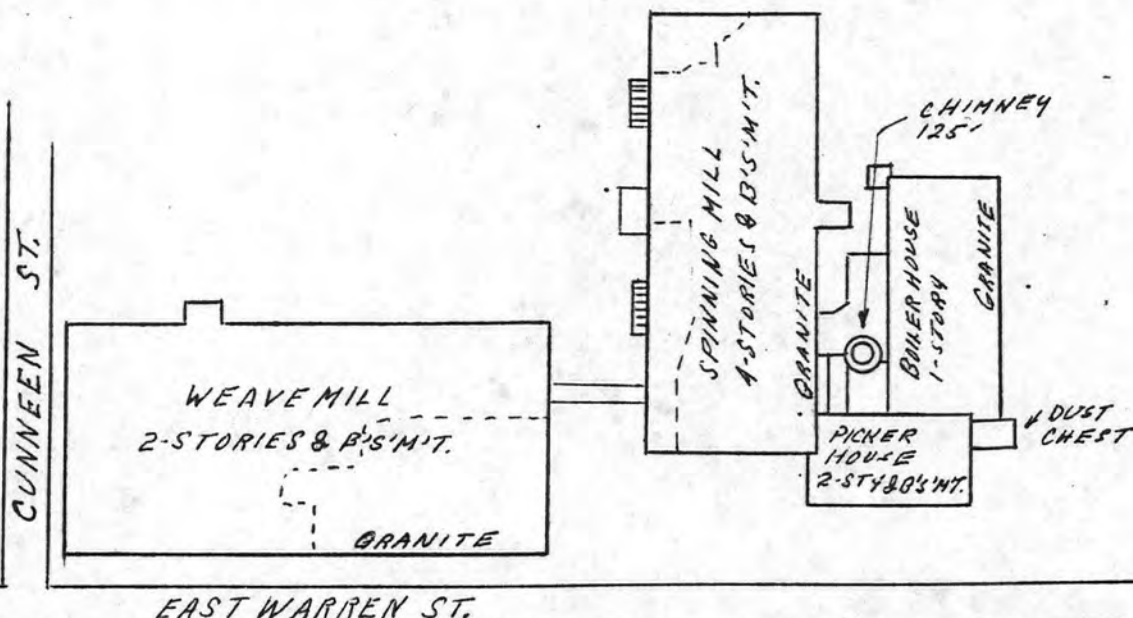
Town Fall River, Mass.

Name of area (if any) Seaconnet Mills

East Warren Street

General date or period 1884-1894

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)



Recorded by Pereira/Vielmetti/Fox

Organization FROHP

Date 4/10/81

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

The 1884 Seaconnet Mills is a good example of the solidly-constructed utilitarian granite mill architecture of the 1880's and is notable for its isolated site, unity of style and materials and generally intact quality. It is located on the east side of the Quequechan River as it nears South Watuppa Pond and is surrounded by open land now encircled by major highways. The main mill stands four stories above the basement and is of the wide "English" type, measuring 272' X 93'. The low-pitched roof, 20/20 sash and wide bracketed cornice are typical of the period. The principal structures of the original complex remain in place and include the boiler house, chimney, dynamo, cloth room and picker house. The large 2-story (plus basement) granite weave shed was added in 1894. It measures 143' X 300' and has a slightly pitched roof with center skylights, T-cross sash, and wall buttressing along the south side. The weave shed was used only for weaving and the main mill then handled spooling, ring spinning, carding and drawing.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

The Seaconnet Mills was one of nine Fall River textile manufacturing companies established during the 1880's. The company was incorporated in 1884 with a capital of \$400,000, which was ultimately increased to \$1,200,000. The original president was Henry C. Lincoln and the first treasurer was Edward A. Chase. Lincoln was associated with E. C. Kilburn in the important Fall River machinery firm of Kilburn, Lincoln and Co. and was co-owner of the Laurel Lake Mills. The name "Seaconnet" means "At the Sea Opening" and is the Indian name for Little Compton, R. I. The original 1884 mill had a capacity of 34,560 spindles for the production of print cloth. This mill was one of the first in the city to be lit by electricity rather than gas. The addition of the large weave shed in 1894 allowed the company to increase its capacity to some 68,389 spindles by 1920. The property was taken over about 1930 by the Howard-Arthur Co. and was operated through the 1950's as the Howard-Arthur Mills. It is presently used for light industry.

The Seaconnet Mills complex remains a good, intact example of the utilitarian Fall River granite mill architecture of the 1880s; it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register individually.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Phillips' History of Fall River, p. 130
- Barlow Insurance Plans, 1887 and 1895
- 1920 Corporate Millyard Plans
- American Wool and Cotton Reporter Handbook, 1920
- 1885 Fall River City Directory
- Building Department Permit #388

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 1/5/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 8 of 10

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Read, Nathan, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce H. Day

Attest

72. Ruggles Park

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

73. Sagamore Mill No. 2

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

74. Sagamore Mills #1 and #3

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75. Sanford Spinning Co.

