

FORM A - AREA

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

Form numbers in this area

Area letter

# 319

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Town Taunton

Name of area (if any) Old Weir

Stove Co. ~~District~~

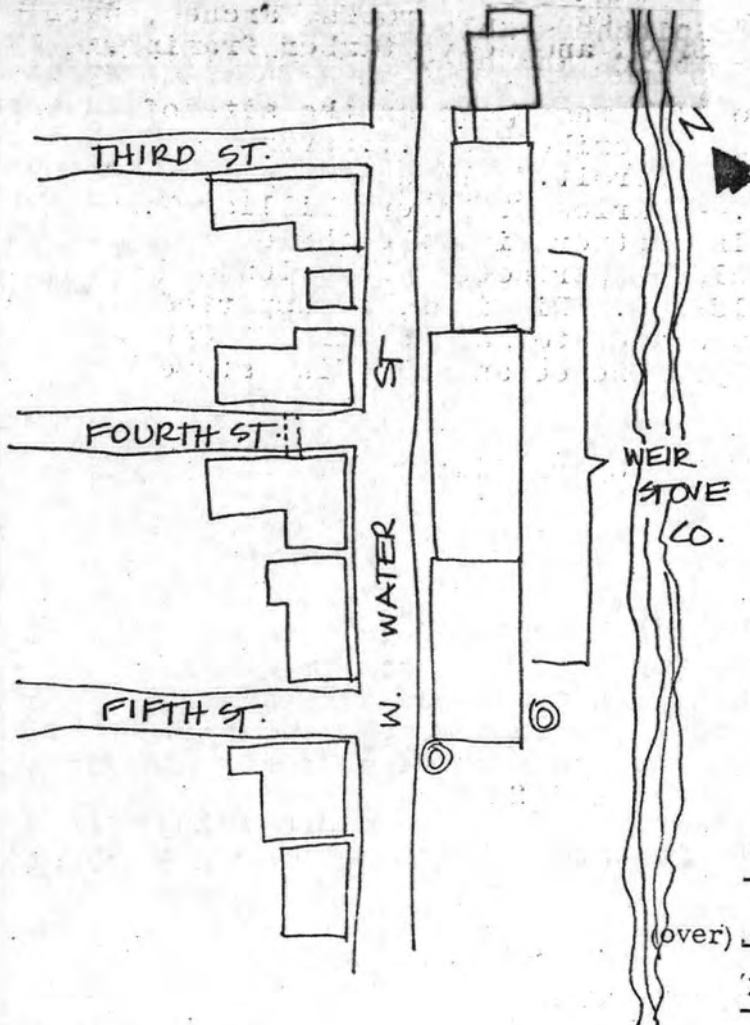
W. Water St.

General date or period 1902

Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Sketch map.  
Number each  
Label street  
separate sheet



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

The largest and most impressive of the industries in Weir Village, the Weir Stove Co. is a linear sequence of one through 4-story brick factories lining W. Water St. and the Three Mile River. The structures exhibit typical "Insurance Mill" construction and form--low-pitched gable roofs, arched, paired windows, and load-bearing brick and heavy timber framing.

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

Constructed in 1902, the complex was built on the site of an old flagstone factory, and was described as "...having no equal this side of the city of Detroit." Financed by the principals of the Weir Stove Co.-- Charles F. Baker, William E. Walker, and George E. Wilbur. In partnership, the three patternmakers, inventors and moulders perfected the "Glenwood Range", which they marketed worldwide. Pig iron, transported from Buffalo and Pennsylvania, was used to manufacture 80,000 stoves per year, giving Taunton prominence as a leading stove producer.

The complex is now occupied by Rogers Silver Co. and by other tenant industries.

The Old Weir Stove Co. possesses integrity of location, design, setting materials, workmanship and historical association with the development of Taunton as a major manufacturing center during the 19th century. The massive scale of the complex and its impressive river setting represent Taunton's proud industrial heritage. The Old Weir Stove Co. meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines, encompassing the historic mill buildings.

Owner: Stella Realty Corporation  
241 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Hutt, History of Bristol County, Mass., 1924

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Community:<br><br>Taunton | Form No:<br><br>319 |
| Property Name:            |                     |

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical Significance (cont.)

Acerage: Approximately 3; large assessor's map (1)

UTMS: A 19/326320/4638540  
B 19/326470/4638820  
C 19/326360/4638520

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received MAY 21 1984  
date entered 6

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area  
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Mason, N. S., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

52. McKinstrey House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

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53. Morse House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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54. Morse, Henry, House

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National Register

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55. North Taunton Baptist Church

Entered in the  
National Register

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56. Old Colony Railroad Station

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

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57. Old Weir Stove Company

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National Register

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58. Paull, Alfred, House

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59. Pilgrim Congregational Church

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60. St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Weir Stove Company (Taunton MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/5/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 7-5-84  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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<br>Public Acquisition | Status<br>Accessible | Present Use |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|

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

**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

Old Well Stove Company (London N.A.)  
 Bristol County  
 MASSACHUSETTS

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM 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: \_\_\_\_\_



#319

Old West Store Company

Taunton MA, Ma

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints



Taunton, Mass  
MRA  
#319  
Old Weir Stone Complex

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297