

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

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received APR 28 1982

date entered

June 2, 1982

1. Name

historic ~~The~~ Old Mill Site Historic District

and/or common Shattuck Gun Shop, Porter-McLeod Machine Shop, Prospect Street Bridge, Gristmill

2. Location

street & number 48 and 50 Prospect Street **N/A** not for publication

city, town Hatfield **N/A** vicinity of congressional district First

state Massachusetts code 025 county Hampshire code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mill River Development Co.

street & number 50 Prospect Street

city, town Hatfield **N/A** vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hampshire County Register of Deeds

street & number 33 King Street

city, town Northampton state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

National Architecture and Engineering Record, Hatfield Historical Society Inventory, title (in progress) Form B, #14 and Form F, #75 Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date January 6, 1979, February 2, 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Hatfield Historical Society, Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Hatfield state Massachusetts

7. Description

The Old Mill Site, 48 & 52 Prospect St., Hatfield

Condition

excellent bldgs. deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair bridge unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hatfield mill site, which comprises three mill buildings on both sides of the Mill River dam and a Warren pony truss bridge just over the falls, is an intact site which accurately depicts 19th century rural industrial life.

The Shattuck Gun Shop is a wood frame, post and beam mill building with slate roof and clapboard siding which was constructed on the north side of the Mill River in 1881. The three-story building is 17 bays long by 6 bays wide and measures approximately 30 feet by 100 feet. It is situated perpendicular to the course of the river. The fenestration consists of single, double-hung windows with 6/6 sash located in each bay on all three floors. The foundation is comprised of mixed granite and sandstone, with part of the building resting on existing bedrock. Part of the foundation is submerged in the river to accommodate a penstock and turbine located in the lower level. The roof is supported by wooden trusses with the top truss carrying a series of tie rods that support the floors and allow for clear spans throughout the building. The center of the pitched roof is surmounted by a square cupola capped with a pagoda-shaped roof. A tall chimney protrudes from the roof on the east side of the building. The entire structure is in excellent condition.

The Porter-McLeod Machine Shop is one-story, post and beam industrial mill building located on the south side of the Mill River. The exterior walls, which are painted light green, are masonry, with some wood siding. The building measures approximately 45 feet by 275 feet and rests on a concrete slab foundation. Wood trusses stand eight feet in center, with each bay containing a large, double-hung window with 12/12 sash. The north-west elevation exhibits a continuous wall of windows interrupted only by a large, double wooden door between the pitched roof section and the flat roofed section.

As in the Shattuck Shop, the attic floor is supported by a series of tie rods which allow for clear spans throughout most of the building. The pitched roof is of slate and the flat roof is of asphalt. The pitched roof surface is punctuated by 6 rectangular skylights which are nearly flush with the roof surface. The Porter-McLeod Machine Shop was constructed in 1886 and was added to early in the 20th century. The additions were built in post and beam construction using the same materials as the original building. These additions are flat roofed extensions side and rear of the original building. The entire complex is in excellent condition.

A small, two-story, post and beam gabled roof building is located next to the Porter-McLeod Shop on the south side of the river. The building measures approximately 25 feet by 40 feet and rests on a red sandstone foundation which encloses an instream turbine installed circa 1915. The exterior walls are sheathed with clapboards painted light green. The fenestration consists of small double-hung windows with 2/2 and 1/1 sash. A garage door, on the south side, provides access to this building.

The Prospect Street Bridge, which spans the river 100 feet upstream from the mill buildings and dam, is a rivetted Warren pony truss bridge resting on a masonry foundation which was constructed in 1891. The decking and some structural members need to be replaced and the center pier needs to be pointed up. The bridge has been closed to all traffic but recent engineering reports indicate that the bridge is suitable for pedestrian use. The bridge has been inventoried by the National Architecture and Engineering Record and has been described as one of the earliest pony truss bridges identified by that agency.

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1881, 1891 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Mill site in Hatfield possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, and is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our industrial history and embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type of mill construction. The Old Mill site in Hatfield therefore meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Old Mill site in Hatfield was first used for industrial purposes in the seventeenth century. A settler named Thomas Meekins was voted all rights to a waterfall and 20 acres of swampland in 1661 in return for his services as a miller to the town of Hadley which included Hatfield until its establishment as a separate town in 1670.

