

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Hampshire	
COUNTY: Belknap	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.1.33.0002	DATE 1/25/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Busiel-Seeburg Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Granite Hosiery Mill, J. W. Busiel & Co.

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mill Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Laconia

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 COUNTY: Belknap CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) currently considered for city owned use

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Laconia Redevelopment Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
665 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Laconia STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Belknap County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Laconia STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

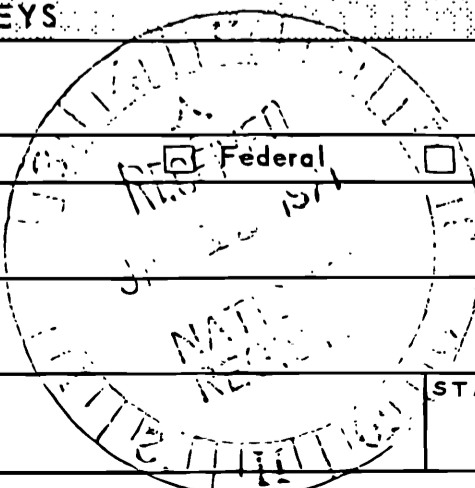
DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: CODE:



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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
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

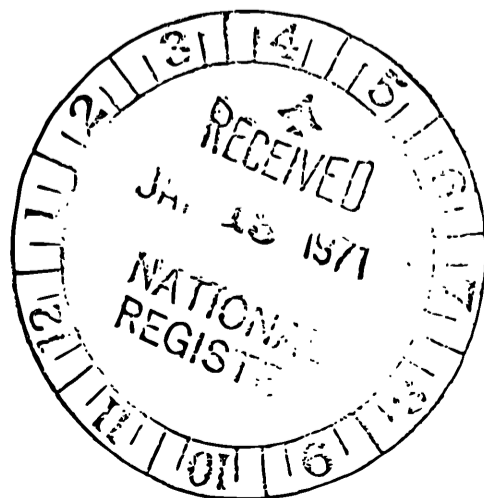
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Busiel Granite Hosiery Mill was begun in 1853 by J. W. Busiel, who had established a firm adjacent to the brick mill in 1846. As originally constructed, the mill included only the eastern half of the present structure and a stair tower on the north side later removed. It appears to have first been illustrated in an 1859 Map of Belknap County, N. H. In 1873 a brick office building was erected and in 1877 a new picker house which is now incorporated in the structure. The next year, 1878, the western half of the main mill was added and a new stair tower added on the south side. With a finishing building added in 1882, the components of the surviving mill were completed by that time.

Insurance survey drawings and maps of 1875 and 1882 show the mill in its two main stages. The earlier (eastern) half was heated by end chimneys which appear above the pitch roof of the small structure. Decorative brickwork at the east end shows a plain gable banding and dentiled cornice. The opposite end is finished off in a stepped eclectic banding. The fenestration differs in the two halves, only in the arched window at the upper attic story of the west end and the two square windows at the same level in the earlier end along the Winnepesaukee River. Granite sills and lintels are used on all the windows of the basement (east end), three stories and attic. The stair tower, partially off-set into the earlier half, contains a double door at the ground level with three rectangular windows of its front facade. An arched window in three sides of the top story of the tower is surrounded by decorative brickwork of a dentil cornice and arch with keystone above each window. Above these windows are two horizontal panels below a heavy brick cornice. The cupola may be a later addition, as the insurance survey drawing taken in 1882 shows a simple square structure above the brickwork. The present cupola, with its octagonal form and pointed roof, makes the whole structure far more aesthetically appealing than the original.

False roof

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

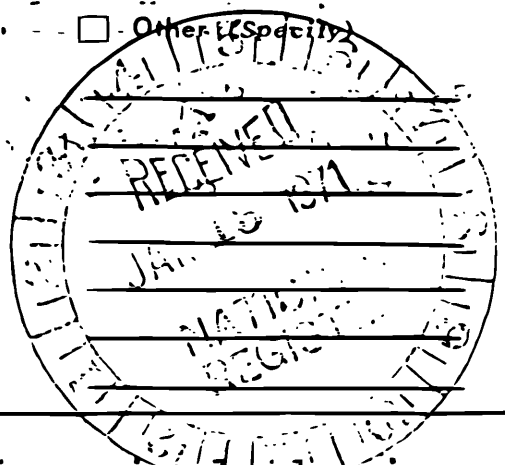
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Busiel mill represents the growth of a single hosiery manufacturing company which was, by the turn of the century, the largest of its kind in this industrial region of New Hampshire. Its founder, John W. Busiel was a pioneer in the development of the industry and the father of Charles A. Busiel, who inherited part of the business and was an early Governor of New Hampshire. The mill was one of the first to adopt the newly invented Aiken and Peppers circular knitting machines with latched needles in the mid-1850's, and among the earliest to manufacture Shaker socks and other garments with these machines. Busiel's early adoption of this technological advancement has been cited as the reason that this business tended to centralize along the Winnepesaukee River, which became the home of the manufacture of woolen hosiery and knitting needles and machines.

