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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Massachusetts</u>
COUNTY: <u>Berkshire</u>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <u>MAY 17 1973</u>

1. NAME

COMMON:
Windsor Print Works

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Windsor Print Works

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
121 Union Street

CITY OR TOWN:
North Adams

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

COUNTY:
Berkshire

CODE:
003

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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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 checked="" 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) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Stanley Shapiro

STREET AND NUMBER:
Windsor Motors 100 Union Street

CITY OR TOWN:
North Adams

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Berkshire County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
65 Park Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Adams

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY:
1973

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

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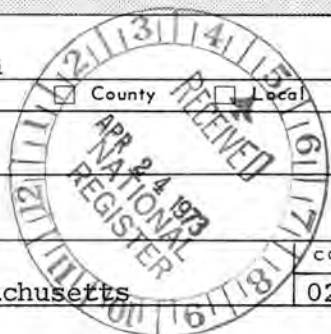
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Windsor Print Works is a complex of twelve brick mill buildings on nine acres of land at Union and Cliff Streets in North Adams. Wooded slopes rise to the north of the complex, and some company-built workers' houses stand across Union Street to the south.

The buildings of the Windsor Print Works are as follows: Folding and Engraving Building (1872); Calendar Building (1872); Dye House (1882; third story, 1902); Color Building (1882); Steam Building (1882); Padding Building (1894); Printing Building (1897); Singeing Building (1895); a two-building Packing House (1889); and a large Store House (1889). All are built of brick and are two to four stories high, with slightly pitched gable roofs and regularly spaced rectangular window openings. Most of the buildings have granite sills, twelve-over-twelve wooden sash, and a corbeled brick cornice.

Additional buildings of the same period and style stood to the north and west of the complex until the early 1960's. Although the present buildings all date from the period 1872-1897, the origins of the Windsor Print Works go back to 1828, and the site has been continuously occupied since that time. Power for the complex originally came from a canal off the North Branch of the Hoosic River.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1872-1897

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Windsor Print Works is significant as the first cotton-fabric print works in Western Massachusetts and one of the first in the country. It was the first mill in the United States to nap printed cotton flannels.

The origins of the Windsor Print Works go back to 1828, when Caleb B. Turner purchased the site from Otis Hodge, Jr. and erected a small building for the printing of cotton cloth. The building burned in 1830, but was replaced by a larger structure the following year. In 1837 the company failed, and the mill remained idle until the property was purchased in 1843 by Joseph and James Marshall. In 1863 W.W. Freeman, L.L. Brown, and William L. Blackinton purchased the complex under the name Richardson, Freeman, and Co. The plant expanded throughout this period. During the second half of the 1880's the company became the Windsor Print Works. Buildings continued to be built until 1897.

The Windsor Print Works is architecturally significant as one of the oldest and most attractive mill complexes in the North Adams area. Exemplifying the simple, straightforward style of mill architecture of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the buildings of the Windsor Print Works, now obsolete for their original purpose, offer the opportunity of conversion to the adaptive use of a community center for creative arts and education.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Norris, Hamilton. History of North Adams. North Adams Public Library, 1860.
North Adams and Their Representative Business Men and Points of Interest.
 New York Mercantile Illustrating Company, 1898.
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 Valley News Printing House, North Adams, Massachusetts, 1885.
 Information from Bradford Paul, Chief of Survey, Hoosuck Community Resources Corp.

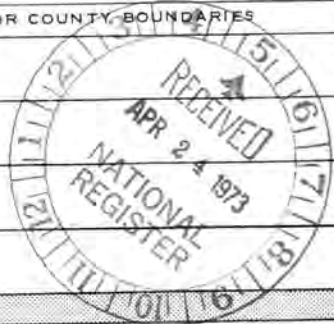
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: nine acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Laurie Robin Hammel for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: February 20, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: John F. X. Davoren
 JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date: April 18, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5 15 73

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PROPERTY

Windsor Print Works STATE *Mass*

WORKING NUMBER

4.24.73.2859

6/25/73

Berkshire

TECH REVIEW

Photos *1*

Maps *2*

CONTROL REVIEW

*OK
4-25-
73*

OK

HISTORIAN

*Accept. AMZ
4/25/73
Accept 4-27-73*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
KH
4/26/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

Inventoria by HOK. Accept. Endg 5/10/73.