The natural water power of the site induced Meekins to build a gristmill and, in 1669, an adjacent sawmill on the north side of the waterfall.

In the mid-1800's, Harvey Moore bought the Old Mill site and built two new mills. A gristmill was built on the south side of the falls and a sawmill was erected across the river. After 1865 the mill site became a center for local industrial employment. The mills were purchased from Moore by Henry Porter and the Fitch brothers and became the Crescent Pistol Company. Subsequent to this, the shop was renamed the Prescott Pistol Shop and finally it became the Shattuck Gun Shop after Major Charles Spencer Shattuck. He operated the shop for 35 years. The existing shop was built in 1881 to replace Shattuck's mill which was destroyed by fire.

The existing machine shop on the south site of the river was built by Henry Porter in 1886. In 1891 the Prospect Street Bridge was built to connect the two sides of the river and allow easy access and transport of materials and people at this manufacturing center of Hatfield. The site employed a large number of Hatfield men at a time when many other agricultural communities were languishing because of the lack of an active commercial/industrial base.

In the early 20th century, as the character of manufacturing facilities changed, water turbines were installed on both sides of the river. In 1917, the Rodney Hunt Company installed a 35 horsepower turbine in the Shattuck Shop. Around this same time, another instream turbine was installed in the small mill building beside the dam on the Porter side of the river. Both turbines and all civil work related to the development of water power are still in place today. The turbine on the Shattuck side was operating and in use as recently as 1965.

Throughout the early part of this century, water power was used to manufacture a full line of engine lathes and grinding machines in the Porter-McLeod building. The gun shop during this time, gave way to a manufacturing facility for automotive spark plugs. In 1932 the Shattuck shop was purchased by Daniel Riley who once again converted the use of the building to a corn mill. The gristmill was operated by Riley from 1932 until 1965, at which time the building was sold and used as a shop to restore old buggies and sell antiques.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Wells, Daniel White and Reuben Field Wells, A History of Hatfield, Massachusetts.
 F.C.H. Gibbons, Springfield, Mass., 1910
 John P. McLeod Interview, January 1980, Hatfield, Mass.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.19 acres
 Quadrangle name Mt. Holyoke Quadrangle scale 1: 25,000

UMT References

A	<u>18</u>	<u>697870</u>	<u>4693560</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification (See attached)

Please see continuation sheet and attached site map.

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

state	<u>MA</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director with Mill River Development Group
 organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date March, 1981
 street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617-727-8470
 city or town Boston state Massachusetts

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 Peter H. Wesbrocki
 Executive Director
 title Massachusetts Historical Commission date 4/21/82

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 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
William H. Branan date 6.2.82
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Patrick Andrus date 6/1/82
 Chief of Registration

