

FORM B - BUILDING

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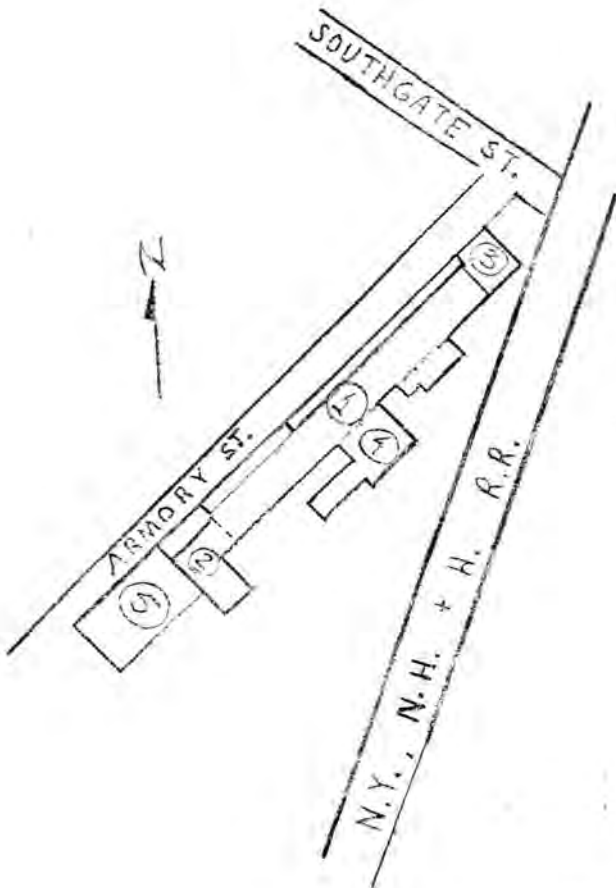
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In Area no.	Form no. 165-C
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

Roll #5

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

1. Town Worcester
Address 3-35 Armory Street
Name Lower Junction Shop (Adriatic Mil
Present use Standard Foundry Division,
Chromalloy Corporation
Standard Foundry Co.
Present owner Chromalloy
Stanley C. Volent
3. Description: (for addresses see p. 3)
Date 1854
Source Industrial Worcester
Style utilitarian industrial
Architect Eli Thayer (?)
Exterior wall fabric stone, brick & stucco
over chipped stone
Outbuildings (describe) additions
Other features earliest section 400' long
two stories high, low pitched roof
with dormers, 12/12 sash
1870, 1898,
Altered additions Date early 20th c.
Moved no Date _____
Book 7, p. 24
5. Lot size: Lots 10 & 10C--69,661 sq. ft.
Lot 10B--26,386.6 sq. ft.
One acre or less _____ Over one acre X
Approximate frontage 845'
Approximate distance of building from street
5'
S. Ceccacci
6. Recorded by ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc
Date November 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Eli Thayer

Original use rental factory (?) firearms factory (ca.1856-59)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Civil War barracks (1861); Woolen Mill (ca. 1863-1920s); foundry (present).

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> X </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> X </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> X </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> X </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built in 1854, the main body of the Lower Junction Shop (section #1 on map--see reverse) is two stories high, 400 feet long and 40 feet wide. Constructed of stone chips covered with stucco, the building is enclosed by a pitched roof with evenly spaced dormers. The building is constructed of repeating bays of equal size, each of which contains a single 12/12 window at both stories. At the building's south end (section #2 on map) is an early addition, probably pre-dating 1860; this section is of the same design as the earlier building, except that it stands on a high basement and is constructed of coursed rubble. Later additions include a two-storey brick wing with pitched roof (section #4) built between 1860 and 1870, a two-storey brick office with flat roof built between 1911 and 1912 (section #3), a four-storey brick loft building with flat roof (section #5) built after 1922 and a one-storey concrete-block shed (section #6) added to the mill's west wall in the mid-twentieth century.

First known as the Lower (or South) Junction Shop, this mill was built by Eli Thayer, an active abolitionist, founder of the "Free Emigrant Society" (to secure Kansas's entry to the Union as a free state), Founder of the Oread Collegiate Institute (for women--1849), Congressman and important local real estate developer. Following the architectural model of the Junction Shop (Form 142-B), Thayer may have rented manufacturing space in the Lower Junction Shop until 1859 when he sold the building to Mr. Freeman of New York and B. F. Joslyn, an inventor and gun manufacturer, who had had business connections with Thayer at least as early as 1856. (cont.)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worcester Historical Society. Local Industry File.
Nutt, Charles. Hist of Worc. & Its People. Vol. IV, pp. 577-580.
Washburn, Charles G. Industrial Worcester. pp. 97-98, 141, 211-212.

2.

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

9. Joslyn and Freeman began manufacturing pistols (patented by Joslyn) here in 1859; in 1860 and 1861, the firm made Joslyn's breech-loading carbines for the War Department, receiving "the largest single order for fire-arms ever given to one contractor in the country." Known during this period as the Joslyn Pistol Manufactory, the Lower Junction Shop was briefly called the Pistol Shop Barracks in 1861-1862 when part or all of the structure was used as a soldiers' barracks.

In 1863, the mill building was purchased by Jordan Marsh & Co. of Boston, which converted it into a woolen mill, made "extensive improvements," and re-named it the Adriatic Mill. The building's second storey contained carding and spinning operations, while finishing and weaving were carried out on the first storey; all equipment used in the mill was produced by Worcester machinery manufacturers.

From 1881 until the 1920s, the mill was owned by the Worcester Woolen Company, which had been founded by James and John Legg (see Form 141-B-1 for biographical information). This firm made "fine woolens, cassimers and suitings" producing between five and eight thousand yards of cloth per week.

The second oldest mill building extant in Worcester, the Lower Junction Shop preserves most of its original design and (together with the Junction Shop) is the most significant remnant of Worcester's early industrial development.

3.

Community: Worcester	Form No: 165-C
Property Name: Lower Junction Shop	

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

Property	Assessor's Data	Present Owner
Lower Junction Shop/ Adriatic Mill	Book 7, p. 24 Lots 10 & 10C 69,661 sq. ft.	Standard Foundry Co. 25 Southgate St. Worcester, Mass. 01610
same	Book 7, p. 24 Lot 10E--26,386.6 sq. ft.	Stanley G. Volent Salt Spray Lane Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Postal Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). **HISTORIAN**
Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Concur with Ames's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. **ARCHEOLOGIST**

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of types need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. **OTHER**
ACCEPT
M. DUBIE
2/28/80

Both technically and to determine significance, although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. **HAER**
Inventory _____
Review _____

116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 116 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY
102-L-3 I am not convinced about boundaries BUT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE OK. **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NR staff + state. DUBIE
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction; **BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/80
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below: **KEEPER**

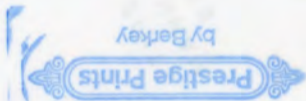
Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (listing from state) **3/5/80**

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered **MAR 5 1980**
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____ **DUBIE**



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165-C

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Adriatic Milk

3-35 Army &

Worcester NRA, Ma

north + east
elevations



Adriatic Mill

JAN 1978

JAN 1978

by Berkey

Prestige Prints

80 AUG 1979

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165-C

Adriatic Mills

3-35 Armory St.
Worcester MA, Ma

East elevations



JUN 1979

by Barney



JUN 1979

Prestige Prints

by Berkeley

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165-C
Adriatic Mills
3-35 Armory St
Worcester MA, MA
West elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304