The building itself is an interesting example of the development of industrial architecture within the textile industry. In comparison with the Belknap-Salloway mill, which stands opposite the Busiel mill, the construction reflects the later development of "slow-burn" floor framing. The contrast in both style and structural composition makes this building an excellent mill in which to show the vernacular changes in New England industrial architecture. The increases in space through a series of additions permits some measure of tastes in succeeding generations of mill building. As an example of the small Victorian mill, which grew to a sizeable business in the region, the Busiel mill is among the most attractive to have survived.

It is the location of the Busiel mill, however, which adds even greater significance to its preservation. Sited along the river, opposite the Belknap-Salloway mill, its tower and cupola are again visible as a visual focus to the center of Laconia. Part of an urban renewal project, the less significant buildings have been removed to present the building within an open area along the Winnepesaukee which cuts through the city.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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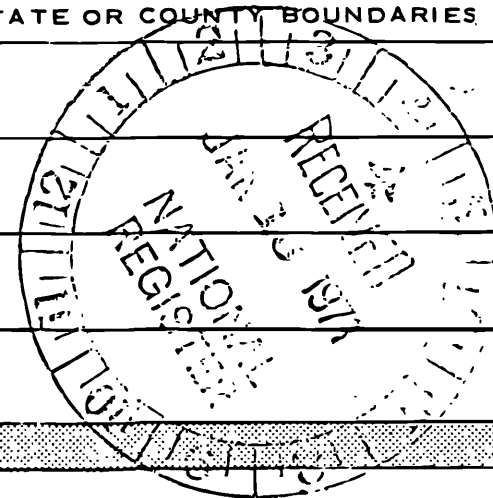
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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" 0"	0' 0" 0"		43° 31' 52"	43° 71' 28"	
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **55,785 sq. ft.**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard M. Candee, Researcher in Architecture