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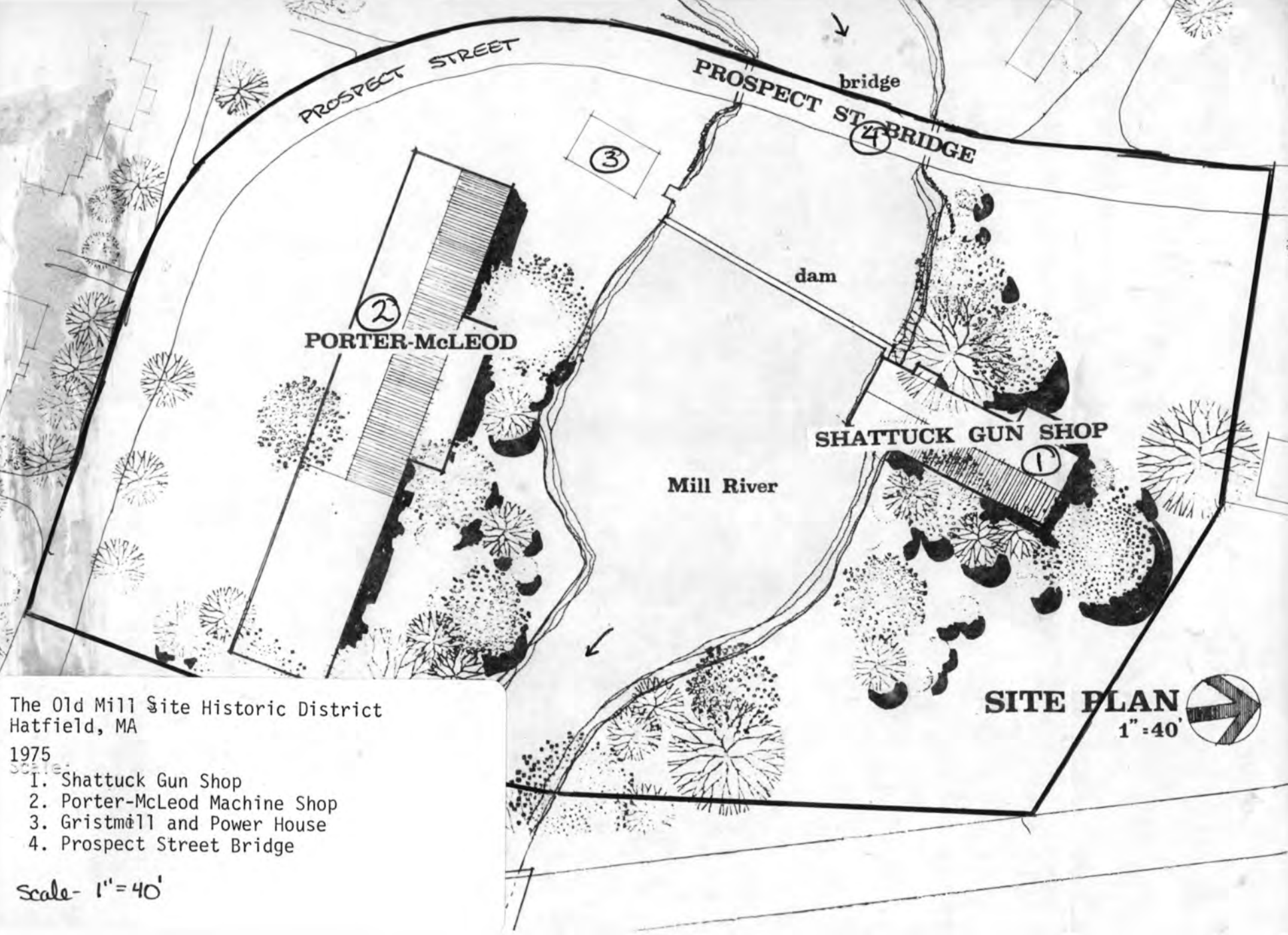
Continuation sheet

Item number 10

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Verbal Boundary

The northern boundary of the district is the back property line ^{building} #1. The western boundary is the west side of Prospect Street, continuing in a southerly direction so as to include the Prospect Street Bridge. The same side of Prospect Street becomes the southern boundary of the district as the street curves eastward. The eastern boundary of the district is the eastern property line of #2, crossing the Mill River and meeting the eastern property line of #1.



PROSPECT STREET

bridge
PROSPECT ST. BRIDGE

②
PORTER-McLEOD

dam

SHATTUCK GUN SHOP

Mill River

SITE PLAN
1" = 40'



The Old Mill Site Historic District
Hatfield, MA
1975
1. Shattuck Gun Shop
2. Porter-McLeod Machine Shop
3. Gristmill and Power House
4. Prospect Street Bridge

Scale- 1" = 40'

0 x 10

PROSPECT STREET

dam

SHATTUCK GUN SHOP

PORTER MILLBOD

MILL RIVER

SITE PLAN
1-40



^{Substantive Review}
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Old Millsite Historic District
State, County: MA, Hampshire
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/28/82-1279
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82
Action: ACCEPT 6/2/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

photos
maps

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept A & C
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 6/1/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification
- 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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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

agriculture is checked, but this is obviously an error as the bld. is also nominated under criteria "c"