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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76. Santo Christo Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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77. Seaconnet Mills

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78. Smith, John Mace, House

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National Register

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79. St. Anne's Church and Parish
Complex

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National Register

for Keeper

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80. St. Joseph's Church

Entered in the
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for Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Seaconnet Mills (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/16/83

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: 4

- ☐ 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

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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 _____

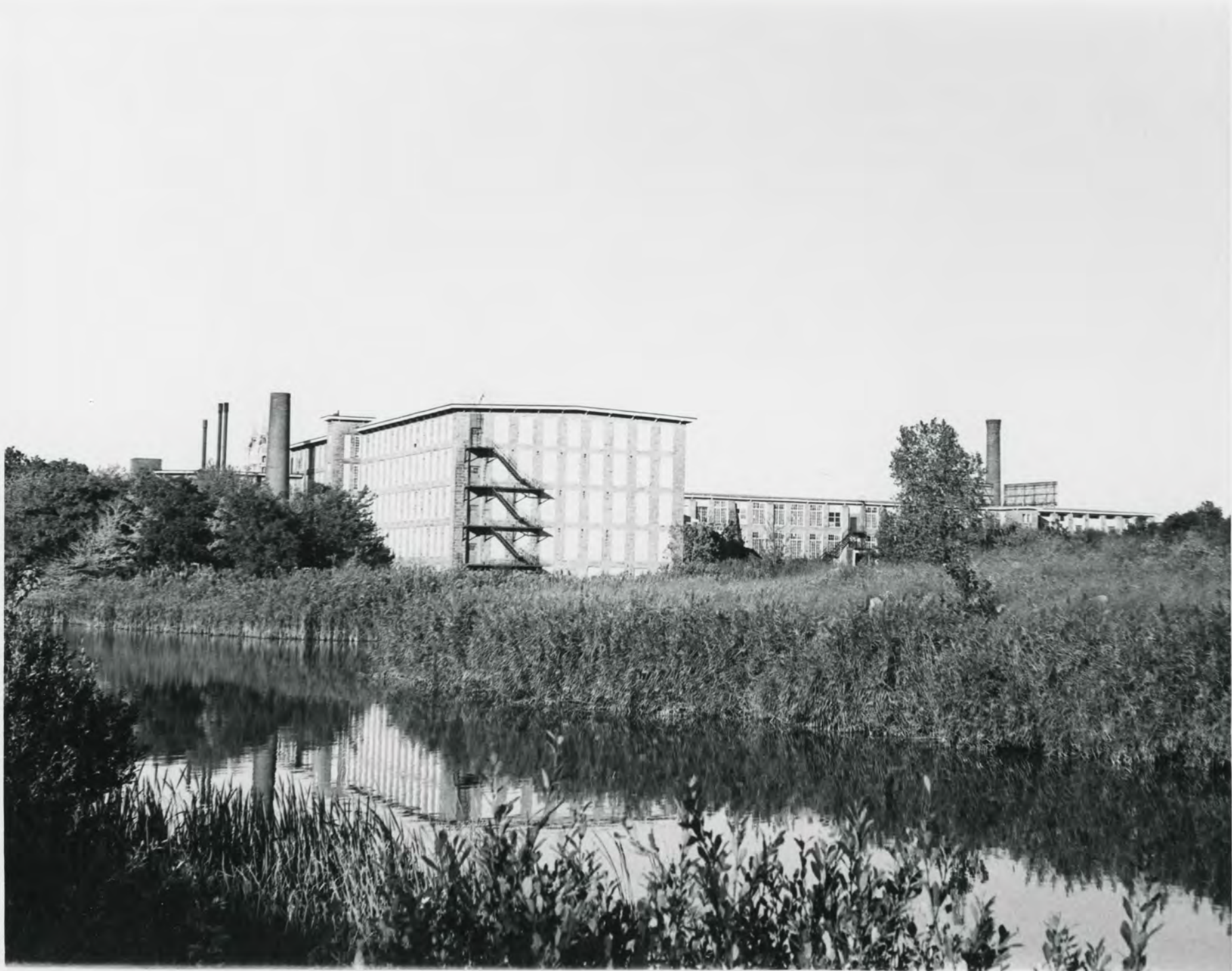
13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NAME: Seaconnet Mills

LOCATION: East Warren Street
Fall River, ^{MA} Mass.

PHOTO CREDIT: Pamela Shields (1981)

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic
Preservation
One Government Center
Fall River, Mass. 02722
(PSNR 13-9)

IDENTIFICATION: Seaconnet Mills, Rear View
Photo # 1 of 2 looking northeast across
Quequechan River with Notre
Dame Towers in background



Fall River MRA, Ma

Mills 2-24a
Seaconnet Mills
s/view, spinning
& weaving mill.



Fall River NRA, Ma.

Mills 2-26

Seaconnet Mills

Avon Spinning Mill

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279