ORGANIZATION: **Old Sturbridge Village** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: **Sturbridge,** STATE: **Mass.** CODE: **01566** CODE: **25**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u></p> <p>Title: <u>Commissioner, Dept. of Resources and Economic Development</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10-14-70</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>JAN 25 1971</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>JAN 19 1971</u></p>
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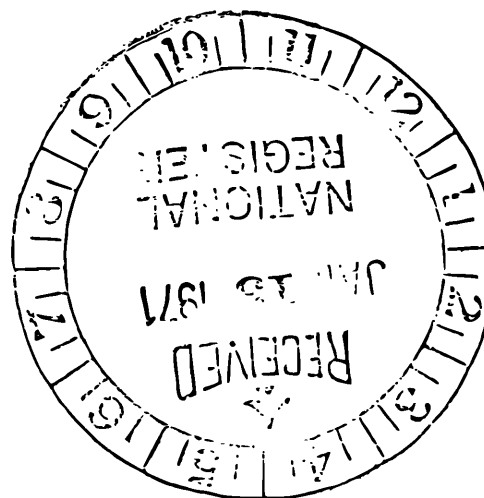
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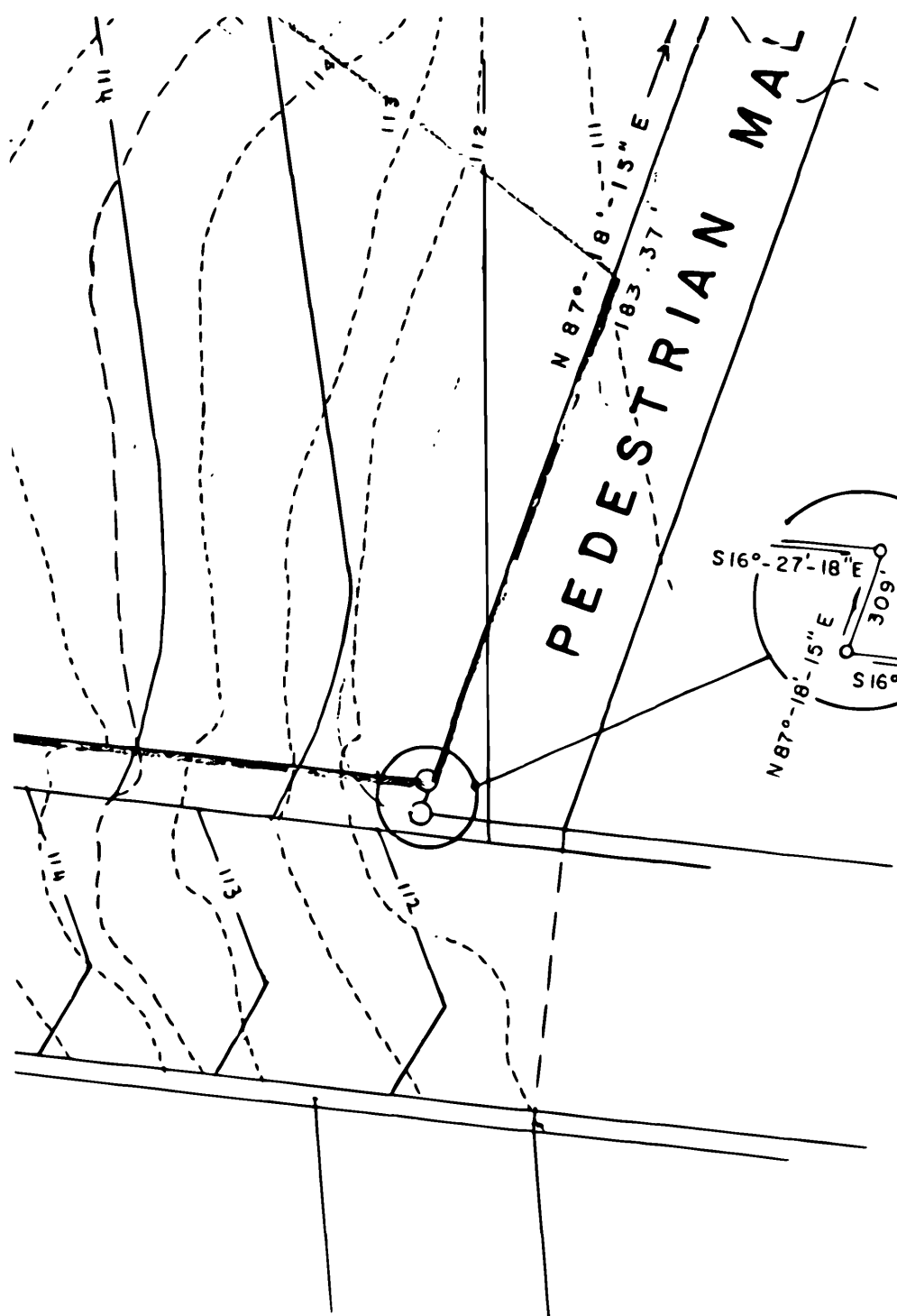
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PARCEL 3

--- EXISTING CONTOURS
 — PROPOSED CONTOURS

SOURCE: DISPOSITION PLAN - 3/1/68
 ALONZO B. REED, INC.

DISPOSITION PARCEL NO. 2
WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER PROJECT N.H. R-12
LACONIA HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 CITY OF LACONIA, BELKNAP COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE