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UNIT Reference _____

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 _____

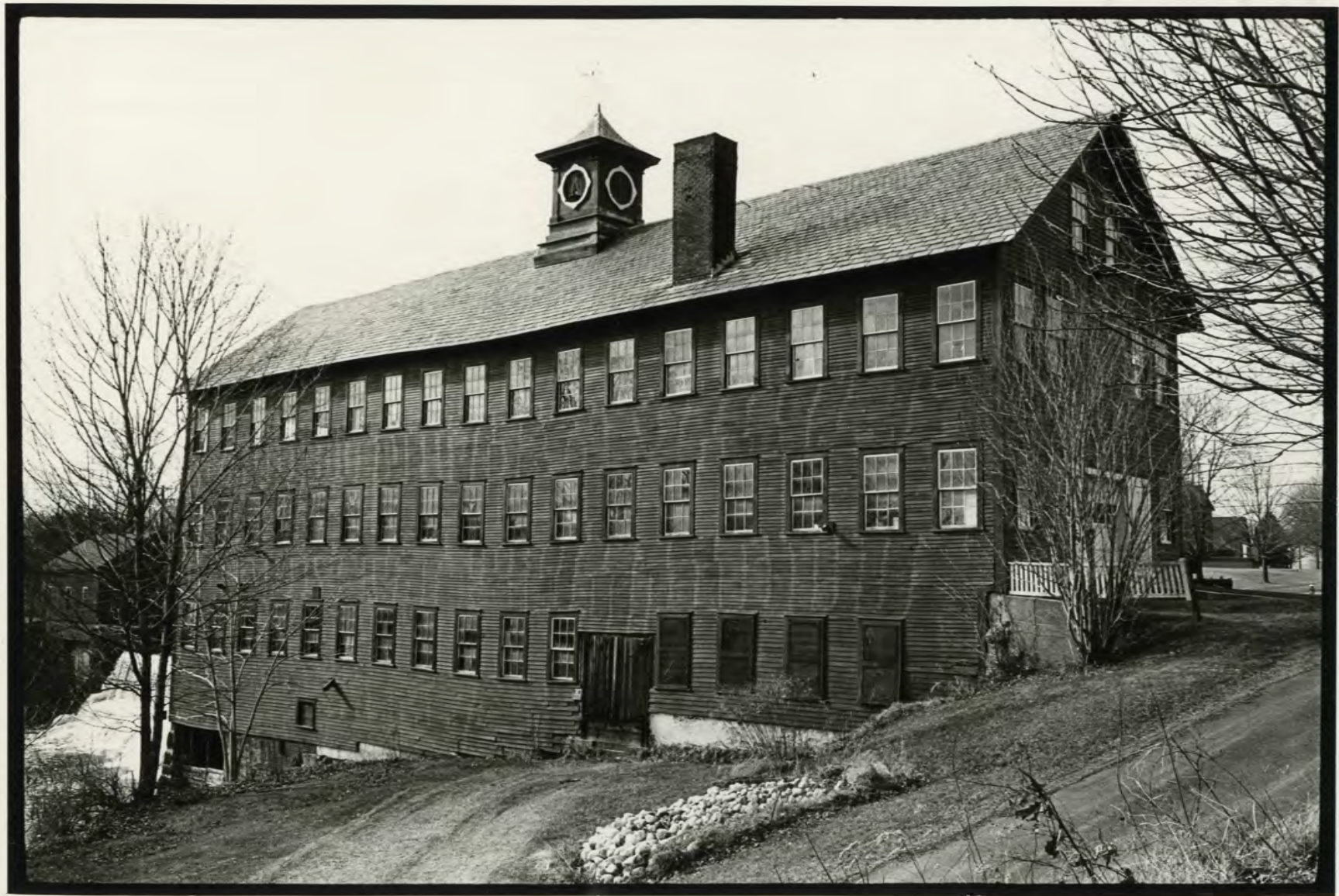
13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-35