OK

*5/3/73
HOK*

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

*OK
5/14/73*

KEEPER

*OK
5/15*

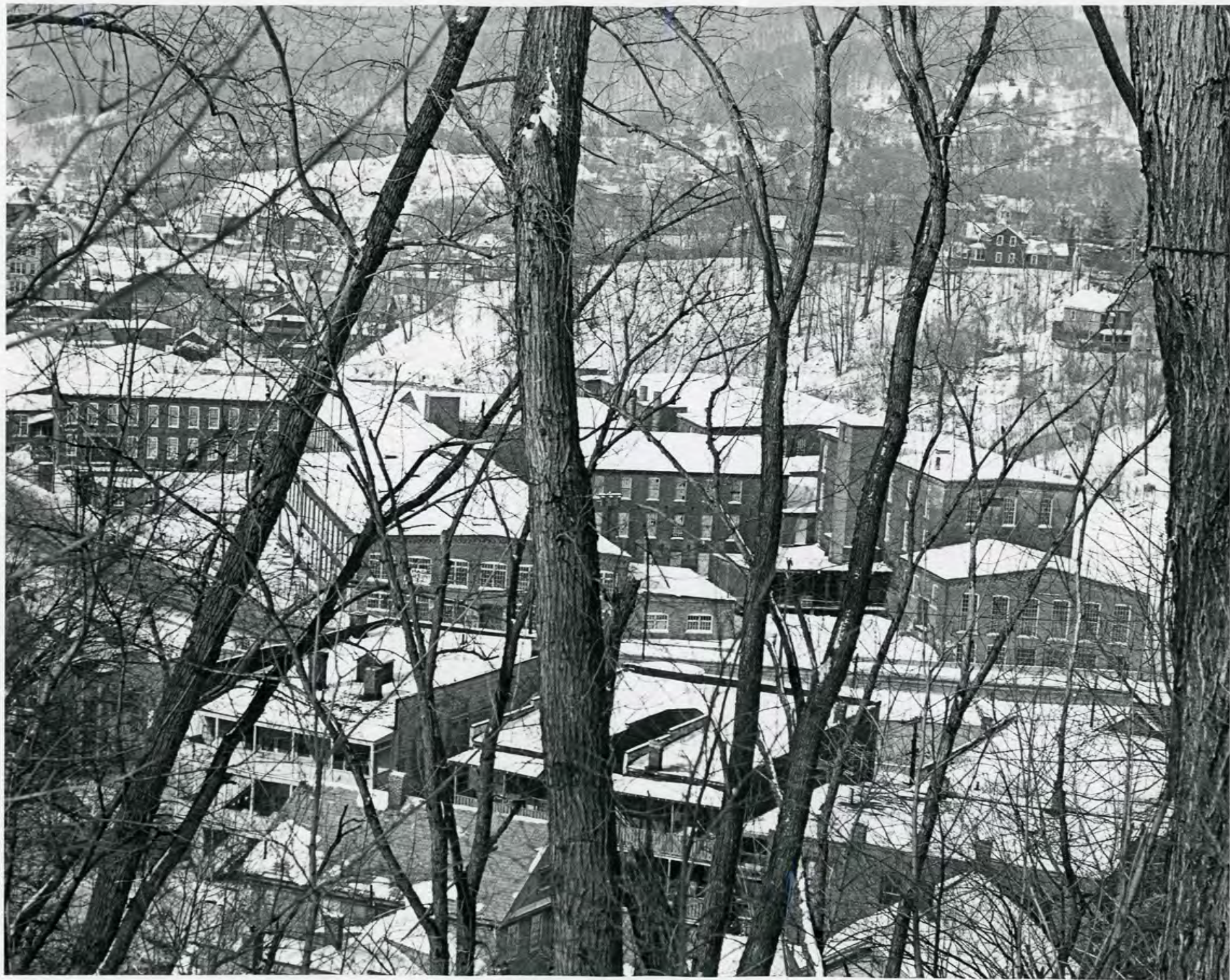
National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry *7-3-73*