COMPLETION DATE
 JULY 10, 1968

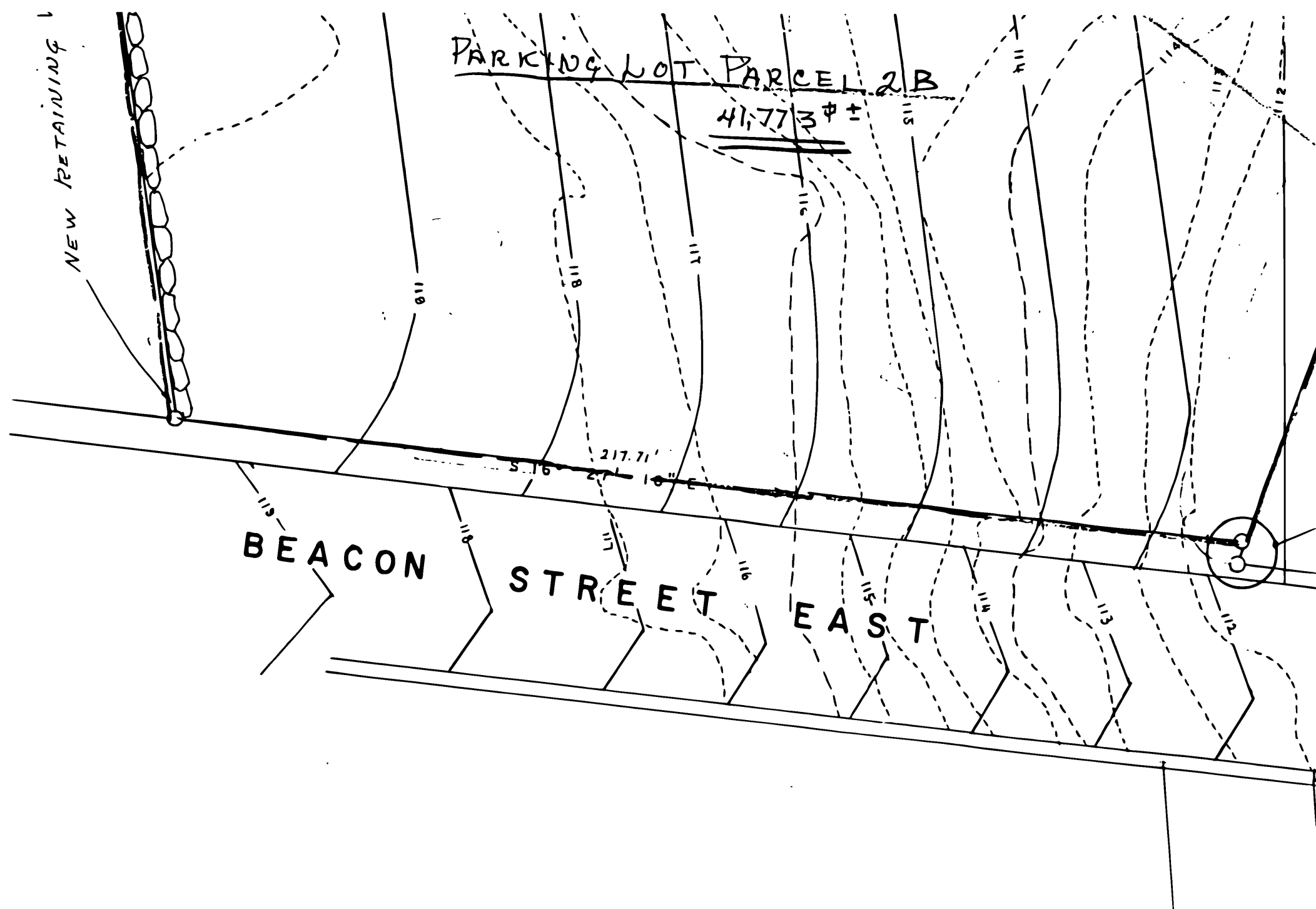
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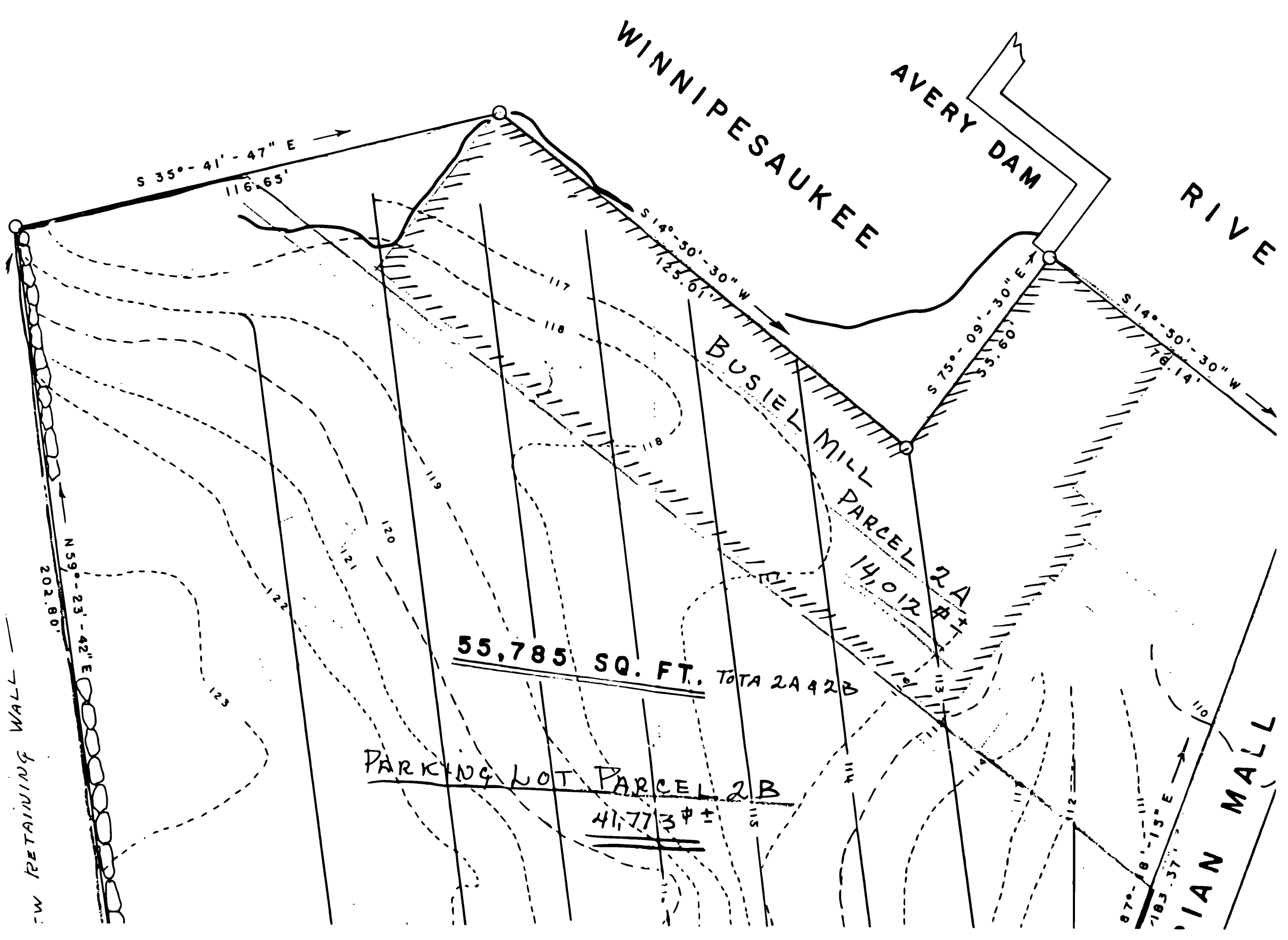
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 Pedestrian Plan 3/10/68*