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

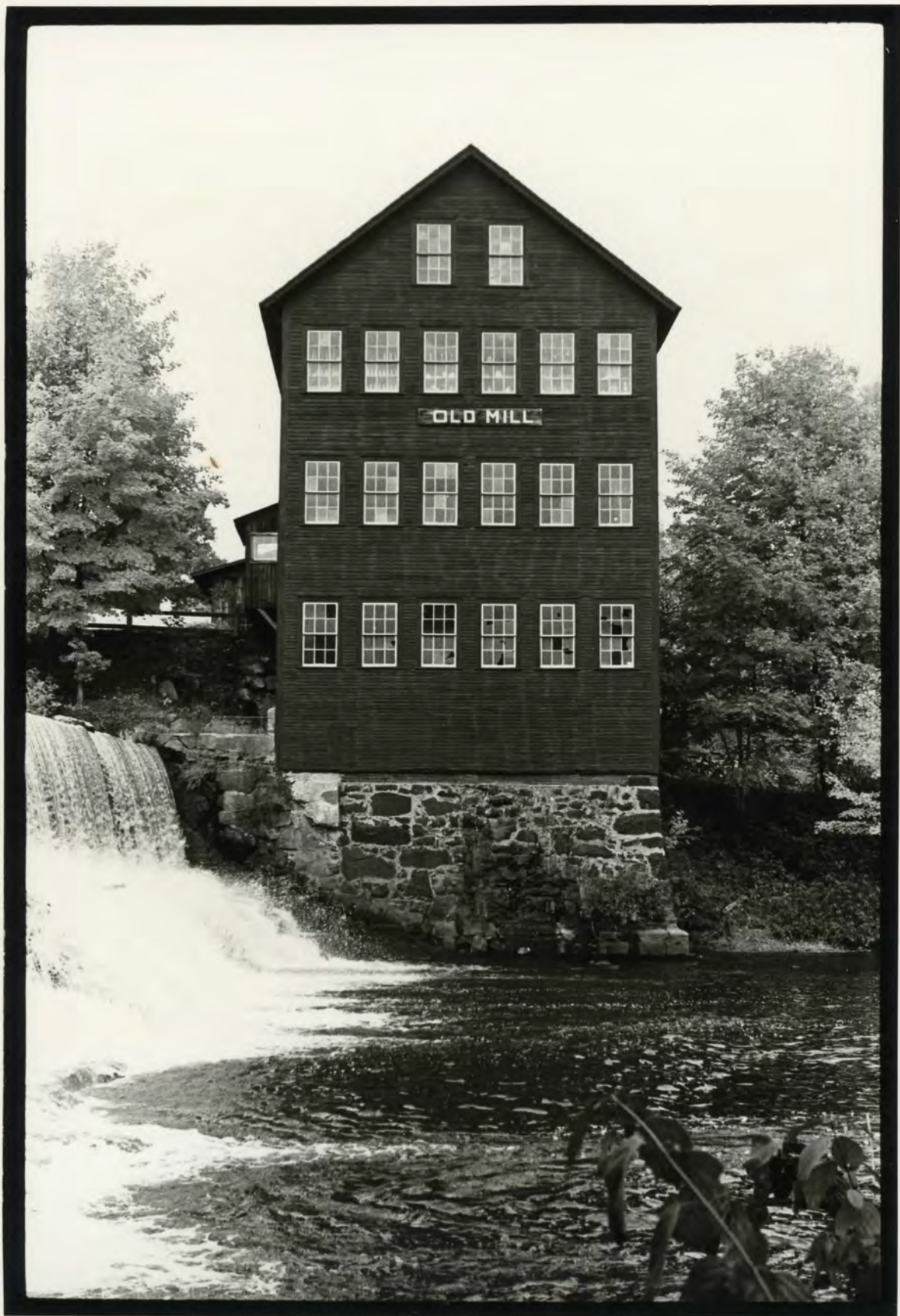


Old Mill Site- Hatfield
Hatfield
Hampshire County
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Robert Tobey
Negative filed: Advocate Newspapers
Identification: Shattuck Gun Shop, looking
west.
Date: October 1979

#1 OF 6

LOOKING WEST: SHATTUCK GUN SHOP



Old Mill Site-Hatfield
Hatfield
Hampshire County
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Robert Tobey
Negative filed: Advocate Newspapers
Identification: Shattuck Gun Shop, looking
 northeast
Date: October 1979

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LOOKING NORTHEAST: SHATTUCK GUN SHOP