Re-submit _____

Entered *MAY 17 1973*



Windsor Print Works

View of eastern end of the complex looking west.

NPS Number 5-17-73

Title: Windsor Print
Works

LOC. Berkshire Co., Mass ①
Windsor Print Works
Complex

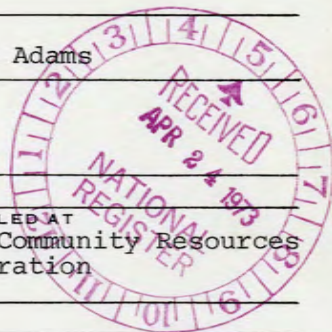
PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON Windsor Print Works	AND/OR HISTORIC Windsor Print Works, Windsor Company Print Works, Freeman manufacturing Company.	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i> MAY 17 1973
2. LOCATION		
STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Berkshire	TOWN North Adams
STREET AND NUMBER 121 Union Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Bradford Paul	DATE 2/17/73	NEGATIVE FILED AT Hoosuck Community Resources Corporation
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		



View of the Windsor Print Works complex taken from a hill just east of the site.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

COMMON

Windsor Print Works

AND/OR HISTORIC

Windsor Print Works, Windsor
Company, Print Works, Freeman
Manufacturing Company.

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

MAY 17 1973

2. LOCATION

STATE

Massachusetts

COUNTY

Berkshire

TOWN

North Adams

STREET AND NUMBER

121 Union Street

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S.

DATE

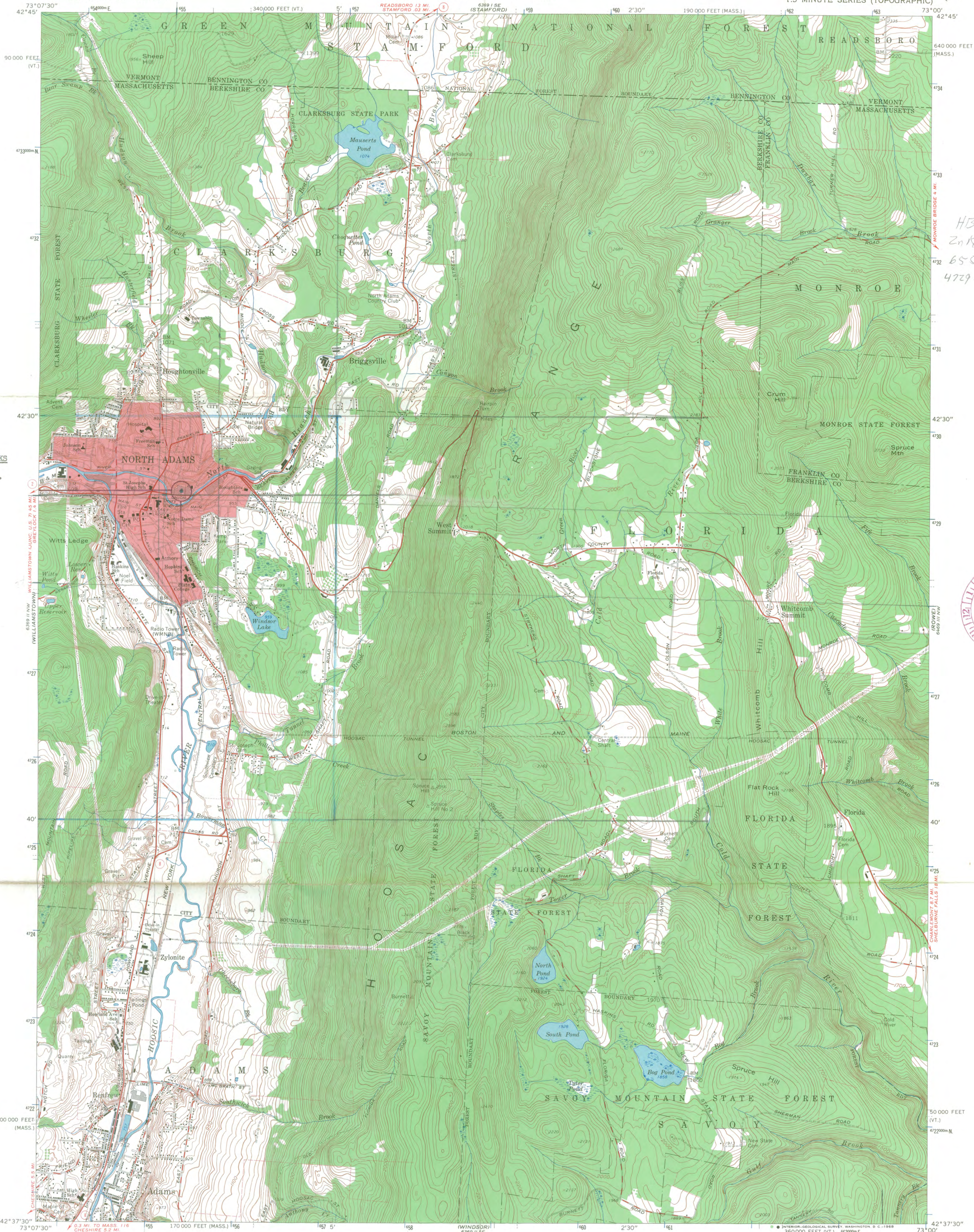
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.