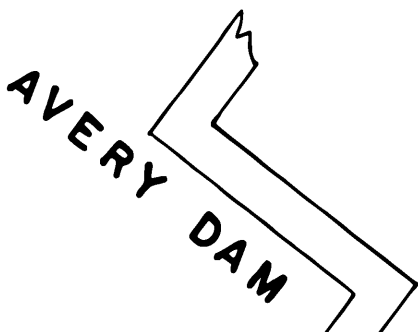
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 ——— PROPOSED
 SOURCE: DISPOS
 ALONZO



WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER



BUSHEL MILL PARCEL 2A
14,012 sq. ft.

55,785 SQ. FT. TOTAL 2A & 2B

PARKING LOT PARCEL 2B
41,773 sq. ft.

IAN MALL

RETAINING WALL

S 35°-41'-47" E
116.65'

S 14°-50'-30" W
25.61'

S 75°-09'-30" E
53.60'

S 14°-50'-30" W
78.14'

N 59°-23'-42" E
202.80'

S 67°-18'-15" E
183.37'

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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71133 CC-2	1/22/71	

Asiel-Seeburg Mill
 Origin: Grante Hosiery Mill, J. W. Asiel & Co.

NUMBER:

Street

N:

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Hampshire	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
	33	Belknap	0017

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Concord Housing & Redevelopment Authority

1" = 20 miles

July 10, 1968

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USED ON ALL MAPS
 Property boundaries where required.
 North arrow.
 Latitude and longitude reference.