Old Mill Site-Hatfield
Hatfield
Hampshire County
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Robert Tobey
Negative filed: Advocate Newspapers
Identification: Shattuck Gun Shop and dam,
 looking northwest
Date: October 1979

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LOOKING NORTHWEST! SHATTUCK GUN SHOP AND DAM

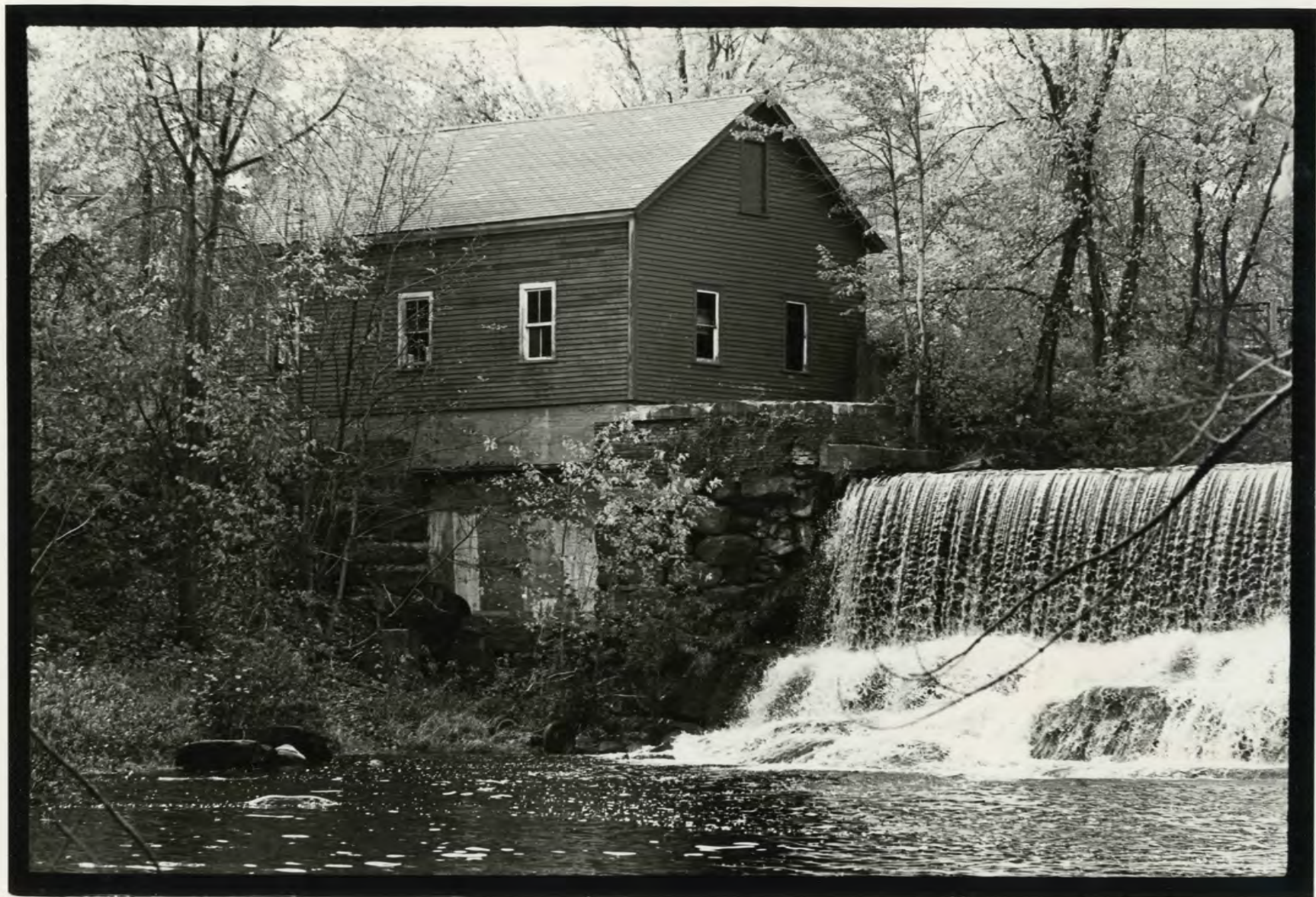


Old Mill Site-Hatfield
Hatfield
Hampshire County
Massachusetts

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 looking northwest
Date: October 1979

