

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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## 1. Name

historic American Woolen Mill Housing District

and/or common Market Street Tenements

## 2. Location

street & number 300-328 Market Street ~~NA~~ not for publication

city, town Lawrence ~~NA~~ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Massachusetts code 025 county Essex code 009

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: rental units

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mario A. Iannuccillo, Jr.

street & number 162 Jackson Street

city, town Lawrence ~~NA~~ vicinity of state Massachusetts

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Essex County Registry of Deeds

street & number 381 Common Street

city, town Lawrence state Massachusetts

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

## 7. Description

LAWRENCE: American Woolen Mill Company Housing District

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The American Woolen Mill Housing District is located on Market Street, in Lawrence, south of the Merrimack River. It consists of nine wood frame tenements in a rigidly symmetrical plan achieved by designing each half of the complex as a mirror image of the other. The plan is given variety, however, by the use of five different designs and by the angled placement of the buildings (see attached site plan).

All of the buildings are three stories in height and are characterized by their Queen Anne and Colonial Revival motifs. These include pedimented entries, slender columns, fluted pilasters, entry side lights, bay windows, twenty-five pane upper sash, urn-shaped finials, diamond-shaped shingle panels contrasted with wide clapboarded courses.

The foundations of all the units are of stone and concrete. All the residences are painted brown with the trim and details highlighted in yellow. The physical appearance of the complex shows signs of deterioration and vandalism with 306-308 Market Street closed because of a recent fire which did not seriously damage the exterior.

The five designs, which were used in the complex are identified here as Design A, B, C, D, E (refer to attached site plan).

Design A (Buildings 1 and 3) consists of a straightforward triple-decker surmounted by a hip roof. The first story is clapboarded and is separated from the shingled upper stories by a wide clapboarded course. The north corner of each building (parallel to Market Street) is marked by a triple fenestrated bay. The fenestration of Design A, as well as the other designs in the complex is comprised primarily of 4/2 sash. The first story bay windows of Design A have upper sashes containing twenty-five panes. The entrance doors are framed by fluted pilasters and the entry itself is covered by a pedimented hood resting on brackets. A decorative bracket with finial is located between the two entry doors.

Design B (Building 2) is the largest building in the complex and is also the central, focal unit on the site. The completely clapboarded exterior faces Market Street and its paired front bays extend up the entire facade. These bays are characterized by upper sashes containing twenty-five panes. The entry is covered by a hood which extends into the front bays between the first and second stories. The single entry door is recessed in an arch and is framed by side lights and fluted pilasters.

Design C (Buildings 4 and 9) are shingled triple-deckers built at the north-east and northwest corners of the site. A modified bay is formed on the side of each building by the angling of double windows which overlook the interior court. The entries to both buildings have double doors which are slightly recessed beneath arches and enframed by colonettes. The arches are formed by radiating shingles which imitate the masonry of stone arches. A keystone, represented by a wedge-shaped piece of wood, is set into the shingled arch and highlighted in yellow. A shingled hood covers the front double windows on the first story. These windows are articulated by upper sash with twenty-five panes. Both buildings have a flat roof with a bracketed

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cornice and both rooflines are encircled by a broad band consisting of eight courses of shingles. The lowest course of shingles in this band is scalloped to denote the termination of this decorative element.

Design D (Buildings 5 and 8), are six-tenement structures which are similar to Design B in their overall scale. They are covered with a combination of clapboarding on the first-story ends and front corners and shingling on the remaining exterior surfaces. The main facade of the building is dominated by paired two-story bays which flank the entrance. The bays are articulated by bracketed cornices and diamond-shaped shingles placed between the first and second floors. Most of the upper sash in these bays have the distinctive twenty-five panes. The majority of the fenestration, however, is single hung, 4/2 sash. The main entrance consists of a pedimented hood and elliptical arch resting on colonettes. The single door, which is approached by a stoop of 4 stone steps, is framed by sidelights which are similar to the panes in the upper sash of the bays. The first story is demarcated from the upper stories by an encircling, wide clapboard. Immediately above this element are scalloped shingles which denote the beginning of the upper stories. The whole composition terminates in a hipped roof with a shallow overhang and is surmounted by a deck.