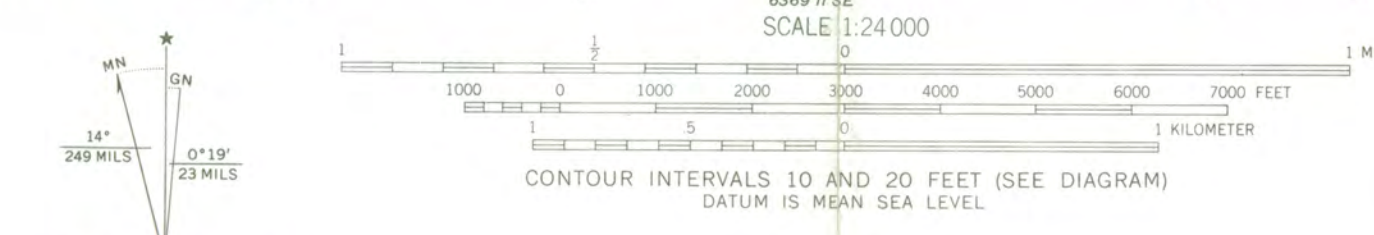
WINDSOR PRINT WORKS
North Adams, Mass.

42°40'03"
73°06'19"

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods and
by planetable surveys 1944. Aerial photographs taken 1942
Revised 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Vermont coordinate system,
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
State Route ○

NORTH ADAMS, MASS.-VT.
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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2. LOCATION		
STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Berkshire	TOWN North Adams
STREET AND NUMBER		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE sketch of area	DATE 1973	SCALE not drawn to scale