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LOOKING NORTHWEST: PORTER-MCLEOD MACHINE SHOP



Old Mill Site-Hatfield
Hatfield
Hampshire County
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Robert Tobey
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Identification: Gristmill and Power House, and
dam, looking southwest
Date: October 1979

#5 OF 6

LOOKING SOUTHWEST: GRISTMILL AND POWER HOUSE AND DAM



Old Mill Site-Hatfield
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Hampshire County
Massachusetts

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 looking south
Date: October 1979

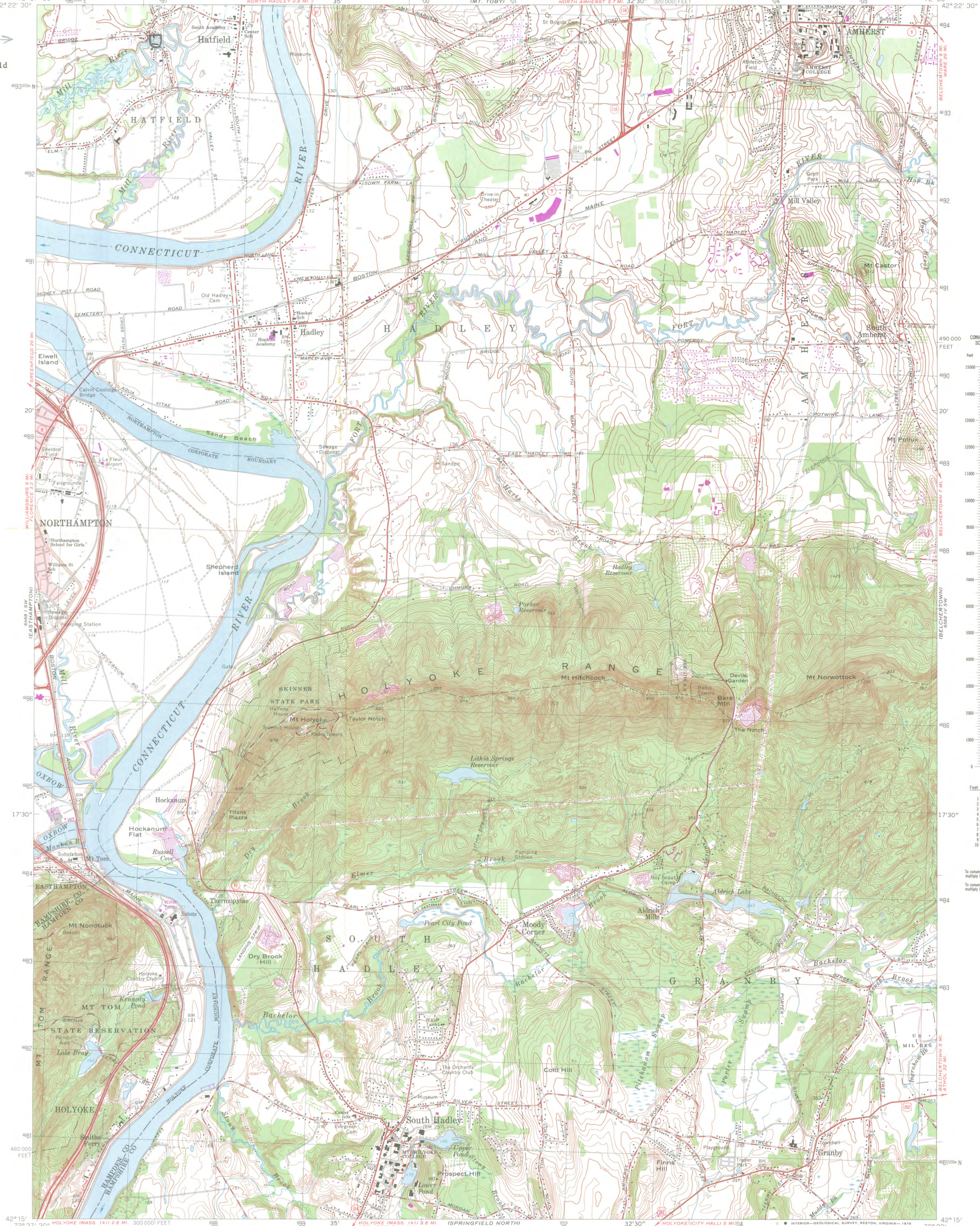
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LOOKING SOUTH: PROSPECT STREET BRIDGE