Design E (Buildings 6 and 7), is also characterized by a triple-decker configuration. The entire exterior of both buildings is shingled and the fenestration is comprised primarily of single hung, 4/2 sash. The principal entrances are covered by sloping, shingled hoods which rest on curved, shingled brackets. The second-story of the corner bay is highlighted by a shallow pediment and the second-story triple windows are capped by broken pediments. These triple windows also have the twenty-five pane upper sash. The entire building terminates in a flat roof with a bracketed cornice. Beneath the cornice is a band of shingles with diamond-shaped shingles highlighted in yellow and raised scallop shingles which cast a delicate, undulating pattern on the upper story exterior.

This group of nine-story wooden tenement buildings was laid out in a variegated plan to allow occupants more light and air while retaining a maximum lot density. Thus, while the corners of some buildings are as close as 8 feet, their proximity did not produce the ill effects commonly associated with tenements constructed in Lawrence and elsewhere at the same time. Furthermore, lawns, trees, shrubbery and flowers were originally planted in an effort to enhance the appearance of the area and a concrete walk provided pedestrian access to the buildings. Iron fencing set off planted areas from walk ways, and posts originally prevented vehicular access to the court. Today only remnants of the lawn, shrubs, and fencing survive.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1909 **Builder/Architect** James E. Allen

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The American Woolen Mill Housing District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and is significant on two levels. First, it represents an example of early twentieth century corporate paternalism by one of Lawrence's major companies of the period. Second, the attention to its overall plan produced a cohesive group whose units all focused on a pleasant inner courtyard. For these reasons the district meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Market Street Tenements were completed in 1909 to provide housing for the families of 36 American Woolen Company employees. These nine multi-family units were part of a larger expansion program undertaken by the American Woolen Company from 1906 to 1910. At the same time that the tenements were being constructed, the American Woolen Company, under the leadership of William M. Wood, Sr., was expanding its operations from factories along the North Canal to South Lawrence (see attached map). Between 1906 and 1910, the company constructed 142 residential units in the area, including twelve one-family houses for overseers, fifty-two cottages, forty-two one family, two-story brick houses along the Philadelphia House plan, and the thirty-six units referred to here as the Market Street tenements. \*

The nature of the residential building project reflected the make-up of the turn-of-the century textile labor force, which consisted mostly of married men and women and young single people who resided with their families. The earliest Market Street tenants included the families of skilled employees of the Wood and Washington Mills, some of whom were recruited in England or transferred from American Woolen Company plants elsewhere in New England. Rents for the 5 and 6 room tenements were \$2.58 and \$3.15 a week respectively, or 30 to 40% of the average weekly wage.

The project's housing component eventually culminated in American Woolen's most ambitious undertaking, Shawsheen Village (NR), begun in 1918. Though Shawsheen Village was constructed to serve the needs of management-level personnel, it utilized plans and techniques first employed in the South Lawrence building projects. Furthermore, James E. Allen, the local architect, also designed many Shawsheen Village homes and American Woolen's day-care center in Lawrence.

\* The Market Street tenements remain the best preserved and are representative of the earlier phases of the building program

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

American Wool and Cotton Reporter, June 24, 1909 pp 873 ff.  
 American Woolen Company Booster, November 1922, pp 36-38.  
 Lawrence Evening Tribune, November 14, 1932.  
 Report of the Lawrence Survey (Lawrence, 1912) p. 132.

# 10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED  
 WITH NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 3/4 acre

Quadrangle name Lawrence Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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D 

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

F 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Market Street Tenements are bounded on the North, 300 feet, by Market St.; on the East, 105' by property now or formerly of Frances McConnor; on the South, 300 feet, by an alley; on the West, 105 ft., by land now or formerly of

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries Lodge Pellerin.

state MA code county code

state MA code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director with Clarisse Poirier  
Lawrence Community Development Dept.

