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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	Androscoggin
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 15 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
 The Worumbo Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *On the banks of the Androscoggin River*
 Ten Mile Falls, Village of Lisbon Falls

CITY OR TOWN: Lisbon Falls

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd: Hon. William Cohen

STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Androscoggin CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Herbert Miller

STREET AND NUMBER: The Miller Company

CITY OR TOWN: Lisbon Falls

STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Androscoggin County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Auburn

STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

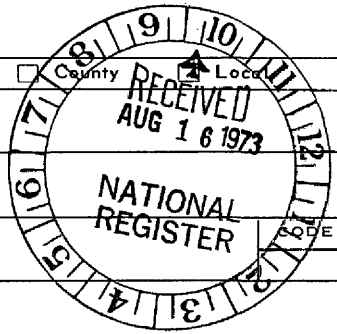
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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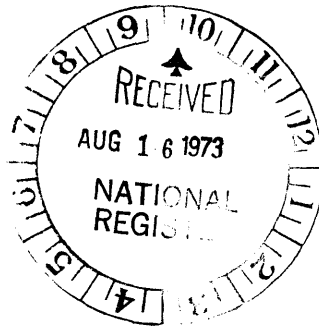
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Worumbo Woolen Mills are located in the Town of Lisbon in the village of Lisbon Falls. The mills were built on the Androscoggin River at a place called Ten Mile Falls.

The original structure is the largest part of the mill that was built in 1864. This original section of the mill has the two towers with their very decorative roofs. An early photograph points out however, that these towers had flat roofs until a later date. In 1920 two buildings of concrete were added to complete the mill complex as it exists today. Overhead walkways connect the three buildings making it possible to get from one building to the other without going out of doors. There are also several small wooden storage sheds as part of the complex.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1864, 1920

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Labor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Worumbo Mills, named for Worumbo, a tribal chief of the Anasagunticook Indians, was begun in 1864 with a capital investment of \$250,000. It was built on land of the former Barker Estate at Ten Mile Falls in the Town of Lisbon.

Edward Plummer and Oliver and Galen Moses of Bath were the moving spirits in this corporate venture.

Frank Gutmann, a native of Germany, became Agent for Worumbo in 1865. He was skilled in woolen mill manufacture, having studied the process in Germany, England and Scotland. He remained with the mill until his death in 1918. His son, Walter Gutmann, succeeded him in the business.

In 1876 the Worumbo Mills won a gold medal at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. Another gold medal was to be awarded to the mill at Columbia Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

In 1920 a large concrete addition to the mill was constructed which housed a dye house and a boiler house.

In 1956 the mill became a division of the J.P. Stevens Co. On July 29, 1964 the announcement came that the mill would be closing. At this time, the mill was the largest employer in the Town of Lisbon. It was

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Plummer, Francis, Sr. Lisbon: The History of a Small Maine Town.
Lewiston, Maine: Twin City Printery, 1970.

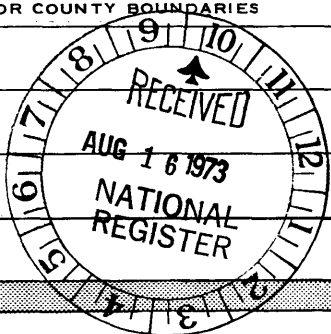
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . .	0 . .		43 0 59 . 40 .	70 0 03 . 39 .	
NE	0 . .	0 . .				
SE	0 . .	0 . .				
SW	0 . .	0 . .				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 Acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Kendall A. Merriam

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET AND NUMBER:
231 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Lisbon Falls** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name James H. Munchy
Title State Historic Pres. Officer
Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connelly
~~Director, Office of Historic and National Preservation~~

Associate Director
Professional Services
Date OCT 15 1973

ATTEST: Wm. Munchy
Keeper of The National Register
Date 10-9-73

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later purchased by Mr. Robert G. Fromkin and reopened under the name of Lisbon Weaving Company. The mill has since changed hands again and is now owned by Mr. Herbert Miller of the Miller Company.

The Worumbo Mill is significant as a typical woolen mill with utilitarian architecture that dominated the life of so many 19th century river towns in New England. In the case of the Worumbo Mill, it still does dominate the life of so many in the village of Lisbon Falls. The mill still operates using much of the same technology that it did at the time of its founding. It stands today on the banks of the Androscoggin as a monument to the men who built it and the thousands who worked within its rooms.