OLD MILL SITE
HATFIELD →

The Old Mill Site-Hatfield
Hatfield County, MA

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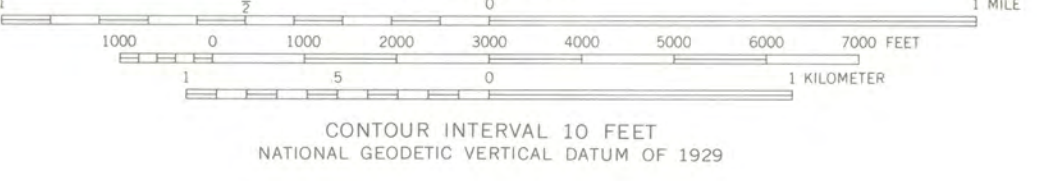
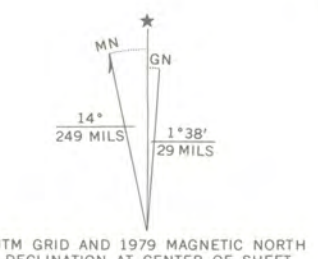


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To convert feet to meters
multiply by 0.3048

To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

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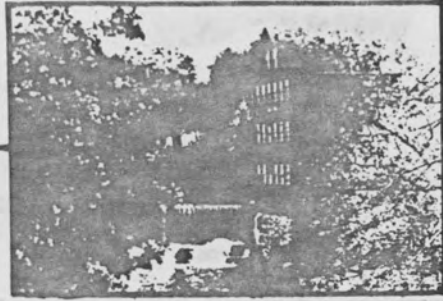
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



MT. HOLYOKE, MASS.
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1964
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Mill River Development Company

Box 26, Hatfield, Ma. 01038
413-540-2700

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

January 27, 1982

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington st.
Boston, Mass. 02108
att. Bill Selm

Dear Bill,

As we discussed on the phone, here is the information on ownership of the Old Mill property that we are hoping to place on the National Historic Register of Places.

The owners of the Old Mill property located at
50 prospect st.
Hatfield, Mass.

is the Mill River Development Company. MRDC is a partnership.

The general partners are:
Gilbert Fullerton,
Mitchell Young,
Christine Austin &
Geoffrey Robinson

Ownership of the property began on March 31, 1980.

Please feel free to call me at (413)-247-9301 if there are any questions or problems.

sincerely,

Mitchell Young



TOWN OF HATFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

HATFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Hatfield, Massachusetts

March 26, 1982

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MAR 28 1982
MASS. HIST. COMM.

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St.
Boston, Mass. 02108
Patricia Weslowski, Executive Director:

Dear Ms. Weslowski,

The Hatfield Historical Commission approves the nomination of the Old Mill Site, Prospect St., Hatfield, Mass., to the National Register of Historic Places. This building has a long and varied history of business uses in this community, as shown on the application.

The Valley Advocate Publishers, owners of this property, have filed their own application, which includes survey information from Hatfield's historic assets survey. Survey has been completed on this property and will be filed with MHC in the future.

The owners have renovated and restored this property with faithful regard to maintenance of historical integrity.

We are very pleased with their efforts and support this nomination.

Very truly yours,

Rita Prew

(Mrs.) Rita Prew, Chairman
Hatfield Historical Commission



MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

April 22, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Boston - Adams Nervine Asylum (state)
Boyalston - Keyes - Dakin House (local)
Grafton - Willard House and Clock Museum (state)
Hatfield - The Old Mill Site Historical District (local)
Holden - Rogers House (local)
Needham - Tolman - Gay House (local)
Newton - Slade - Hovey House (local) owner objects
Sturbridge - Oliver Wight House (state)
Upton - Knowlton Hat Factory (local)
Weston - Isaac Hobbs House (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/amf