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date February, 1981

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston, state Massachusetts

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia H. Weslowski  
 Executive Director

title Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 2/17/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>William H. Abraham</u>	date <u>4-8-82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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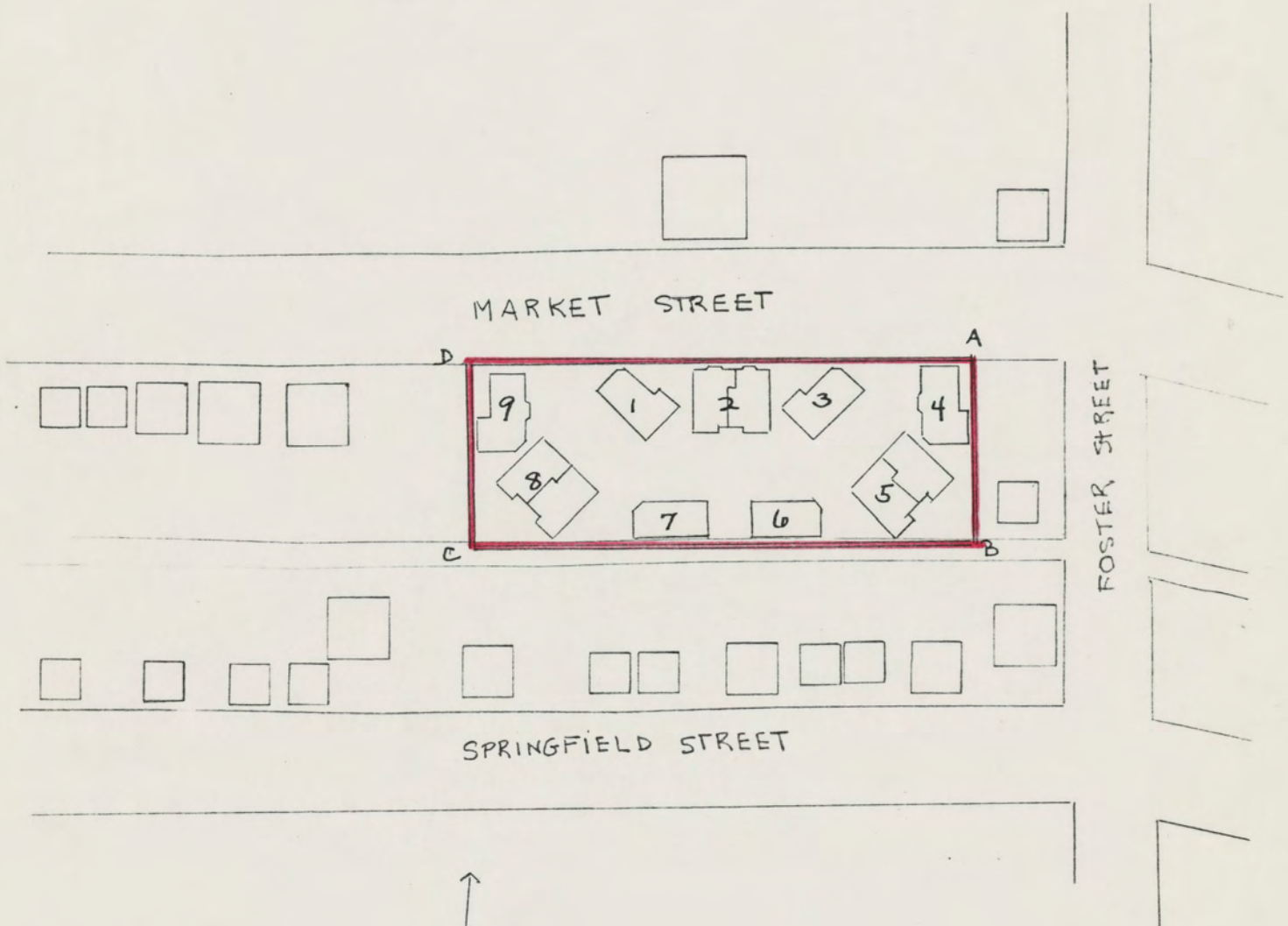
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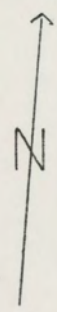


MARKET STREET

D A  
C B

FOSTER STREET

SPRINGFIELD STREET



1" = 100'

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Assessor's Map 1981  
American Woolen Mill  
Housing District  
Market Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

~~Substantive Review~~  
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: American Woolen Mill Housing Dist.  
State, County: MA, Essex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 3/3/82-604  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-83  
Date Due: 4/1/82 - 4/17/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 4/8/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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

photos 4  
maps 4

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Impressive group of early 20th. c.  
worker's housing. Well planned  
for their time.*

Recom./Criteria A+C - accept  
Reviewer Chambers  
Discipline Arch-Mistown  
Date April 2, 1982  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition		<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible	

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

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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



American Woolen Mill Housing District  
Lawrence  
Essex  
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Christine Pfaff

Negatives Filed: Community Development  
Office, Lawrence

Identification: Central core, looking toward  
building #5.