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW

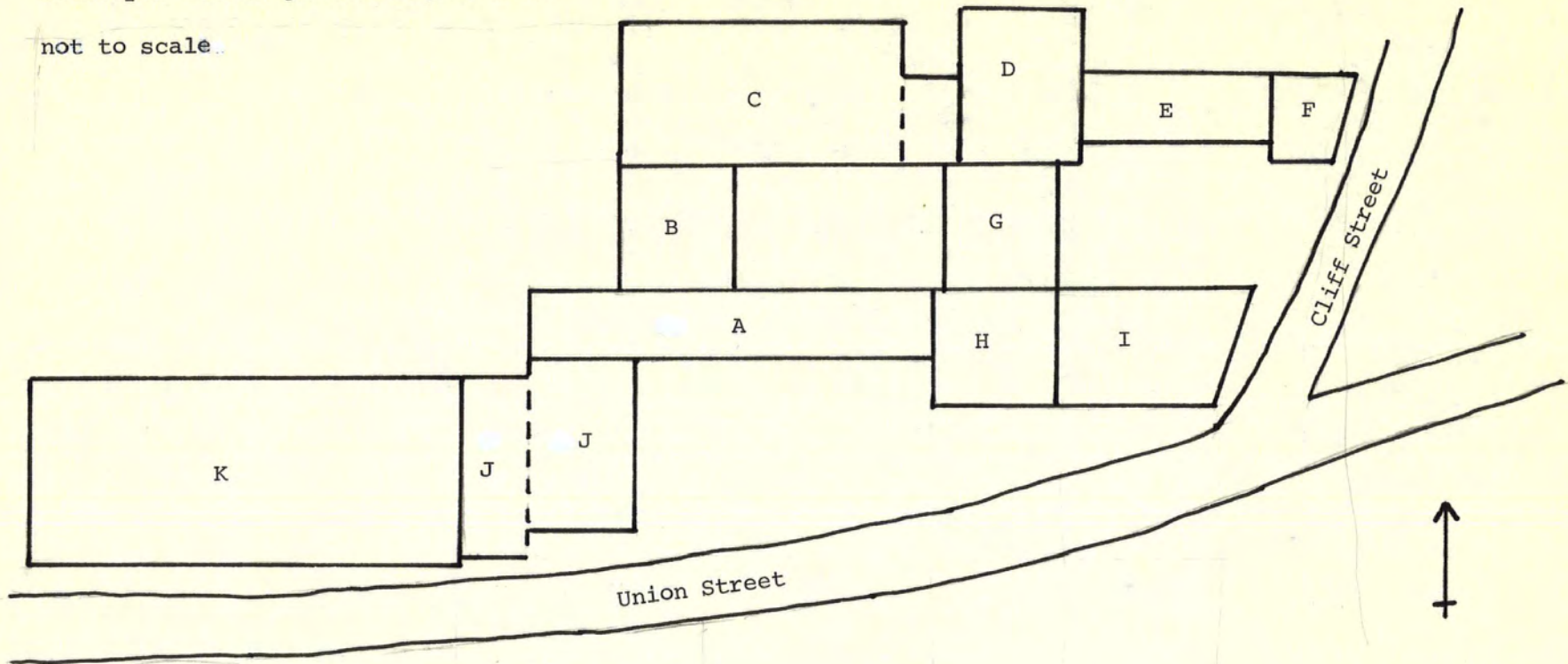


MASSACHUSETTS, NORTH ADAMS

WINDSOR PRINT WORKS

Principal buildings standing in 1973

not to scale.



- A. Folding and Engraving Building (1872)
- B. Calendar Building (1872)
- C. Dye House (1882; third story, 1902)
- D. Color Building (1882)
- E. Steam Building (1882)
- F. Padding Building (1894)

- G. Printing Building (1874)
- H. Printing Building (1897)
- I. Singeing Building (1895)
- J. Packing House (1889)
- K. Store House (1889)



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MASSACHUSETTS

STATE

Date Entered MAY 17 1973

Name

Location

Windsor Print Works

North Adams
Berkshire County

Also Notified
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Silvio Conte
Director, Northeast Region

*Retyped + sent to
Mass. 6/3/73*
~~State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. James Fundy, Director
Maine Historical Preservation
Commission
31 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330~~

PHR

NRowland: lmp

5-21-73