Date: 1979

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Photo #1 of 4

AMERICAN WOOLEN MILL HOUSING DISTRICT  
Market St., Lawrence, Central Core to #5



American Woolen Mill Housing District  
Lawrence  
Essex  
Massachusetts

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Photo Credit: Christine Pfaff  
Negatives Filed: Community Development  
Office, Lawrence  
Identification: Looking towards building  
#7 (left) and building #8  
(right).

Date: 1979

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AMERICAN WOOLEN MILL HOUSING DISTRICT  
Market St., Lawrence, Buildings 7 and 8



American Woolen Mill Housing District  
Lawrence  
Essex  
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Christine Pfaff  
Negatives Filed: Community Development  
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Identification: Building #5  
Date: 1979

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AMERICAN WOOLEN MILL HOUSING DISTRICT  
Market St., Lawrence, Building 5



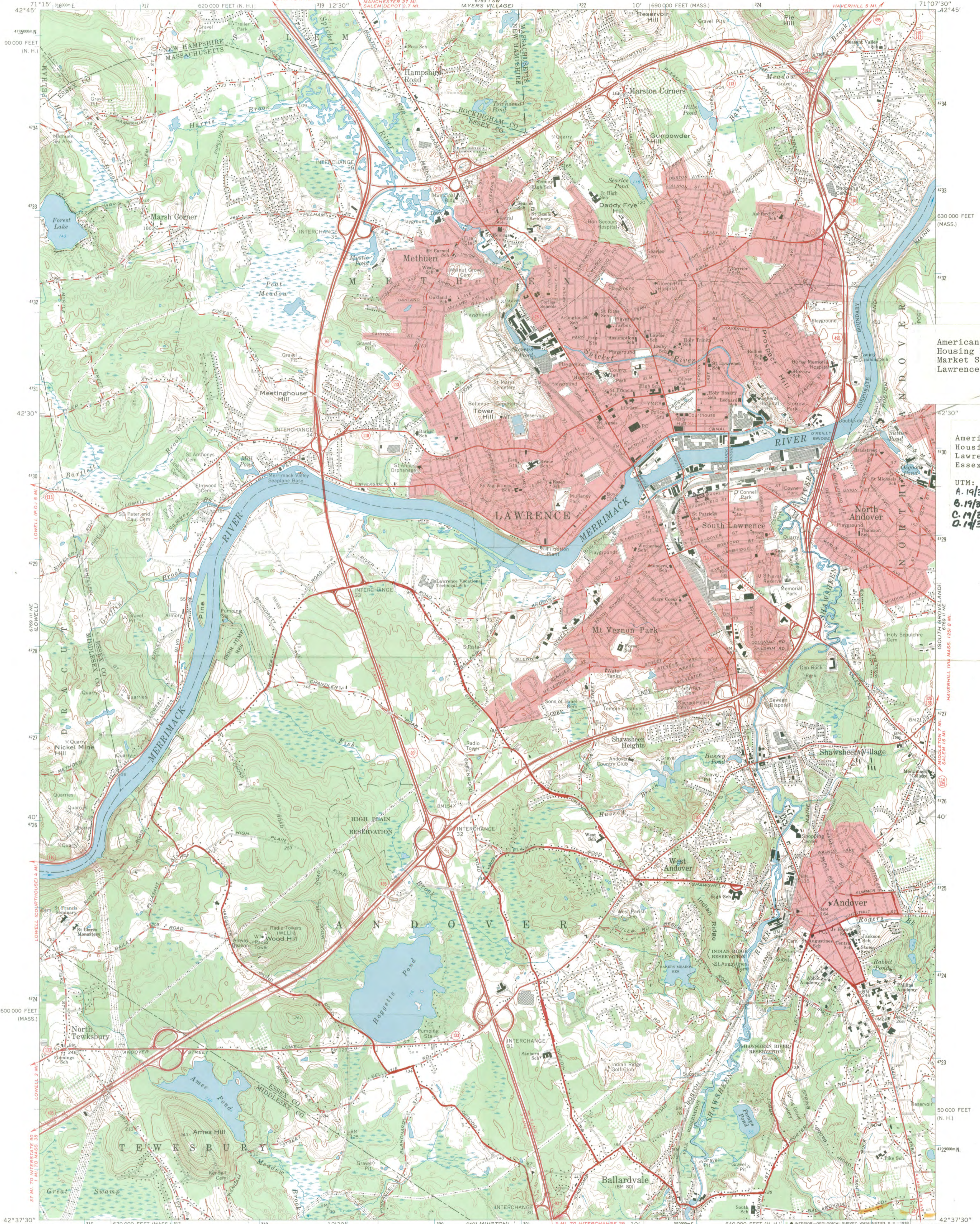
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American Woolen Mill  
Housing District  
Market Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts

American Woolen Mill Housing District  
Lawrence  
Essex  
Massachusetts

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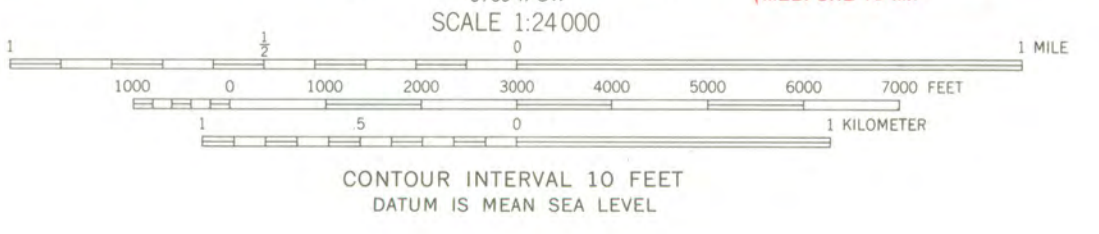
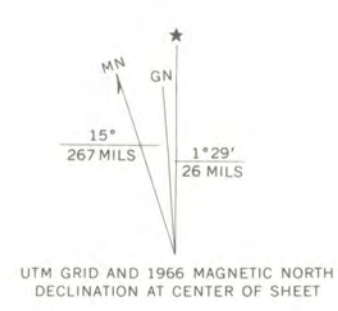
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Market Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts

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American Woolen Mill  
Housing District  
Lawrence  
Essex County, MA

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zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
Interstate Route ——— State Route ———

LAWRENCE, MASS. - N. H.  
N4237.5-W7107.5/7.5  
1966  
AMS 6769 II NW-SERIES V814



AMERICAN WOOLEN MILL  
HOUSING DISTRICT  
Market Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts  
U.S. Geological Survey Map



**MASSACHUSETTS  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY  
Secretary of State

February 17, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull  
Acting Keeper  
National Register Division  
National Park Service  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following National Register nomination forms:

Adams: Armory Block (local)  
Adams: Barrett Block (local)  
Adams: Berkshire Mill #1 (local - DOE 6/81)  
Adams: Jones Block (local)  
Adams: Mausert Block (local)  
Adams: Pittsfield & North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage and  
Express House (local)  
Adams: Simmons Block (local)  
Lawrence: American Woolen Mill Housing District (local)  
Melrose: Town Center Historic District (local)  
Milton: Belcher-Rowe House (local)  
Needham: Davis-Mills House (local)  
Needham: Joshua Lewis House (local)  
Needham: Townsend House (local)  
Peabody: Nathaniel Felton Houses (local)  
Stockbridge: Glendale Power Station (local)  
Stockbridge: Wheatleigh (state)  
Webster: Main Street Historic District (local-DOE)  
Westfield: Octagon House (local)  
Weymouth: Old South Union Church (local)

All were voted eligible by the State Review Board at their meeting on 2/10/82 and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Comments by owners and other interested parties are attached. Owners and chief elected officials were notified of pending Review Board consideration on December 23, 1981.

Sincerely,

*Candace Jenkins*

Candace Jenkins  
Registration Director

CJ/amf



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 8, 1982

Name

Location

Chelsea Square Historic District

Chelsea  
Suffolk County

American Woolen Mill Housing District

Lawrence  
Essex County

Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Paul E. Tsongas  
Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Honorable James M. Shannon

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, NPS  
North Atlantic Regional Office, NPS

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
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